

City of Newport  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting  
June 15th, 2011  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon at approximately 8:32 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were: Roger Holstein, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Sandra Surber, Ed Simon, Susan Boehlert, Sandra Roumagoux, City Council liaison. Absent: Jimmy Rodriguez.

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva.

3. Approval of Minutes. Ed asked for approval of the minutes of, May 18, 2011. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.
4. Concerns or Comments from Citizens. None.
5. Continued Discussion of Herbicide Use Policy. The Committee discussed the draft Herbicide Use Policy with citizens attending the meeting. Jim stated that he would update the draft to encompass the current suggestions presented.
6. Report of the Director: Jim noted that the poor spring weather had made it very difficult for the Parks staff to keep up with the much needed mowing. The summer youth programs have just started and we are ready for a good summer. Our Department budget has been through the budget committee and is now waiting for adoption through the city council. It will be another lean year for the Parks and Rec. Department, but no lay-offs are scheduled. The following year may be very, very challenging due to the lack of beginning fund balance.
7. New Business: Celtic Festival Update. Jim stated that the Celtic Festival had been last weekend and that everyone he had spoken with remarked that it was an awesome event. Gate revenues look to be about \$26,000; the weather was in our favor and we had somewhere over 3,000 participants. Jim noted that there was a group of citizens that had been involved with the festival that were interested in defining who owned the event and where the profits would go. The only commitment to future revenues was to reinvest in future events. The Committee discussed the various scenarios that might work for both entities and supported the event.
8. Old Business: None.
9. Other: None.
10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:17 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2011