

October 11, 2011  
5:30 P.M.  
Newport, Oregon

The Recreation Facilities Management Review Task Force for the City of Newport met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Fred Springsteen, Jeff Schrantz, and Thomas Hurst, and Ed Simon. Pat Cowan, Josie Bissell, and Phil Jackson were unable to attend. Also in attendance was Councilor Sandy Roumagoux.

Staff present was City Recorder Hawker, Finance Director Marshall, Parks and Recreation Director Protiva, and City Manager Voetberg.

Also in attendance was Bud Shoemake.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bud Shoemake reported that he is an active user of the recreation center and expressed his support of the center management and the facility. He cautioned against privatizing the operation of the facility.

### **REVIEW OF FACILITY VISIT INFORMATION**

Schrantz reported that he had visited with the operators of facilities in Canby and Silverton, and that both operations are similar to the YMCA model. He noted that he had developed a form from the questions.

Simon reported that he had visited with operators of the Willamalane Recreation District, and that this is a special district serving the City of Springfield. He also reported on the Kroc Center, noting that it is run by the Salvation Army with a primary emphasis on the church, chapel, and breakout rooms. He added that this facility is served by many volunteers. He also reported on a discussion with Lincoln City. He noted that this facility is similar to Newport, and that 40% of the operation is subsidized by the general fund.

A discussion ensued regarding the establishment of a foundation to raise money for equipment, programming, etc.

Springsteen reported that he had visited with the operator of the Bay Area Athletic Club in Coos Bay, and that he has a copy of its business plan.

Simon noted that the Willamalane Recreation District has 75 partnerships, and that it operates the middle school athletic program in the area.

Hurst reported that he had visited with the Tillamook YMCA, Astoria, and the Albany Boys and Girls Club. He noted that without a well-paid professional staff, services are at risk. He added that since there is not a YMCA presence in Newport, it would be a hurdle

to interest that organization in coming to the city. He reported that the Albany Boys and Girls Club is mission specific.

A discussion ensued regarding organizations that contract with operators after a facility is built. It was noted that Sherwood built the facility that is operated by the YMCA. Protiva noted that Sherwood has a greater and different catchment basin.

A discussion ensued regarding potential partners for the recreation center, including local hospitals, OCCC, OSU off-campus faculty, federal government, and Georgia-Pacific.

Schranz agreed to compile the responses, and Hurst has developed a spreadsheet that he will share with the Task Force.

Protiva reported that the Lincoln City Community Center is subsidized by the city at 69%, while Newport's subsidy is 43%, and the recovery rate is 57%.

Voetberg suggested that Task Force members obtain operating models from the organizations they visit.

#### **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held October 25, 2011, at 5:30 P.M.

The Task Force will update the City Council on its efforts on November 21, 2011, at the Council work session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.