



August 23, 2017  
8:35 a.m.  
Newport, Oregon

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

**Members present were:** Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Cheryl Brown, Kevin Greenwood, Jeff Schrantz, Paul Stangeland, Mark Saelens - Council Liaison. Absent: Jennie Scarborough, Luana Beeson .

**Staff/Guests attending were as follows:** Jim Protiva - Parks and Recreation Director, Peggy O'Callaghan, 60+ Center Coordinator, and Al Gilhuly, committee applicant.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 24, 2017**

MOTION was made by Greenwood, seconded by Stangeland, to approve the corrected minutes of the May 24, 2017 meetings. The motion carried in a voice vote.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Discussion: Old Pool Property**

Steinberg reminded the Committee that they had previously discussed this topic and had put forth a recommendation that the City keep the old pool property rather than selling it to the school district. Steinberg noted that she had attended the public hearing regarding the potential sale of the property and had testified in support of keeping it. Steinberg said that she believed the sale would still go through, but added that the School District seems interested in developing the property while tying in some of the amenities that the Committee had discussed. Protiva noted that it might end up being a lease, rather than a sale of the land.

#### **Discussion: Mountain Bike Trail**

Steinberg noted that she and Thomas Follett had met with Derrick Tokos, Tim Gross and Spencer Nebel from the City. They discussed the idea for a trail network on city-owned property. The original idea had been to collaborate with the Corvallis based group called Team Dirt, who are associated with the International Mountain Bike Association. That has hit a snag due to insurance, and now they are looking at collaborating with other groups. Protiva mentioned that the Mountain Bike Association could meet with the City attorney to see if they could collaborate for insurance coverage.

#### **Interview Committee Applicant**

Steinberg introduced Al Gilhuly, committee applicant. Protiva noted that Gilhuly had been involved with the Department for many years, especially the bond issue for the new pool. Protiva asked Gilhuly a series of questions the Committee had developed.

### **Directors' Report**

Protiva handed out the monthly department report, which summarized activities for the month. He noted that the Seahorse swim meet had gone well despite a few glitches. Protiva also mentioned that the day of the eclipse had gone well, with the 60+ center used for feeding volunteers and staff that were working through the weekend and the day of the eclipse. He noted that the Buccaneer Rampage had gone well, too.

Steinberg asked Protiva if there had been any discussion on timing to begin work on the Parks Master Plan. Protiva stated there had been none, but he would have more information for the Committee next month. Saelens noted that the City Manager wanted to complete the Vision 2040 project before starting on the Master Plan, because it would give them more information for the Plan.

### **60+ Activity Center Report**

Peggy O'Callaghan reported that the 60+ Center had conducted a survey of their users and had about 450 people respond. She is scheduled to present a report to the City Council about the survey and noted that it included questions on accessibility within the City parks system. O'Callaghan presented a portion of her report to the Committee.

### **Sub-Committee Comments**

**Municipal Pool:** None.

**Tree City USA:** None.

**Rec. Center, Programming, Sports, Events:**

**Foundation:** Steinberg noted that Jason Nehmer had resigned as Chairperson of the Foundation, and the Committee would need to find someone new to lead it. Protiva stated that they could decide to discontinue the idea as well.

**Parks, Trails & Forests:** None.

**Committee Comments:** Greenwood complimented the Rec. Center staff on managing the noon ball participants and thought the rules that are now posted on the wall are helpful. He asked about replacement of the rim that has been damaged and Protiva noted that the equipment was here, but that they were still figuring out who would install it.

Steinberg complimented the sports camps that had been presented this year.

### **Develop Next Agenda**

Seahorse Swim Meet  
Parks Master Plan  
Mountain Bike Trails  
Vision 2040 project - Parks and Recreation  
Mike Cavanaugh - Sports overview

### **Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2017.

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.