

## PUBLIC MEETING

There will be a Newport Recreation Committee Public Meeting on March 24, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the  
City  
Council Room.

In order to join remotely,

BY PHONE: (701) 802-5131 and enter pin 2686885

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newportrecreationcommittee

The Newport Recreation Committee will meet to consider the following:

Members Present: Sean Pilker, Matt Kiley, Deb Smith, Kelli Rhodes, Jaime Comtois, Jenn Smith, Nick Whitehouse

Members of the Public: Laura Dolgin, Mike Brown

### Agenda:

#### 1. Call Regular Recreation Committee Meeting to Order

Jenn called the meeting to order at 5:33.

#### 2. New Member Welcome, Playground Update and Goals- Laura Dolgin

Laura welcomed everyone - seasoned and new members. Laura explained what she does for the city of Newport. Open meeting law was explained. Agenda must be posted 3 days in advance and sent to Mike or Becky. Must be posted in 3 places. Minutes posted within 5 days as draft. Once they are approved we follow the same process. Send to Mike or Becky.

Playground Project - Project pending upon environmental studies

EPA, DEC, RPC, NCIC are all involved. City has had possession of land for 100 years. It was once a landfill. 1982 was the year the playground was put in originally. There have been findings of contaminants that exceed today's standards. We need a corrective action plan (CAP). We believe we need the CAP for the playground and splash pad. The bulk of the fill was mostly where the playground is now. The CAP is a possibility of an 18 inch scraping and 18 of new soil. What do we do with the contaminated soil? Options - depends on how contaminated the soil is. We can only do a press release with the EPA and DEC. Casella is a strong supporter of this project. They will help us with whatever they can help us with. Alternative Daily Cover or if it is landfilled Casella will help us. If it goes out of state it will cost more. Grants are available. Because we are the responsibility party the city itself is not eligible for the grants. It has to be a 501c3, experienced with accountability paperwork. Where the park is, is in a very accessible area. It needs to stay usable for everyone.

Can we move the playground to another location within the park?

Ballpark maintenance - will be different this year. Other users would like to be heard and we can move forward with the help of the Rec. Committee.

#### 3. Comments by Members of the Public

#### 4. Approve the Minutes for February 17, 2022

Jen entertained the motion to approve the minutes from February.

Deb motions to approve the minutes  
Kelli seconded the motion, minutes approved

#### 5. Monthly Fundraising Update

Ice Shack \$557 profit  
Online \$65  
Chuck a Puck - \$125

#### 6. Program & Event Debriefs

Ice Shack Raffle -

What went well - More businesses participated and reached a greater number of people, Wright's sold the most tickets for us,

What do we need to improve upon - make tickets available in the fall instead of selling during ice fishing season, it is a specific audience

Should we sell something different - ATV, trailer that can pull a snowmobile/ATV, snowmachine  
Jenn will reach out to Walt's about an ATV, Right Wheels about a trailer

Chuck A Puck - \$125

What went well - Someone working in the ice shack helped work the crowd

What do we need to improve upon - location, time, bring them out to the Kingdom Games

#### 7. Program & Event Planning Discussion

Bike Rodeo -Deb has a 20 page guide on how to set up a Bike Rodeo, Even has a flyer, permission slips, Certificate of Participation

May 1

10 to 2

Rain Date: May 15

Potentially it will be at the Hospital

Sponsors: Hospital, Community National Bank, Louis Garneau, AAA

Helmets: Hospital and Louis Garneau interested in donating

Water Bottles: Louis Garneau interested in donating

AAA - goodie bags and other items

Newport Police Department and Orleans Sheriff's Department are also interested in helping out in road safety

Bike Maintenance - Bob Primeau and Great Outdoors to help

Kelli is going to reach out to Northern Counties Healthcare to see how they can be involved

UCA has been asked to see if there are any kids from there that could volunteer

Local Motion - will also be involved

Flyers and pamphlets send to schools: Pre-K to 6 Newport

Online Registration - sign up for a time - broken up by hour

Mike will launch social media information

Mike will reach out to food trucks

Jaime will reach to Amy Pickering to see if they she can find some volunteers

Kelli will reach out to the State Police

Matt will reach out to the fire department

#### 8. Fundraising Projects

Ice Out

Jenn will reach out to Mike to find out a dollar amount and how many tickets have sold

#### 9. Public Recreation

Mother Son Dance

Need a DJ for June 11 - Nick will look into finding a DJ for us

#### 10. Updates from the Parks & Recreation Office

#### 11. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

#### 12. Other Business

Officers

Jenn is stepping down as chair

Jenn moves to nominate Jaime as Chair

Jenn entertains a motion to have Jaime as Chair

Deb motions for Jaime to be Chair

Kelli seconds the motion

Jenn will be vice chair to support Jaime as Chair

All in agreement

Secretary - Kelli is interested

Jenn nominates Kelli

Deb seconds

#### 13. Set Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

April 21, 2022 at 5:30

#### 14. Adjourn

7:22 p.m.

Materials in regard to this meeting are available for inspection in the Parks & Recreation Office.

Public

participation is welcome and encouraged.

Jaime Comtois, Chair

Newport Recreation Committee