



June 27, 2018  
8:36 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, Cheryl Brown, Paul Stangeland, Jeff Schrantz, Luana Beeson, Al Gilhuly, Anjanette Baker. **Absent:** Jennie Scarborough, Brian Norris, Mark Saelens - Council Liaison.

**Staff/Guests in attendance:** Jim Protiva - Parks and Recreation Director, Tomas Follett - Mountain Bike Trails, Rachel Cotton - Assistant Planner.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **Approval of Minutes - May 23, 2018**

MOTION was made by Beeson, seconded by Gilhuly, to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting. The motion carried in a voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### **Mountain Bike Trails at Reservoir - Tomas Follett**

Steinberg introduced Tomas Follett, who is working on the building of bike trails near Big Creek Reservoir. She noted that he is also leading a group of volunteers who are working on the trails. Follett noted that the impetus behind developing the new trails was due to the Wilder trails being repeatedly shut down and the desire to keep the Coast Hills Classic Mountain Bike Race going. Follett pointed out the various landowners of the lands that would potentially be used. The Committee discussed the lands and which might be available for trails. Steinberg noted that biking trails are purpose-built, and there will be parts of them that could be adversely effected if they are used for walking. Follett noted that the next step would be collaborating with the City and getting started on the trails. Steinberg added that they were working on a work plan as a proposal to the City. Protiva stated that the City was in the process of obtaining funding to replace the current dam at Big Creek Reservoir, which may affect the trail project. He added that having the bike group partner with the City and assisting in building and maintaining the trails will help in moving the project forward. Rachel Cotton noted that the City was still in the process of a technical analysis regarding the potential cost and where the dam would go.

#### **Parks Master Plan Update - Rachel Cotton, Assistant Planner**

Steinberg noted that the planning advisory committee had their first meeting, which was well attended. One of the first steps they are taking is a stakeholder questionnaire, and the Park &

Recreation Committee is considered a stakeholder, so Cotton will be walking them through it, and taking the answers back to the consultants. Cotton explained the process to the Committee and went through the questions with them, one-by one.

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

Protiva handed out the Director Report for May 2018. Protiva noted that he was having a meeting with the City Manager regarding parking plans for various events.

#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Gilhuly asked Protiva about the Energy Assessment referenced in the Director's Report for the month of June. Protiva noted that it is a group that comes in to a facility and works to optimize the efficiency of the heating, HVAC units, and other systems. There are groups that have grant money to assist in this, and even if we would have to spend some money on this project, it would still save us money on our gas bill in the end.

Beeson asked what the City received in return for giving the old pool building to the school district. Steinberg noted that the school district is supposed to erect signs at the trailhead of Forest Park.

#### **Develop Next Agenda**

Jason Nehmer - skate park update

Master Plan - update

#### **Establish Next Meeting Date and Location**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2018. There would be no meeting in July.

#### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.