



October 24, 2018
8:31 a.m.
Newport, Oregon

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

ROLL CALL

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Newport Recreation Center.

Members present: Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Al Gilhuly, Cheryl Brown, Brian Norris, Paul Stangeland, Jeff Schrantz, Luana Beeson, Anjanette Baker, Mark Saelens - Council Liaison.

Absent: Jennie Scarborough.

Staff/Guests in attendance: Jim Protiva - Parks and Recreation Director, Kathy Cline, Aquatics Supervisor, Rachel Cotton, Assistant Planner.

Parents & Staff from the Newport High School Swim Team, including: Franz Consenza, Kerry Delisser-Shanks, Sheryl Bachart, Angie Sremba, Wayne Spencer, Reyna Mattson.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes - September 19, 2018

MOTION was made by Beeson, seconded by Norris, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting. The motion carried in a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Spencer noted that he and several others were attending the meeting to advocate for the High School Swim Team's use of the pool, and concern regarding the recent reduction of hours available to the team. Consenza and Bachart supported the Swim Team's concerns, and asked about the reasoning for the reduction. Protiva and Cline addressed some of the issues that were noted, referencing the cooperative use agreement that was in place. Saelens added that displacing paying customers and potential revenue losses should also be considered.

Steinberg noted that the committee does not dictate specific operating parameters for Parks & Recreation facilities, and she encouraged city staff to send pool use statistics to the swim team representatives, adding that she would like negotiations to continue. Staff and swim team representatives agreed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Parks Master Plan Update - Rachel Cotton, Assistant Planner

Cotton noted that there was another Master Plan public workshop on November 7, from 5-7pm at the Recreation Center. The workshop would include proposed improvements to existing parks. There will be a final meeting sometime in December with the City Council and the Planning Committee.

Vision 2040 Update - Luana Beeson

Beeson reported that the Vision 2040 committee had met twice in October and they have been working on an action plan for the group. Beeson noted that she was working with the

“Preserving and Enjoying our Environment” and the “Learning, Exploring, and Creating New Horizons” work groups. They 2040 committee would be meeting again in November.

Forest Park Signage

Saelens noted he had attended the Oregon Coast Community Forest Association meeting, and they had reported that the design for the gazebo was complete and the signage was done. Representatives from the Association agreed to come to the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to present updates. Steinberg reminded the Committee that when the City leased the old pool building to the School District, there was an agreement that the School District would erect signs, a parking area, and a gazebo at the trail head. Saelens noted that representatives would be attending a future meeting.

Ernest Bloch Wayside - Bench Proposal

Steinberg reminded the committee that they had previously discussed a policy for bench placement and that it would be included in the master plan process, but the policy was not currently in place. Protiva noted that a bench had been purchased with a request to place it in the Ernest Block Wayside near the shower facility, and he would like to get approval from the committee to install it.

MOTION: Norris moved to approved the placement of a memorial bench at Ernest Block Wayside. Seconded by Beeson. The motion carried in a voice vote.

Tree City USA - Annual Planting

Steinberg noted that it was time to renew the City Tree City USA status. A proclamation from the City Council would be needed and the committee would plant a tree to complete the application. Steinberg added that she would like to see the tree planted below the middle school. The committee decided to plant a tree after the November 28 committee meeting.

Tree Plan

Cotton noted that the committee had previously discussed the Tree Plan and handed out the final draft of the plan. She noted that it would become a part of the Parks Master Plan and one of the new aspects of the plan would be the committee’s authorization to approve the planting and removal of trees in public right-of-ways and City property. The process would involve an application and hearing process. Saelens thanked Cotton for her work on the plan and added that he thought it was important to develop a process for the removal of trees.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Protiva handed out the September department report.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Steinberg asked Protiva to contact the potential committee applicant to have them attend the November meeting. Steinberg added that at the previous meeting the committee had requested a letter be composed to the County Commons Committee. She noted that she and Protiva have been working on it and it would be completed soon.

Baker noted that she had been working on an idea with closing the Bay Road for a special event in September and would bring more information on it to the November meeting.

Develop Next Agenda

Master Plan - Update
Potential Committee Applicant
Tree Planting
Bay Road Special Event - Anjanette Baker
Vision 2040 - Update
Swim Team Usage - Update
Jay Fineman - Signs

Establish Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2018.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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