



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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Stoffel opened workshop at 5:56 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present (5): Chairperson Kelly Stoffel, Board Member John Graber, 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), Council Member Taylor, Steve Bern

It was discussed that the City of Newport is not affiliated with the Newport Athletic Association and no insurance or other protections were offered by the City to participants. It was also discussed that the City does not have the staff to run a rec program and does not desire to start a program due to low interest in the programs in past years. The City feels that Woodbury Park and Rec programs offer more variety of programs and has the appropriate staff to oversee the rec program so the City offers to cover the difference between resident and nonresident rates for the Woodbury programs and also offers financial assistance to those residents who qualify. NAA needs to be run by volunteers from the community and the City will gladly take care of maintenance on fields and ball diamonds so that kids have a place to play. The difficulty of keeping the NAA up and running comes from finding volunteers to continually commit their time to make it successful.

The Park Board Meeting was closed on April 22, 2021 at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Matt Yokiell
Executive Director

Signed: _____
Kelly Stoffel,
Park Advisory Board Chairperson