

**CITY OF NEWPORT  
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2011  
REGULAR MEETING**

The October 27, 2011 regular meeting of the Newport Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Newport City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Mary Ann Newman, Marge Meconis, Anita Perkins, Emily White, Tom Aguilar-Downing

The following members were absent: None

Also present: John Neska (Executive Director), Tim Geraghty (Council Liaison)

**APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES**

A. Park Board Minutes of September 22, 2011

Marge Meconis – Under “Review of 2011 Goals” it should be JROTC instead of ROTC because it is the Junior ROTC. Also, under “Executive Director’s Report” are there two signs in Pioneer Park or one at Pioneer Park and one in Loveland Park?

John Neska – One sign in Pioneer Park and one sign in Loveland Park.

Marge Meconis – Ok, the minutes say both of the signs are at Pioneer Park so that should be changed as well.

Mary Ann Newman – I will notify Renee of the changes.

**Motion by Aguilar-Downing, seconded by White to approve the September 22, 2011 minutes as corrected. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

**REVIEW OF 2011 GOALS**

Chairperson Newman discussed the 2011 goals. The majority of the goals have been completed. Tom Aguilar-Downing discussed the Google Maps goal. Mr. Aguilar-Downing and Executive Director Neska will work with TKDA to get an updated map.

Chairperson Newman discussed the options for notifying individuals of the goals. The Park Board can either have a short meeting to develop a summary and submit it to the City Council or each member can send updates of their goals to Chairperson Newman and she will compile a summary. The Board decided to send updates to Chairperson Newman instead of having a meeting. The members will be writing the 2012 goals at the January meeting.

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

Chairperson Newman discussed the annual Buckthorn Removal Day. Executive Director Neska does not believe that trailers and ATV’s are needed for the event. There will be two chainsaws and several pullers. The event will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will take place at Newport Bailey School Forest.

The November 24, 2011 meeting has been cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Board members discussed when the December meeting would take place, if at all. The Board members will decide at a later date if a December meeting will take place.

**BOARD REPORTS**

Tom Aguilar-Downing discussed the Bailey School Forest Committee. The Committee is looking at applying for grants for a pavilion at the park. Chairperson Newman suggested reviewing the pavilion project in regards to how long the Board has been working on it and how much longer they would like to work on it. Mr. Aguilar-Downing also discussed some opportunities for raising money for the pavilion such as a 5-k fun run and a 1-mile walk. A route for the 5-k run could be from Bailey School Forest Park to Loveland Park. The walk could be through Bailey School Forest Park. Mr. Aguilar-Downing will be talking with a group that recently held a 5-k run and 1-mile walk.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Neska reminded individuals that there are still five trees available in Pioneer Park for adoption. Individuals can contact Renee Helm at City Hall.

Mayor Tim Geraghty discussed the Veterans Memorial in Pioneer Park. The Historic Preservation Commission will be working with the City to coordinate the memorial. Individuals can purchase a brick for an individual who has served in any branch of the army and has lived or does live in Newport. Each brick is \$50.

**There being no further business, motion by White, seconded by Perkins, to adjourn the meeting. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Ann Newman, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Helm  
Executive Analyst