

City of Newport
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
June 20, 2012
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon at 8:36 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were Ed Simon, Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Jimmy Rodriguez, Fred Springsteen, Richard Balzer, Sandy Roumagoux, City Council liaison. Absent: Roger Holstein. It was noted that Susan Boehlert had resigned.

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva. Jim introduced Jennie Scarborough who is a committee applicant, and Steve Pearl who has traveled from England to lead our Summer Basketball Camps.

3. Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2012. Nancy made a motion to approve the May 16th minutes. Seconded by Karen. There were no objections and the motion was approved.
4. Concerns or Comments from Citizens. None.
5. Review of Committee Applicants. The Committee reviewed the current applicants: (Jennie Scarborough, Robert Allen, Julie Bobo-Shisler) and interviewed Jennie Scarborough. The Committee moved to forward Jennie Scarborough to the City Council for approval.
6. Event Updates:
 - a. Home and Garden Show. Jim reported that almost 4000 people attended the event, which had close to 40 vendors. Many positive comments were received from the vendors, with several of them experiencing strong sales. Through vendor space sales, almost \$7000 was raised after expenses.
 - b. Olalla Lake Triathlon. Jim noted that the Triathlon will be held on August 4th this year. Last year's event hosted about 80 participants and hopefully that number will increase in this third year event. Volunteers are still needed to help make the event a great success.

7. Report of Director. Jim reported that July is National Parks and Recreation Month and he would be presenting the Mayor with a proclamation that would be read at the July 2nd Council meeting.

A citizen had come in and asked about establishing a park utilizing the land behind the City Swimming Pool. The land was acquired in the 60's and abuts Big Creek Park. The City will now designate the area as Forest Park after Council approval.

Jim handed out Summer Activity Guide and noted that it had been very well received.

Jim reported that he had met with the Newport Swim Team and handed out an e-mail which highlighted the discussion.

Jim handed out the monthly report that he submits to the City Manager and added that he was working with the Superintendent and Principle to reinstate Sam Case

swimming lessons for youth. The program was discontinued last year and the Parks and Rec. Department believes that it is important to revive them.

8. New Business. Jim noted that the Parks and Recreation Department budget had been approved by the City Council.
9. Old Business. None.
10. Other. Fred asked about the progress in developing a foundation and asked that the committee start to discuss what issues the foundation would address.

Nancy Steinberg announced that the application deadline to become a Tree City USA this year was in December, so there was time to prepare necessary paperwork. Two of the four items needed were already in place, so there should not be any problems completing the application.

Jimmy Rodriguez asked if it was possible to have Kathy Cline, Aquatics Coordinator, involved with the Pool sub-committee. Jim stated that it would be a good idea.

11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2012.