



September 20, 2017
8:46 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, Cheryl Brown, Jennie Scarborough, Jeff Schrantz, Paul Stangeland, Luana Beeson. Absent: Karen Smith, Kevin Greenwood, Mark Saelens - Council Liaison.

Staff/Guests attending were as follows: Jim Protiva - Parks and Recreation Director, Brian Norris and Al Gilhuly, committee applicants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 23, 2017

MOTION was made by Stangeland, seconded by Schrantz, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2017 meeting. The motion carried in a voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

Discussion Items:

Report on Seahorse Swim Meet

Steinberg noted that the Seahorse Swim Meet had been held at the new Aquatic Center for the first time. Scarborough noted that she was not involved in the meet as usual, as her child was now competing at the high school level. Scarborough said that the meet went well, although it was a bit smaller than usual due to the change in dates that made it conflict with a big swim meet in Bend. Scarborough said she had heard good feedback, although people noted that there was a lack of deck space for the kids to hang out in when they weren't swimming. Protiva noted that there was space available for the team to rent, but they opted not to spend the funds. Al Gilhuly noted he had heard people speaking very positively about the new pool and that it worked well for a swim meet.

Report on Parks Master Plan

Protiva noted that the Master Plan was still on track to begin at the start of the New Year. He added that it would involve the Planning Department, Public Works, and the Parks and Recreation Department. The plan would also incorporate the Vision 2040 findings that are soon to be completed.

Vision 2040

Steinberg stated she had intended to have Rachel Cotton from the Planning Department attend the meeting, but she was unable to complete that task. She would like to have a report from Cotton regarding the outcomes of the Vision 2040 that are of particular relevant to parks and recreation.

Report on Mountain Bike Trail System at City Reservoir

Steinberg noted that the next step in the trail system development would be for the Newport Bike Club to meet with the City Attorney. The idea is to have the Club partner with the City in the development of the trails, using volunteers from the Club for some of the trail work.

Interview Committee Applicant Brian Norris

Steinberg introduced Brian Norris, committee applicant. Norris noted that he lived here for about 4 years, coming from Portland, and loved living in Newport. He noted that he and his family have always been involved in parks and recreation activities. Norris stated that he had been involved in several committees or boards in Portland, but the Parks & Recreation Committee would be his first involvement in Newport. Norris stated that he felt coming from Portland would give him a fresh perspective on how a visitor might view local parks.

Recommendation of Committee Applicants

MOTION: Scarborough moved and Beeson seconded to recommend Al Gilhuly and Brian Norris as appointees to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. The motion carried in a voice vote.

Directors' Report

Protiva handed out the monthly department report, which summarized activities for the month. Protiva noted that the Agate Beach Surf Classic would be held at the end of the month. Brown noted that her daughter had attended the Summer Activity Club and was impressed that she now receives email updates regarding the program and that some educational activities have been added. Protiva noted that our new Programs Specialist, Jenni Remillard, has improved the program. Surber mentioned that she had been at the gazebo to attend the drumming circle recently and two homeless people were asked to leave by City staff. She added that it had gotten quite confrontational, but the homeless people had not been bothering anyone. Surber noted that it was a public area and activity and she didn't understand why they were forced to leave. She stated that it didn't look good for the Parks Department.

Sub-Committee Comments

Municipal Pool: Protiva noted that the contractors were working on a few things at the new pool that still needed adjustments.

Tree City USA: Steinberg noted that they would need to do the annual tree planting in the next couple of months and then complete the re-application to continue as a Tree City USA.

Rec. Center, Programming, Sports, Events: Protiva noted that the Fall Activity Guide was out.

Foundation: Protiva stated that no one had stepped up to head the Foundation so he considered it dead on the vine and that it would go away due to a lack of energy. Scarborough noted that there were funds in the Foundation account and added that she was happy to help, but unable to lead the group. Stangeland noted that Lee Ritzman had mentioned that he was willing to serve on the Foundation, but he was never contacted. Steinberg asked if some of the funds from the Foundation could be used for equipment upstairs in the cardio area. Protiva said that he would look into it.

