



**CITY OF NEWPORT
PARK BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
April 22, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Stoffel called the Park Advisory Board Meeting to order on April 22, 2021 at 5:02p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present (5): Chairperson Kelly Stoffel, Board Member John Graber (5:10pm), Board Member Jenna Johnson, Board Member Emily White, Board Member Heidi Tweeten

Not Present (1): Board Member Anita Perkins

Non-Voting Members Present (1): Executive Director Matt Yokiell, Council Liaison Laurie Elliott(Zoom)

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Board Member White and second by Board Member Tweeten to adopt agend. Approved 4-0

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Board Member White and second by Board Member Johnson to approve minutes from March 25, 2021 Park Board Meeting. Approved 4-0.

5. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mississippi River Pollution Initiative. Go to app at debristracker.org to document where and what trash you see laying around town (not just along river). Data is compiled to see where trash in the river is coming from. Open thru April 25th.

6. BOARD REPORTS

A. Kelly Stoffel

Chairperson Stoffel stated she would like an update on what parks and trails are adopted in Newport so that she can let volunteers know what areas are available.

B. Anita Perkins

Not present

C. Heidi Tweeten

Nothing at this time.

D. John Graber

Nothing at this time.

F. Emily White

Nothing at this time

G. Jenna Johnson

Board Member Johnson stated that the small field at the elementary school has been reserved for the casual soccer and tee ball games that will take place later in the summer.

Resident Bill Sumner 737 21st Street

Sumner asked the park board to consider adding disc golf to future park development plans if possible. He also stated that he would like to discuss ways to improve tree care throughout the city with any interested parties. Sumner would also like to see pedestrian bridge landings renamed to more exciting or memorable names.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Yokiel stated that Xcel energy was still considering creating pollinator habitat under the power lines north of Bailey School Forest. They would like to meet on site with their staff to get a better feel for what would be appropriate. Yokiel also stated that the planning commission was working on a tree care ordinance relating to emerald ash borer and how the city should be able to deal with public and private trees that may be killed by the disease.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member White motioned to adjourn the Park Board Meeting. Seconded by Board Member Graber
Approved 5-0

The Park Board Meeting was adjourned on April 22, 2021 at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Matt Yokiel
Executive Director

Signed: _____
Kelly Stoffel,
Park Advisory Board Chairperson