



April 27, 2021  
9:01 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, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith (left @ 9:57 a.m.), Cheryl Brown (left @ 9:57 a.m.), Jeff Schrantz (left @ 10:36 a.m.) Eva Munoz, Al Gilhuly, Brian Norris (arrived @ 9:30 a.m., left @ 10:37 a.m.) Todd Chandler, and Council Liaison CM Hall were present.

Staff in attendance was Mike Cavanaugh, Parks and Recreation Director.

**Guest:** Tomas Follett, NEWTS

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of Minutes - March 30, 2021**

**MOTION** was made by Brown, seconded by Gilhuly to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2021 meeting. The motion carried in a voice vote.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Aquatics Division Meeting Update**

Brown gave an overview of the meeting she had with Kathy Crews, Aquatic Supervisor, and Keeley Naughton, Assistant Aquatic Supervisor, which included discussions on the reservation system, customer "no-shows," guard training, and website issues. Brown noted that they also mentioned that they would like to present some special events for adults. She also shared her observance of the swim meet she attended, and how well it was handled with COVID precautions.

Cavanaugh gave an update of the condition of the pool and the recently discovered cracks.

#### **Newport Trail Stewards (NEWTS) Update**

Steinberg introduced Tomas Follett with the NEWTS. Follett noted that the group had received funding for trail development from the Oregon Coast Visitors Association and they had begun work on the trails. Follett presented a map of the areas being developed, noting that airsoft enthusiasts were using the area as well.

Steinberg noted that there was also work being done on the Wilder trails for the mountain bike race.

#### **Friends of Newport Parks and Recreation Update**

Cavanaugh noted that there were three members from the previous organization of the foundation and two of them wanted to continue to be involved. Cavanaugh stated that he had asked three other people about becoming involved, who declined the offer, and that he was searching for two to three more people. It was noted that Brian Norris had volunteered to be on the foundation board. Steinberg asked that committee members reach out to the community to assist with recruiting members for the board.

#### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Ordinance Change**

Steinberg noted that the committee had drafted changes to the ordinance pertaining to the Parks and Recreation committee, and Cavanaugh noted that he had city staff and attorney review it and it was ready to be voted on.

**MOTION:** Norris moved to approve the changes to the Parks and Recreation Committee ordinance as drafted. Seconded by Chandler. The motion was carried in a voice vote.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Cavanaugh noted that much of the past month was spent on the hiring of various positions open in the Department. He noted that there was a good response to the Sports Coordinator position and they had made an offer to the top candidate. Cavanaugh also noted that Brenda Luntzel was being re-hired for the Fitness Specialist position. He added that he had attended a council work session to present the idea of an integrated pest management plan, while currently the use of herbicides is prohibited. Cavanaugh noted that the 60+ Activity Center had been awarded a \$10,000 grant, written by Peggy O'Callaghan, for a health referral pilot program, working with NRPA and Samaritan Health Services. Cavanaugh noted the Arbor Day events that would be happening, and reviewed Sports Division and Aquatic Division updates.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None.

**Develop Next Agenda**

**Establish Next Meeting Date and Location**

The next meeting date is scheduled for May 25, 2021.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.