



**City of Newport
Park Board Meeting
September 27, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members present – Mary Ann Newman; Marge Meconis; Anita Perkins; Emily White; Tom Aguilar-Downing; Laura Duffey

Board Members absent –

Also present –Tim Geraghty, Mayor;

3. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES

A. Park Board Minutes of July 26, 2012

Laura Duffey – On the second page where Marge is talking about the 12th Street overlook, “evasive” should be changed to “invasive.”

Motion by Aguilar-Downing, seconded by White, to approve the Park Board Minutes of July 26, 2012 as amended. With 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

4. REVIEW 2012 GOALS

Tom Aguilar-Downing – I have heard from Berry Ferrington from TKDA and Google has taken the updates we sent them and has incorporated them and they should be gradually showing up on maps.

A. Update on Fun Walk and Pavilion Dedication

Emily White – Our annual fun walk is this Saturday at Bailey School Forest at 9:00 a.m. We encourage both kids and whole families to come. Laura has graciously agreed to lead the group through and give them an idea of what school groups get when they walk through the forest. Kids will get a card so it’ll be a bit like a scavenger hunt at each station. I would like to warn people that parts of it are not friendly for wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers. When we get to those sections we’ll let people know.

Chairperson Newman – There will be some walking sticks available for people to use.

Marge Meconis – The dedication will be at 11:00 a.m. and we’ve come up with a roster of people that will be speaking.

Mayor Geraghty – I asked Renee to put together a program for the event outlining who will be speaking. There is a picture of the rock and pavilion on the program. The Assistant Superintendent of District 833 and Assistant Commissioner of the DNR will be speaking.

Marge Meconis – To add to the walk, a lot of the path is hard-packed so people should wear tennis shoes or something sturdy.

B. Update on Buckthorn Removal Day

Laura Duffey – The Buckthorn Removal Day is October 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We're having a workshop planning meeting on October 10 at Tom's house to plan for the event. A number of things have been done. We'll have donuts ready at Super America to pick up that morning. I have some interest from Lake Middle School. The students need a number of service hours to graduate and we thought this would be a good opportunity. I told them that the students need to come with families. I offered to do a lesson on buckthorn for the students. Angie Hong is coming and bringing some wrenches.

Chairperson Newman – Before the 10th, you need to make sure that someone talks with the Boy Scouts regarding this. We need to put up flyers at Newport Lutheran and other business establishments. We'll talk on the 10th about equipment and areas to work in.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Discuss Park Board Meeting Dates for 2012

Chairperson Newman – The meetings for the rest of the year are October 25, November 22, and December 27. Do we need any of those and if so, which ones? The November meeting falls on Thanksgiving and the October meeting is right before Buckthorn Day, which leaves December.

Tom Aguilar-Downing – Last year, Brian had brought up having a winter festival in Loveland Park and we didn't have time to plan it then. I think now would be a good time to discuss it. I think it's a good idea.

Executive Director Neska – How about November 29 and we can follow up on the festival then?

Chairperson – So cross off the October and December meetings and we'll just have one in November. Thanks to everyone we got almost everything covered for the adopt-a-park/trail program.

6. BOARD REPORTS

Tom Aguilar-Downing – I have two questions. It looks like there is signage going up at Bailey Park, it'll match the other signs?

Executive Director Neska – Yes

Tom Aguilar-Downing – It looks like it's a good location. When we were working on the pavilion there was a shortfall of money and Brian said that we've received all of the money. I was wondering where the remaining money came from.

Executive Director Neska – I'm not sure.

Mayor Geraghty – I'll email Brian tomorrow and ask him.

Laura Duffey – Nothing to report

Emily White – Nothing to report

Anita Perkins – Nothing to report

Marge Meconis – Nothing to report

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Discussion Regarding Expiring Terms for 2012

Executive Director Neska – Anita, Marge and Emily’s terms will expire at the end of this year. If you’re interested in another term please write a note to the City Council noting that. I’ll remind you on the 29th as well.

Tom Aguilar-Downing – If people are interested in serving, how would they go about that?

Executive Director Neska – Renee handles that, I believe she posts it.

B. Update on Wild Flower Areas Located Throughout Newport

Executive Director Neska – I met with Rusty Schmidt from the Washington Conservation District and we looked at this site and they were big contributors in putting this program together and since then he’s handed it off to John Lummis of the same organization. John is putting together a new plan for the area so until I hear back on that I can’t expand anymore. They just looked at the 12th Street Overlook. My understanding is that there’ll be some reimbursement back to them. I’ll update you more when I get the information.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Duffey, seconded by White, to adjourn the Park Board Meeting at 7:28 P.M. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Mary Ann Newman, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Helm
Executive Analyst