



March 20, 2019
8:01 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.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Karen Smith, Cheryl Brown, Jennie Scarborough, Jason Nehmer, Brian Norris, Anjanette Baker, Mark Saelens (at 8:30am). **Absent:** Nancy Steinberg, Jeff Schrantz, Luana Beeson, Al Gilhuly, Ryan Parker - Council Liaison.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Remove Vision 2040 Update.

Staff/Guests in attendance: Jim Protiva - Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Cavanaugh - Sports Program Supervisor, Tomas Follett - NEWTS

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes - February 27, 2019

MOTION was made by Scarborough, seconded by Nehmer, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting. The motion carried in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Coast Hills Classic Mtn. Bike Race - Update - Mike Cavanaugh

Cavanaugh introduced himself and noted that the race was in its 9th year of generating scholarship funds for sports programs. Cavanaugh noted that the race is scheduled for June 9 and is part of the Oregon Mountain Bike Series of races. He added that almost all of the trail is on private property, which may eventually effect the race and could cause the race to fizzle out. Cavanaugh noted that this makes the development of trails at Big Creek even more crucial. He added that registrations for the race were currently high, with 37 people already signed up. He noted that traditionally, participants register quite close to race day. Cavanaugh said that he believed that they will have a good turnout this year, with it being a championship race and the last race in the series. Cavanaugh added that trail maintenance will start right after spring break and stated that because trails have been destroyed in the last 3 years by property owners, there has been a decline in volunteers willing to assist in trail work. Cavanaugh stated that the long-term plan is to move the race to Big Creek when trails have been developed.

Cavanaugh gave an update on the Sports Division, noting that men's basketball league was wrapping up, as is indoor soccer and youth basketball. He noted that they were in the middle of track season and he is in the process of setting up summer camps.

Mountain Bike Trails - NEWTS & Tomas Follett - Update

Follett stated that he thought of the multi-use trail development as a pilot project to train volunteers and mountain bikers. Follett stated that he had been working on the project for 3 years and many areas were flagged and ready for shovels, once the project was approved by the City. Protiva stated that there is an internal meeting scheduled to discuss Follett's proposal, and he hoped that the City could partner with NEWTS for development and maintenance of the trails. Brown noted that this project fits in with the Committee's current goals. Brown requested to get a copy of the project proposal so the committee could review and potentially recommend it.

Parks Master Plan Update - Surveys

Rachel Cotton could not attend the meeting, but sent an email, which Brown read, to the Committee: "There will be a fifth advisory committee meeting and a joint City Council/Planning Commission work session on Thursday, March 21 to review the draft Parks System Master Plan. A public survey collecting feedback on the draft will be launched next week and open for 7-10 days." Brown noted that Cotton stated she would send the Committee a link to the survey and there will be a final public workshop on March 27 at the Rec Center to talk about the draft plan.

Saelens stated that he had written some comments on the City goal-setting process. Saelens noted that his comments centered on his disappointment after discussing the Parks Master Plan and a forest and open space plan, that it is being pushed back yet again and he had been working on it for 6 years. Saelens noted that he thought the trail system was an awesome plan, and it is part of the reason a forest plan is needed. He added that he decided not to submit his comments and would rely on the Committee to navigate its way through it. He asked the Committee to stay on top of the forest and open space plan.

Bay Road Special Event - Anjanette Baker

Baker reviewed the discussion from the previous meeting, stating that she had put together an agenda for a lunch meeting for those who might be involved in the event. Baker said that the meeting would focus on how to move forward, adding that she thought it should be kept fairly simple. Protiva said that they were thinking about a Sunday morning from 9-noon. Baker asked if it might be possible to have a link on the advertising where they could RSVP if they would be attending, so the organizers could be prepared.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Protiva handed out the monthly report for the Parks and Recreation Department. Protiva noted that he would be out of the office during spring break.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Nehmer Asked Mike Cavanaugh if he had a date for the Buccaneer Rampage. Cavanaugh stated that he had not picked a date yet. Nehmer noted that he was interested in seeing if the

event could collaborate with the Tsunami Disaster Cache Relief committee. Protiva noted that he and Cavanaugh are in discussions regarding partnering with a group to promote the event.

Develop Next Agenda

NEWTS Big Creek multi-use trail proposal review
Bay Road Ramble - Update
Parks Master Plan - Update
Vision 2040 - Update
Joint Meeting with 60+ Advisory Committee

Establish Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2019.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.