

City of Newport
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
May 18th, 2011
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Karen Smith at 8:37 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were: Roger Holstein, Nancy Steinberg, Susan Boehlert, Karen Smith, Sandra Surber and Sandra Roumagoux, City Council liaison. Absent: Ed Simon, Jimmy Rodriguez.

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva.

Public Present: Stephanie Simpson.

3. Approval of Minutes. Roger moved to approve the minutes of April 20th, 2011. Seconded by Nancy. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.
4. Concerns or Comments from Citizens: Stephanie noted that she was interested in the task force the City Council plans to form in regards to Parks and Recreation Department services.
5. Continued Discussion of Herbicide Use Policy. Jim introduced sample policies from the State Parks, Hatfield Marine Science Center, the City of Waldport, and others. The committee discussed the various policies and what would work for the City of Newport. It was decided that at least one public hearing should be held to gather input from the community, after which a policy would be drafted.
6. Report of the Director: Jim announced that the trail in South Beach was in jeopardy because one of the landowners had changed his mind in allowing an easement onto his property. The route would need to be changed using other property owners and the grant monies might be lost. The Pool has been having "No School Mondays" special swims and there would be a "School's Out Barbeque" at the end of the school year on June 10th. The Track and Field program is winding up, while practices for the Celtic Festival/Highland Games are being held on Wednesday evenings. The Chamber's "Know Your Newport" was being held in the Rec. Center today which is great free advertising for the Department. The Council has approved Jim's request to put together an outdoor show this fall in the Rec. Center.
7. New Business: None.
8. Old Business: Jim noted that the council has adopted a set of 1-year and 5-year goals for each City department. One of the goals they had set for the Parks and Recreation department was to form a task force to look into options for different management of the Pool and Rec. Center. The thought was to have a non-profit or other entity run them in order to get the City

out of the management of those two facilities. Additionally, they want to explore a new aquatics facility through a new bond referendum or other funding source. The committee discussed the upcoming budget and the future of the Parks and Recreation Department with various funding sources.

9. Other: Sandra mentioned that she had watched "Monarch of the Glenn" which enhanced her enthusiasm for the upcoming Celtic Festival.

10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2011