



**City of Newport  
Park Board Meeting  
January 28, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present – Emily White; Heidi Tweeten;

Board Members absent – Anita Perkins;

Also present –Matt Yokiell, Executive Director;

**3. NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON & VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2016**

No action was taken on the nomination and appointment of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2016.

**4. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES**

**A. Park Board Minutes of October 22, 2015 Regular Meeting**

No action was taken on the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting.

**5. REVIEW GOALS**

**A. Discuss 2016 Goals**

**Chairperson White** - I think the only thing we have going is the Winter Family Fun Night on Saturday night. I know the adopt-a-park volunteer recruiting is going on. I'll ask Renee for that list. We're looking for volunteers to clean up trash at the parks and report anything to Public Works. This is generally not done in the winter. For now, I think the rest is on hold. I'll talk to Susan Lindoo about the garlic mustard pull.

**Heidi Tweeten** - Was there a workshop to discuss goals?

**Chairperson White** - We've done that in the past. I think if we get two brand new people on, that might be a good opportunity. If you can think of a list as well. I know you brought up the native grasses at the ped bridge landings.

**Heidi Tweeten** - You had mentioned changing the fun walk too.

**Chairperson White** - Yes, we talked last time that we wouldn't do that this year because we haven't had interest.

**6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**A. Recognition of Marge Meconis and Tom Aguilar-Downing for their time on the Park Board**

**Chairperson White** - We had two members leave, Marge Meconis who had been on the Park Board for 11 years and Tom Aguilar-Downing who had been on the Park Board for 6 years. Tom unfortunately moved to Denver for work. We're going to really miss Tom, he was Chair for a number of years. And Marge has been great. We'd really like to thank both of them for their time on the Park Board. With that, we have two openings. If there's anyone out there that is interested, we meet once a month on the fourth Thursday. We're currently meeting at 6:30. It's a fun thing to do to look at our parks. We've accomplished a lot the last couple years. To apply, you just need to write a letter of interest to City Hall and the Council has to approve it. Thanks to Tom and Marge for your hard work on this Board, it's going to be hard to replace them but I know there are people that can do it.

## **B. Winter Family Fun Night**

**Chairperson White** - The Winter Family Fun Night is this Saturday at Lions Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Our firefighters will help us out again this year. We have games on and off the ice like sleds and bowling pins. We'll have cocoa and cookies and will be doing a tug-of-war with the firefighters. It's a fun event for families. Hopefully the ice will hold up. Let's go down the list:

- **Fire hall** - Have permission to use the fire hall
- **Bulletin** - There was an short blurb announcing it in the bulletin.
- **Posters/Flyers** - One is up at Newport Drug and at the warming house. Flyers went out to each student at the school.
- **Games** - We have the rope, bowling lanes, and sleds.
- **Speaker** - Getting that today and Heidi will be bringing the music.
- **Refreshments** - I'll pick them up and we have a table in the fire hall.
- **Fire ring** - Being dropped off tomorrow. Pauline Schottmuller is dropping off wood.

## **6. BOARD REPORTS**

**A. Anita Perkins** - Not present to report.

**C. Heidi Tweeten** - I'd like to say thank you to Super America for donating for the buckthorn event. Is there any update on the community garden?

**Chairperson White** - Renee just emailed a letter this week.

**Heidi Tweeten** - What about the photo contest?

**Chairperson White** - Tom told us who did the fall ones. I'll check with Tom on that. We need to decide whether or not we want to continue that. I'll add that to the next agenda. Thinking of the grass, would that just be seeds? Would we need volunteers?

**Executive Director Yokiell** - I think you typically buy bunches. It's a small enough project that we would be able to handle. We'd be open to help.

**Chairperson White** - Maybe that's something the Park Board can sponsor.

**Heidi Tweeten** - I'd like to think more about having a workshop for the goals once we get new members.

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Executive Director Yokiell** - The tree trimming class got moved to February 27th. There's information on the City's website. It's \$20 or \$25.

**Heidi Tweeten** - Was it waived if you donated so many hours?

**Executive Director Yokiell** - The fee is for the class itself. It's combined with St. Paul Park and Oakdale.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Park Board meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emily White, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

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