



August 4, 2020
9:02 a.m.
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, Steinberg, Smith, Brown, Beeson, Gilhuly, Norris, Chandler, and Council Liaison CM Hall were present.

Staff in attendance was Mike Cavanaugh, Parks and Recreation Director, Michael Rioux, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes - June 30, 2020

MOTION was made by Beeson, seconded by Norris to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2020 meeting. The motion carried in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Introduction of Michael Rioux, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair

Steinberg introduced Michael Rioux, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair. Rioux noted that the Bike & Ped Committee and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee have issues that overlap between the two. Rioux gave an overview of what the focus is for the committee he served on. Steinberg noted that Rioux would be returning for the September meeting for further discussion.

Park Master Plan Spreadsheet

Steinberg noted that the Committee had been sent the spreadsheet and noted the changes that had been made, noting that this was a tool to track the implementation of various projects. Steinberg noted that she and Mike Cavanaugh had met with Derrick Tokos to discuss the spreadsheet and get his input on the idea. Steinberg noted that she had filled in the spreadsheet as far as she could, and had added columns for more detail. The Committee discussed the various projects and where they should focus their efforts. Hall noted that she thought it would be wise to bring this discussion to a City Council work session this fall, well ahead of the budget season.

Messages of Inequality and Systematic Racism

Steinberg noted that she had drafted a document regarding inequality and systematic racism, but was holding off on sharing it because she had been informed that the City would be making a statement, and the Committee could support that statement, rather than making their own. Steinberg noted that this issue was extremely important to her. Cavanaugh noted that the Council and City Manager had discussed the issue and would be addressing it soon. Hall noted that there was a meeting coming up with various City and community members to discuss this problem. Hall added that she would report back to the Committee.

Friends of Newport Parks & Recreation Update

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

Soccer Field Update Report

Cavanaugh noted that this item had been on the agenda for quite a while, and the City Manager would like a report as to what information the Committee had in regards to the shortage of soccer fields in the community. Cavanaugh noted that several locations had been identified that might work for additional athletic fields.

Subcommittee & Resident/Nonresident Ordinance Requirement

Steinberg noted that the current ordinance stated that at least seven members of the Committee must be residents of Newport. Cavanaugh polled the Committee to determine how many were residents and determined that they would need to discuss this at the next meeting.

Steinberg listed the five subcommittees that were stated in the city ordinance. Cavanaugh stated that he thought the subcommittees were beneficial for the department, giving department divisions a chance to communicate with committee members. Cavanaugh added that if they did not want subcommittees he would have the various division managers attend the advisory committee meetings on a regular basis. Gilhuly noted that he would like to see the division managers attend the meetings. Steinberg noted that she would be reaching out to committee members to see which subcommittee they would like to serve on, and would like to have this discussed at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cavanaugh noted that he would be meeting with the City Manager, Attorney and HR Director soon to start the discussion of reopening recreation facilities. Cavanaugh added that the department is hoping to be able to supply child care for the community as soon as possible. He noted that they would have to rehire staff and are waiting for disinfecting supplies and machines.

Cavanaugh reviewed the department report that was provided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Chandler asked if the Sports Supervisor position was being advertised. Cavanaugh noted that it had not been advertised since COVID-19 had kept the Recreation Center closed.

Develop Next Agenda

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Partnership
Vision 2040
Inequality & Systemic Racism Update
Foundation Update
Sub-Committees & Non-Resident Requirements
Parks Master Plan Spreadsheet

Establish Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting date will be determined before the end of September.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.