



April 24, 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: Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Cheryl Brown, Jennie Scarborough, Jeff Schrantz, Luana Beeson, Al Gilhuly, Brian Norris, Mark Saelens. **Absent:** Jason Nehmer, Anjanette Baker, Ryan Parker - Council Liaison.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None.

Staff/Guests in attendance: Jim Protiva - Parks and Recreation Director

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes - March 20, 2019

MOTION was made by Baker, seconded by Norris, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting. The motion carried in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bay road Ramble - Update

Protiva reported that a group of State and County personnel and various citizens met to discuss what it would take to be able to close off Bay road for the proposed event. Protiva stated that there were many good ideas discussed, but noted that there were serious concerns about traffic control and the number of people that would be needed to carry out the event. Protiva added that nobody stated that it couldn't be done, but the process seemed fairly daunting. Protiva and Baker discussed it further at a later date and have decided that although it was a great idea, it seems that there are too many hurdles at this point to continue with the idea. Saelens noted that another area near Forest Park might be a better place to attempt the event.

Parks Master Plan

Protiva stated that the last survey was still active and they are nearing the point of assembling the Plan. Steinberg stated that she was pleased with the process of developing the plan.

Saelens stated that the comments he had made regarding the development of a parks forest management plan had evolved through various entities into an open space and active

recreation area plan. Saelens added that he had spoken with the consultants and he anticipated that they had included the actual parks forest plan idea.

Big Creek Multi-Use Trail System Proposal - Review

Brown noted that the Committee was supposed to review the trail system proposal made to the City by Tomas Follett and the NEWTS. Protiva reported that he had met with City officials to review the proposal and the next step will be the City Attorney drafting an agreement to present to Follett when they meet on the 30th of April.

Vision 2040 - Update - Luana Beeson

Beeson reported that the committee continues their analysis and linking of the City of Newport goals with the Vision 2040 strategies. Beeson added that they would be traveling from Roseburg to Coburg to Independence to Newport, and then Florence on the 22nd of the month to share experiences in their vision/planning or implementation process.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Protiva handed out the monthly report for the Parks and Recreation Department. Protiva noted that staff were currently working on the Summer Activity Guide which was earlier than last year, to allow families to make plans for the summer. Protiva added the Rec Center was dealing with a few kids that had been sneaking in to the facility without paying.

Protiva informed the Committee that the City of Newport has a serious budget shortfall due to several issues, which are discussed in the City Manager's budget message online. Protiva noted that lay-offs and reduction of services may be likely, and he believed that a reduction in discounts to our patrons might help.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Saelens noted that he and his wife now owned 159 acres of forest property from 82nd street to 95th street, next to the airport. He added that it would remain part of the Emory recreation area.

Develop Next Agenda

Goals - Cooperative Use Agreements

Joint Meeting with 60+ Advisory Committee - June Meeting

Establish Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2019.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.