



**CITY OF NEWPORT
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
February 24, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the Park Advisory Board Meeting to order on February 24, 2022 at 5:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present (4): Chairperson Johnson, Board Member Emily White, Board Member Anita Perkins, Board Member Brian Xiong

Not Present (0): None

Non-Voting Members Present (2): Executive Director Matt Yokiell, Council Liaison Laurie Elliott

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Board Member White and second by Board Member Perkins to adopt agenda. Approved 4-0

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Board Member Perkins and second by Board Member White to approve minutes from October 28, 2021 Park Board Meeting and January 13, 2022 special meeting. Approved 4-0.

5. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR NOMINATIONS

Motion by Board Member White and seconded by Board Member Perkins to nominate Jenna Johnson to chair. Approved 4-0. Motion by Chair Johnson and seconded by Board Member White to nominate Board Member Perkins to vice chair. Approved 4-0.

6. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pioneer Park playground equipment. An updated version of the playground equipment was displayed for comments. Comments included extending blue fall area that represents the river. Remove beard from the “trapper” on the trading post. Convert windows and text on trading post to yellow so they stand out better. Add games like hopscotch and words “Mississippi River” to the poured in place fall protection. Members liked the playground equipment with the changes mentioned above.

7. BOARD REPORTS

A. Emily White

Board Member White stated that Winter Family Fun Night was a big success at the Loveland skating rink. She thanked Public Works and the Fire Department for their help in making the night a great time. She also mentioned that it might be worth hosting a summer event.

B. Anita Perkins

Nothing at this time.

C. Brian Xiong

Nothing at this time.

G. Jenna Johnson

Chair Johnson asked if an updated list of adopted parks and trails could be shared so that she could post the open areas to hopefully get someone to adopt them.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Yokiel stated Pioneer Day would be held this year and asked if the Park Board would be interested in helping to organize the event. More information to follow. The playground equipment at Pioneer Park was expected to cost around \$318,000. Xcel was working with the Fish and Wildlife Service and others to explore the potential of seeding in pollinator habitat under power lines North of Bailey School Forest and did a site visit recently. They are excited about the potential of the site. There is still one Board Member seat open on the Park Board. Please contact City Hall if interested.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Xiong motioned to adjourn the Park Board Meeting. Seconded by Board Member White. Approved 4-0

The Park Board Meeting was adjourned on February 24, 2022 at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Matt Yokiel
Executive Director

Signed: _____
Jenna Johnson,
Park Advisory Board Chairperson