

City of Newport  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting  
August 17, 2011  
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, Roger Holstein, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Sandra Surber, Susan Boehlert and Sandra Roumagoux, City Council liaison. Absent: Jimmy Rodriguez.

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva and Recreation Superintendent, Judy Mayhew.

3. Approval of Minutes. Nancy moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Susan. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved. Susan moved to approve the minutes of the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Roger. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.
4. Concerns or Comments from Citizens. None.
5. Report of the Director: Jim stated that the Parks and Rec. Department was having a very active summer. The Pool hosted the Seahorse swim meet which was very successful. The Rec. Center hosted the Quilt Show which was well attended and feedback from attendees indicated they appreciated the cleanliness, warmth and excitement of the Rec. Center. The pool would soon be closed for annual maintenance for about 10 days. Staff is looking into the possibility of Newport becoming a Tree-City USA. Aqua Zumba has recently started at the pool and is very popular. The Parks staff has been working hard at grooming the area from the bridge to Highway 20. They had already completed work from the bridge to Hurbert Street. A draft "Adopt-a-Park" policy was handed out and the committee discussed what the program would entail.
6. New Business: Jim noted that through the recent passing of the school bond, funding would be available for artificial turf to be installed at the Frank Wade ballpark infield. There would be turf installed at other places as well, in Waldport and Toledo.
7. Old Business: Jim handed out the draft "Herbicide Usage Policy" and noted that he had presented it to the City Council on Monday. Two citizens at the meeting had asked for changes in the language of the policy. He added with the Committee's consent he would put stricter wording into the policy per the request of the citizens. Jim stated that no herbicides had been used for over 6 weeks and they had no plans to use them in the future. Nancy moved to direct staff to edit the draft herbicide usage policy to reflect the concerns of the citizens, while maintaining the intent of the current document. Roger seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved.

8. Other: Jim noted that there were currently 2 openings on the Senior Advisory Committee and asked for the Committee to pass the word to people who might be interested. Jim updated the Committee on the formation of the recreation task force and noted that the selection process had been completed and the task force had held their first meeting. Ed Simon stated that the task force would be looking at other operations and would be developing questions to use to survey other facilities. Ed stated that meetings would be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. until November, and that it might be good for Parks & Rec. Committee members to attend. The Committee discussed how the task force would be developing the survey, what questions would be asked, and how they would get the information they need.

Jim announced that August is his 6 year anniversary with the City of Newport and thanked the Committee for their contribution to the Department.

9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21st, 2011