

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
September 19, 2019 | 6:00 PM

Present at Meeting: Deb Smith, Jennifer Smith, Shari-Lee Ryan, AJ Thurston, Jamie Comtois, Vaughn Cloney and Mike Nolan

Absent: David Jankowski and Marin Gardyne

Guest: Jessica Booth and Laura Smith

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Deb Smith.

I. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, editing was made correcting Vaughn Cloney and Jamie Comtois names. A motion by Mike Nolan to accept minutes, 2nd by Jamie Comtois.

II. Public Comment

No comments

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Fundraising update:

All bottle drop signs were delivered to recycling centers for donations of bottles, Jimmy Kwik donated all of their extra slips.

No new fundraising events in August.

Community Events:

Bike Path Throwdown put on by running club is scheduled for September 28th, there will be a 10K and 1 Mile run. 50% of donations made will be given to Splash & Play project.

Halloween Hustle will not be pursued this year.

Chilifest Hydration Station: Jamie Comtois, Nicole Gratton, Mike Nolan and family will volunteer to sell water. Vaughn Cloney may also be able to volunteer. Deb Smith will donate several cases of water for the event. AJ Thurston will see if some of the JR Falcon kids will help too.

Coin Drop in Newport October 12th 8:30 - 3:00

Volunteers: All time slots have been covered and the Rec. department had Q&A cards printed for us to hand out.

Sub-committee was formed to further investigate the feasibility of having a New Year's Eve dance at the gateway. AJ Thurston, Jamie Comtois and Jennifer Smith will do research on the cost of the event and meet October 2nd at 6:00.

Other Business:

Sponsorship packet was accepted by the committee with some minor spelling/grammar corrections

Donor Bricks: Jessica Booth showed us an updated drawing by Elizabeth Howell, a suggestion was made that if a business should donate more than \$5000 then they should have a choice to have an 8x8 brick which would be located in the center/resting area. A motion was made by Jennifer Smith; AJ Thurston 1st than it was 2nd by Jamie Comtois. A vote was called with 5 yays and 1 nay.

Gala list was looked over and additional names were added.

Nicole Gratton has resigned, Amy Pickering sent in a letter of interest, if selected she will cover Nicole's remaining term. Committee would like to meet her before making the decision.

Jessica Booth gave us an update on Prouty path project, showed us the new path design along the front of prouty beach to connecting bridge located on Bluff side. Department of public works will start the process October 1st, 2019.

Laura Smith showed us new sashes to be worn by monster bash judges.... They are in need of three judges for this event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 next meeting October 17th @ 6:00.