

November 20, 2019 8:04 a.m. Newport, Oregon

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

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

Members present: Nancy Steinberg, Jennie Scarborough, Jeff Schrantz, Al Gilhuly, Brian Norris, Anjanette Baker, Absent: Karen Smith, Cheryl Brown, Luana Beeson, Mark Saelens Ryan Parker - Council Liaison

Staff/Guests in attendance: Judy Mayhew - Interim Parks and Recreation Director

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes - October 23, 2019

MOTION was made by Gilhuly, seconded by Schrantz, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2019 meeting. The motion carried in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Sub-Committees, Remove or Revive?

Steinberg noted that the ordinance pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Committee had five sub-committees listed, but they have not been active for some time. Scarborough noted that it might be a good idea to wait for the new Director before a decision was made. The Committee agreed.

Parks and Recreation Director Search - Update

Mayhew noted that the position had been posted and that the first round of interviews would take place on December 11. Steinberg noted that job description was in their packet, and the position was open until filled.

Tree City USA Application - Update

Steinberg noted that the Arbor Day celebration proclamation had been presented by the City Council. Mayhew noted that she had been working with the State Forestry Department on the details of the application.

Parks Master Plan

Steinberg noted that Mayhew had supplied the basic Parks Master Plan to the Committee, which did not include any of the maps or other documents. Mayhew stated that she would try to get some large maps from the Community Development Department to assist with their review of the Plan. Steinberg asked that the Committee review the plan and be prepared to begin discussions on it at the December meeting.

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mayhew noted that the monthly report was included in their packet and she would also be sending them a report with the results of information requested by the Finance Work Group from all City Departments. Mayhew noted that the Haunted House festivities at the Clubhouse had gone well and was well attended. Mayhew added that the Autumn Fest Arts Show had over 45 vendors and 6 others on a waiting list that had to be turned away.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Steinberg noted that the memorial bench policy would be discussed at a later date.

Steinberg noted that there was still a vacancy on the Committee due to the resignation of Jason Nehmer.

Baker noted that she had read an article about San Francisco's trails that connect various areas of historical, natural, or recreational interest within the city. It connects what is already there. Baker thought that Newport could do something like this, connecting Nye Beach to the Bay Front and elsewhere. Baker noted that there were maps and a website to assist people. Mayhew noted that the Bike and Ped Committee may already have most of this information and Peggy O'Callaghan was working on a grant for something similar which may tie in with this idea.

Develop Next Agenda

Tree City USA Application - Update
Parks Master Plan Internal Review
Friends of Parks & Recreation Foundation
LCSD Cooperative Use Agreement - Update

Establish Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.