

City of Newport
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
April 17, 2013
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon @ 8:35 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were Ed Simon, Sandra Surber, Karen Smith, Jimmy Rodriguez, Mark Saelens, Richard Balzer, Jennie Scarborough, Alisha Kern, Lori Mackey. Absent: Nancy Steinberg, Fred Springsteen.

Staff/Guests Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva, & Swim Team Representative Stephanie Simpson.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2013. Richard moved to approve the minutes of the March 20th, 2013 meeting. Alisha seconded. There were no objections and the motion passed.
4. Concerns or Comments from Citizens. Stephanie Simpson stated that she was involved with the Hands Across the Bridge event and asked for some information from Jim. She also noted that she needed to discuss the possibility of an event at Skate Park with someone from the City.
5. Future of the Municipal Pool and Potential for a New Pool. The Committee discussed the timeline to get the pool issue on the ballot and how best to inform the public of the project. The Committee decided on a date and time for an extra work session to meet with the consultant on the project.

Jim informed the Committee of the current problems with the pool - which was supposed to open earlier, but was unable to due to complications.

6. Report of Director. Jim handed out a report which provides an overview of Department activities for the previous month. He also informed the Committee that he had attended a seminar for Parks and Recreation Directors which was very informative. The seminar addressed some of the issues facing Parks and Recreation Departments everywhere.
7. Report of Committees.
 - Municipal Pool** – Jim asked Jimmy and other members to bring all of the thoughts and ideas he had collected for the design of the new pool to the scheduled work session.
 - Tree City USA** – Jim stated that 2 weeks ago Nancy had presented the Tree City USA flag and documentation to the City Council, making the City of Newport an official Tree City USA.

Rec. Center, Programs, Sports, Events – Ed noted that several programs were growing, including the Stretch and Flex class, and the new T'ai Chi classes.

Foundation – The foundation is officially formed and has already received a \$500 donation, and in-kind work from a local attorney. Jim said that he had heard from a citizen who would donate \$5000 once the design concept for a new pool is on the ballot, to be used for promoting the new pool concept.

Parks and Trails – The Committee discussed the Parks Master Plan and Jim noted that he would send out digital copies of it to members.

8. New Business. Jim announced that the City Council had reduced the number of members of the Parks and Rec. Committee from 15 to 11. That would mean there is still one vacancy on the Committee.
9. Old Business. Jim told the Committee that the Home and Garden show was shaping up with more vendors participating than last year, and he believed it would bring in more revenue than the year before.

Ed mentioned the Have-a-Heart Walk-a-Thon that is a fundraiser for the Food Pantry and is sponsored by the Newport Walking Club and supported by the Rec. Center.

10. Other. Jim noted that he would be sending out an email regarding the proposed work session.
11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2013.