

City of Newport
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
July 20th, 2011
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon at 8:34 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were Ed Simon, Roger Holstein, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Sandra Surber, and Jimmy Rodriguez. Absent: Susan Boehlert and Sandra Roumagoux, City Council liaison.

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva.

3. Approval of Minutes. None.
4. Concerns or Comments from Citizens. None.
5. Report of the Director:
Jim noted that a task force was being formed to study the pool and recreation facilities and management thereof. The Press release and Resolution on the formation of the group were handed out and discussed. Ed Simon said that he would put in his application to be on the task force. Jim noted that the Summer Activity Club was going well with healthy number of kids attending. Jim added that the Parks staff was very busy with maintenance of City parks.
6. New Business: The Committee discussed the news that the school would be cutting P.E. and music out of their curriculum for the upcoming school year and how, if possible the Parks and Rec. Department could assist in filling the gap. It was noted that it was important to build partnerships with the school district and local businesses.
7. Old Business:
Herbicide Usage Policy Discussion. The Committee reviewed the draft herbicide Usage policy that Jim handed out. The Committee moved to forward the policy to the City Council for their review.
Celtic Festival Update: Jim informed the Committee that a group of citizens has asked the City Council to turn the festival event over to them with the City severing any ties to the festival. The Council elected to allow the group to take on the event without any revenues received from this year's festival.
Coast Park Update: Jim informed the Committee that construction of the Coast Park was well under way.
8. Other: Jim noted that the City was developing an adopt-a-park plan that would allow citizens to "adopt" a park and assume part of the responsibilities of maintenance and clean-up.
9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17th, 2011