



January 26, 2021
9:02 AM
Newport, Oregon

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

The Newport Parks and Recreation Committee met electronically, via Zoom, on the above date and time in the Council Chambers of Newport City Hall. On roll call, Steinberg (left 10:26am), Smith (arrived 9:13am; left 10:24am), Brown, Gilhuly, Baker, Norris, Scarborough, Saelens, Chandler, and Council Liaison CM Hall (arrived 9:07am; left 9:35am) and Beatriz Botello were present.

Staff and guests in attendance were Mike Cavanaugh, Parks and Recreation Director, and Judy Mayhew, Recreation Superintendent.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes
None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Vacant Committee Position Interviews

Steinberg explained to committee members and candidates how the interview process would work. The three candidates that interviewed were Eva Gonzalez Munoz, Meric McNeilus, and Rick Gutknecht. All three candidates did great. The committee selected Eva Gonzalez Munoz to fill Luanna Beeson's former position.

MOTION: Norris moved to recommend the appointment of Eva Gonzalez Munoz to fill the open position and to forward it to the City Council for approval. Seconded by Brown. The motion carried in a voice vote.

Officer Elections

Steinberg discussed that the annual elections for the Committee's chair and vice-chair position need to be completed. Steinberg self-nominated herself as 2021 Committee chair and Brown self-nominated herself as Committee vice-chair.

MOTION: Scarborough moved to recommend Steinberg as 2021 chair and Brown as vice-chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee and to forward them to the City Council for approval. Seconded by Baker. The motion carried in a voice vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cavanaugh noted and apologized that he was unable to include a written report due to quarantining at home from a potential COVID-19 exposure.

Cavanaugh reported that the Recreation & Aquatic Center re-opened December 4, 2021 after being closed for last two weeks of November. Two weeks later, the Recreation & Aquatic Center were required by the state to close again on December 18 due to Lincoln County moving into an extreme risk category for COVID-19.

Cavanaugh stated that most facility staff were furloughed during the closures. Three recreation center building attendants were given the option and agreed to work with Park Maintenance as part of the custodial crew. This option allowed the park maintenance staff to catch up on other park projects during this period.

Cavanaugh stated that Park Maintenance is aggressively moving through each park to get caught up with landscape maintenance work that was not able to be addressed during the summer months. This work will continue through the months of January, February, and March.

Cavanaugh added that the Aquatic Center's lap pool has two large cracks in the floor and wall. The original facility design team and a geotechnical engineer have visited the facility to view the damage. We are currently waiting to hear back from these individuals on what the next approach should be.

Cavanaugh noted that the problem with the Aquatic Center hot tub/spa is still on-going. There is a metal imbalance occurring which causes the water to look green. The spa is still currently closed and a metal filtration system is planning to be installed.

Cavanaugh added that Peggy O'Callaghan, 60+ Activity Center Supervisor, is continuing to provide several online Zoom programs through the 60+ Center. O'Callaghan applied and was awarded a grant to purchase tablets and hot spot devices to assist patrons that do not have access to the internet or a computer device.

Cavanaugh noted that the Recreation & Aquatic Center are starting to experience staff shortages due to staff not returning after closing for COVID-19.

Cavanaugh reported that the 60+ Center and Recreation Center have failing roofs that are leaking in multiple areas throughout the facilities. Both roof replacements will be major projects the department will have to undertake in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Steinberg reported that the City Manager, Spencer Nebel, had read her statement on diversity and systemic racism and asked her to edit the statement so that it would come from the entire City, not just the committee. Steinberg added that Nebel and CM Hall would be reviewing the statement and editing it as needed.

Develop Next Agenda

Review and approve changes to the committee's ordinance
Build committee goals for FY2021-22

Establish Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting date is scheduled for February 9, 2021.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.