

City of Newport
Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes
02-18-2009

ROLL CALL: Members present were: Paul Reed, Karen Smith, Susan Boehlert, Sandra Surber, Sarah Follett, Roger Holstein, Ed Simon Absent: None.

Also present: Lon Brusselback

Staff present: Jim Protiva, Dale Shaddox, Judy Mayhew.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ed moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Roger. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

CONCERNS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: The Quilters Guild made a presentation to the Committee requesting use of the Rec. Center for their annual show. The Guild asked the Parks and Rec. Committee to support them in their appeal to the City Council; asking to be charged only for the time the show was open, and not the entire time the quilts were hung. The show would be held in August, during the slow time for the Recreation Center.

MOTION: Ed moved to support working with the Quilters Guild in their request to the City Council. Seconded by Roger. There were no objections, and the motion passed.

Stephanie Simpson, president of the Swim Team Club, provided information regarding the finalization of the agreement between the Club and the Parks and Rec. Department. She noted that the Club wants to see the pool being used at maximum capacity, and this agreement sets aside a block of time to be used exclusively by the Swim Team.

MOTION: Susan made a motion to support the finalization of the Pool Use Agreement with the Swim Team Club. Seconded by Sarah. There were no objections, and the motion passed.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: Jim passed out a newly drafted organization chart of the Parks and Recreation Department, explained how it worked and the number of people it represented. Several items were shared with the Committee, including a discussion Jim had with the City Council on the proposed Coast Park near the Performing Arts Center. He noted that the subject was well-received by the Council, and the next step would be a search for funding, while keeping the Council informed of any progress. Jim relayed that several proposals had been received for the work on the clock tower across the street from City Hall. Another item that is in progress is the possibility of shifting some of the parking spaces at the Senior Center. This idea is being discussed with the Senior

Advisory Committee, with a hope that several of the spaces could be used by Rec. Center patrons before 8 a.m., and after 5 p.m.

RECREATION CENTER BUSINESS:

Jim noted that there had been 27 applicants for the Recreation Superintendent, which had been narrowed down to 10. These 10 would receive a list of supplemental questions and have 2 weeks in which to respond. That would then be narrowed down to 4 or 5 people to interview, and hopefully by the end of March they would have someone hired.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Swim Team Agreement. (Moved to Item III, Concerns or Comments from Citizens)

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

OTHER:

Sandra inquired about physical classes for people at the Senior Center, and wondered if more were being developed. Jim noted that we currently had Senior Yoga Classes, and a Wii which was used for physical activities, and added that he would ask Peggy O'Callaghan to attend the next meeting so that she could update the Committee on the Senior Center.

Paul stated that he would not be able to attend the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2009.