Parks, Trails & Forests: Steinberg noted that this topic would be important in the Parks Master Plan. Beeson asked if they could tour the various parks and trails when they started the Parks Plan. Steinberg said that she thought it was a great idea and they should plan on it. Steinberg asked if Protiva had heard anymore regarding the possible donation of property up across from the lighthouse. Protiva stated that he had not heard anything recently.

Committee Comments:

None.

Develop Next Agenda

Mountain Bike Trails Update

Vision 2040 update - Rachel Cotton

60+ Center update

Mike Cavanaugh - Sports Programs

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2017.

The November meeting will be held on November 29, 2017 and the December meeting will be cancelled.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Memo

To: Spencer Nebel, City Manager and City Council

From: Jim Protiva, Parks and Recreation Director

Date: September 14, 2017

Re: Department Update – August 2017

Recreation Center

- Lee Ann Prchal was with the Parks and Recreation Department for over 20 years. In August, she transferred over to Public Works as their new Administrative Assistant. .
- The Coastal Quilters Show was held at the Rec. Center on August 4 & 5. Their turnout was a bit lower than previous years, but still well attended. Saturday Market volunteers were extremely helpful in assisting with parking issues on Saturday, which was greatly appreciated.
- The Seahorse Swim Meet was held at the Pool August 11-13. There were many people in the Rec. Center using the locker rooms and bathrooms, and the Newport Swim Club rented our multi-purpose room and kitchen throughout the meet.
- The Rec. Center opened at 1pm on August 21, (known locally as Eclipse Day,) rather than its usual 5am. The customer count was light in the afternoon, but picked up by early evening, with about 580 people coming in for the day.
- The Summer Activity Club came to a close at the end of August, which always brings a bit of relief. Although our attendance numbers were down this summer, the wide-ranging planning and organization remains about the same.

Sports Programs

- August 1-3: British Basketball Camp took place at the Newport Recreation Center. The camp had 26 youth that participated. The camp was a partnership with the Swifts Basketball Club from England.
- August 8-9: Adventure Paddle Camp took place at the Newport Reservoir. The camp had 7 youth that learned how to kayak and stand up paddleboard.
- August 7-11: Tennis Camp took place at Frank Wade Park. 17 youth participated in the camp.

- August 12: Buccaneer Rampage Mud Obstacle Race took place at the airport. Had 98 racers and 150+ in total attendance. It appears the event will net \$1,000. All proceeds go back into our youth scholarship fund.
- August 14-18: Survival Camp took place at Big Creek Park. The camp was full with 21 youth.
- August 22-25: Basketball Camp took place at the Recreation Center. The camp was a partnership with the high school girls' basketball team. They use the camp as a fundraiser for their program. There were 54 youth that participated.

Municipal Pool

- The concrete work in the woman's locker room was completed. This resolves the issue of incorrectly sloped floors that resulted in standing water in the toilet stalls and private changing area.
- We had a total of 118 splashes with private swim lessons, 38 separate individual students. 42 kids participated in the August group swimming lessons. A total of 80 kids learned to swim this month!
- Swim the Oregon Coast Challenge, for the month of August, we had 76 individual lap swimmers participate in a challenge to swim from the California border to the Columbia River! Combining their lap swim yardage that they turned in each day. The group achieved their goal of swimming the entire Oregon Coastline - 365 miles!
- Seahorse Swim Meet August, over 200 swimmer from around the Northwest came to compete in the annual Seahorse swim meet. Over all the meet went very well, and the swim teams all seemed to have a great time in our facility.

60+activity Center

- On August 23rd, Peggy O'Callaghan presented in front of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board where she shared some of the survey results.
- On her radio program on Friday, August 11, Peggy interviewed Alicia Lucke of the Oregon Cascades West Council of Government's Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Programs discussed included SHIBA, the Foster Grandparent Program and Friendly Visitor.
- The 60+ Activity Center had a booth at the Lincoln County Fair on Senior Day, Friday, August 18. Joining Peggy at the booth were Christine Lacedra of the Prevent Type 2 Diabetes program and office staff member Linda Fregulia.
- Approximately 20 volunteers from the 60+ Activity Center joined in the post-eclipse beach cleanup, helping to clean up the Nye Beach area. Thank you, volunteers!

- The 60+ Adventure van made a three-day, two-night trip to Crater Lake where a wonderful time was enjoyed by all. The month ended with a fun trip to the Oregon State Fair in Salem.