



**City of Newport
Park Board Meeting
October 22, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members present – Emily White; Anita Perkins; Tom Aguilar-Downing;

Board Members absent – Marge Meconis; Heidi Tweeten;

Also present –Matt Yokiell, Executive Director;

3. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES

A. Park Board Minutes of September 24, 2015 Regular Meeting

Motion by Perkins, seconded by Aguilar-Downing, to approve the Park Board Minutes of September 24, 2015 as presented. With 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, the motion carried.

4. SUMMARY OF 2015 GOALS

The Park Board discussed the 2015 Goals as attached in the October 22, 2015 Park Board packet. Updates are as follows:

- **Signage at Frances and Henry James Pocket Park** - Executive Director Yokiell stated that the signage was not included as part of the Highway project so it would be a budget item. The Park Board removed this item from the goals.
- **Signage at Solar Panels in Bailey School Forest** - Public Works is still trying to find a diagram for this signage.

5. BUCKTHORN REMOVAL DAY

Chairperson White - Buckthorn Removal Day is this Saturday, the 24th at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at the parking lot in Bailey School Forest. Thanks to Matt and Tom for identifying areas. We have a good list of students from Lake Middle School and East Ridge. We want to keep them working so we'll divide into groups like we did last year.

Executive Director Yokiell - Marge had mentioned that last year someone had made signs for groups, is that something we would like to do again this year?

Tom Aguilar-Downing - I don't know if we paid a lot of attention to them once we got going. Are we looking at the area off of Wild Ridge Court North?

Executive Director Yokiell - Yes and the southeast corner of the intersection that we haven't touched.

Tom Aguilar-Downing - We did that area a couple years ago and there's some small growth there that would be good for the students. To the west is where we have a lot of large trees. Have we made arrangements for chainsaws? Ed has brought them in the past and the Kobe's.

Chairperson White - Let me check with Mary Ann.

Anita Perkins - So are we thinking along the cul-de-sac and south end of the forest?

Tom Aguilar-Downing - South and west towards the end of the cul-de-sac. We can go back into the park because there are more woods there. I'll talk to Doug who is the neighbor at that end because it abuts his property and we need to make sure we bring items through the park, not his lawn. This area is not the most visible but it has a lot of seeds.

Executive Director Yokiell - How many people have signed up?

Chairperson White - Lake Middle School has over 50. Last year there was over 100. I don't know about East Ridge.

Executive Director Yokiell - How many picnic tables?

Tom Aguilar-Downing - One or two can go in my front yard.

Chairperson White - We also need the port-a-potty moved towards the work area.

Anita Perkins - About 50 people have signed up through Renee.

Chairperson White - I thought that was just Lake Middle School. If it's in addition, there'll be close to 100 people. I have the waiver forms. In the past, when Marge contacted the schools, she copied one of these and the kids would bring them with. I don't know if she did that this year.

Anita Perkins - Do we have a numbered list as well like we've done in the past?

Chairperson White - I don't, could you do that?

Anita Perkins - I should have it on my computer at home.

Tom Aguilar-Downing - I emailed you about the sink hole. Have you gone to see it? We'll need it saw horses or cones around it. Where will we have our introductory talk?

Chairperson White - I think in the parking lot.

Anita Perkins - Are Laura and Angie coming?

Tom Aguilar-Downing - Angie yes, I'm not sure about Laura. Heidi will be bringing donuts.

Anita Perkins - I was in the park a couple days ago and we found ticks so people might want to bring spray.

6. ANNUAL FUN WALK

Chairperson White - The fun walk was two weeks ago. We had about 13 people and 8 dogs. We only had 1 student from Newport Elementary. The rest were us and my family. This is the second year in a row that it's been that turn out. My proposal is that we discontinue it. It was the cost of flyers and Anita's class passed them out and I had pumpkins to decorate.

Tom Aguilar-Downing - Unless we take a look at the community tree trek. Could those be combined?

Chairperson White - It's a self-guided tour. I think if we eventually do that, we could do a walk at Bailey School Forest.

Tom Aguilar-Downing - It is a small turnout.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT -

Chairperson White - We won't meet in November or December. The Winter Family Fun Night is Saturday, January 30h from 6 to 8 at Lions Park. I'm proposing that we get together after the first of the year to figure out what we're going to do and who is going to do what. I'll email Renee about getting it in the next newsletter. We'll have skating, bowling, a bonfire, there were volunteer Fire Fighters that were there and did a tug-of-war. I know we've done other games too.

8. BOARD REPORTS

A. Marge Meconis -

Chairperson White - Marge couldn't make it but she did email to say that next Monday the School Forest Group is meeting. They didn't meet at all in 2014 or so far in 2015. I don't know when they've met. They are meeting next Monday.

B. Anita Perkins - Nothing to report.

C. Tom Aguilar-Downing - We had four entries in the Summer Photo Contest and the winner is Mariah Soto from 3rd Avenue. She's a brand new participant. It's the merry go round at Pioneer Park. This will be posted at City Hall and the bulletin boards at the park. It was taken at Pioneer Day. The next contest will finish December 31st. Should we continue this next year, I'd like to have the deadlines be the first of the month instead of the end.

D. Heidi Tweeten - Not present to report.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Yokiell - Is it ok to pull the water for the community garden yet?

Chairperson White - I think there's a work day on Sunday so I would think next week.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Perkins, seconded by Aguilar-Downing, to adjourn the Park Board Meeting at 6:57 P.M. With 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Emily White, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Eisenbeisz
Executive Analyst