

MINUTES OF THE NEWBERG CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, JULY 12, 1999

Special Meeting
Newberg City Council and
Chehalem Park &
Recreation District Board

Meeting called to order 7:09 p.m.

Board members and councilors introduced themselves

Councilor Roger Currier
Councilor Donna McCain
Board Member Mike McBride
Mayor Cox
Board Member Don Clements

Councilor Lisa Helikson
Councilor F. Robert Weaver
Board Chair Darlene Andreas
Councilor Alfred Howe
Board Member Don Wadell

Pledge Allegiance was performed

Newberg Old Fashioned Festival Princesses Andy, Kristen and Jenny introduced themselves and spoke about their experience living in Newberg.

Cindy Bolek, Newberg Police Department discussed the partnerships the City is involved in with businesses in Newberg for the kid safety fair. Ms. Bolek discussed the staff involvement in the programs (coach, little league, houses) to help get involved. Pointed out how the City and the community should work together to help make Newberg a better living environment. Some of the programs available are through Chehalem Park and Recreation, progress team, cub scouts, girls scouts, and many others.

Leah Griffith, Newberg Library discussed the plans for the future use of the library for the children and youth. She would like to see more involvement with organizations.

Duane Cole, Newberg City Manager, discussed the involvement with the fire department. Chris Mayfield, Newberg Fire Marshall gets involved teaching Sunday class, coaching, summer church camps and many others. A letter was read from Russ Thomas, President of the Babe Ruth group expressing his feelings about the programs in the City.

Darlene Andreas, Board Member discussed the opening of the 1st BMX track coming up on the first of August. Ms. Andreas reviewed some of the activities Park and Recreation provides (golf, swimming, baseball).

Mark Martin, Recreation Supervisor, sports department spoke about the different

programs provided for youth including Chehalem Park and Recreation football, youth flag program with the NFL, and others. Chehalem Park and Recreation serves 5,200 kids in the programs and around 9,000 annually. Scholarships are available to families to get the youth involved in the programs. Mr. Martin acknowledged George Fox University, Chehalem Aquatic Center and the schools in the area as some of the organizations he works with.

Anna Loving, Recreation Organizer discussed the programs she organized and set up such as musical theater camp, CPR, First Aid, aerobics and dance are just a few. She mentioned she could always use volunteers from the community.

Board Member Don Wadell discussed more opportunities the community could get involved with.

Board Member Don Clements discussed the opportunity for a skate park with the BMX track.

Ed McCay, Coach for girls softball, would like to see a covered softball field so the youth could play year round.

Carl, Coach for youth soccer, discussed the growing interest in youth soccer. He stressed a need for a covered youth soccer facility located in Newberg. This is needed because he feels soccer competes for fields with baseball and softball. He is concerned for the youth who are past the Park and Recreation age and would like to see something available to them. The age they serve is 10 - 16 years of age. He talked about potential for an annual soccer tournament.

Debra Cathers, Chehalem Park and Recreation provides support groups for the family who would use it. There is a full range of groups for youth anger management and behavior management groups. North west passage is a wilderness program the youth can get mental health groups.

Nancy Ferguson, YCAP, provides services for after school activities year round and works with councilors in the schools to help the youth to get back into school. She also works with basketball programs for the youth and the adults and provides activities for the Hispanic community.

Carol Boyes, Boy Scouts, have five units in Newberg to teach leadership skills currently involving around 100 kids.

Mayor Cox discussed a need for older youth involvement with programs and ways to get all youth involved.

Carol Boyes, Boy Scouts discussed her concern about the scout house and the wear and tear on the facility. She also mentioned the poor condition of the gutter system. Discussion from

Don Clements, Executive Director, mentioned the up coming schedule to get the facility upgraded. Board Chair Darlene Andreas asked if there was something Chehalem Park and Recreation could do to contract with the scouts to upgrade and improve it.

Kelly Highley, member of the community, asked if there was a way to inform the community about the Central Overlay Project? Board Member Don Clements informed her about changing the zoning of the Central School through proper procedures.

Councilor Donna McCain wanted to know who the owner was of the Scout House and then a possibility of the City working with them to maintain the facility. Councilor Roger Currier said when the Scout House was first built by the community the house was deeded to the scouts as long as they were using the facility and there were to be no alterations or changes.

Pat Haight, member of the community, said she would like to see all future meetings be publicized in the newspaper. She would like to see the taxes paid to the Chehalem Park and Recreation by the community used for the kids to limit program fees. She also would like to see a board of kids supervised by adults to come up with the programs provided.

A member of the community would like to see the rates of the Chehalem Park and Recreation activities lowered and would like to a community center for kids who are not involved in sports to go and just socialize.

Councilor Robert Weaver discussed his experience in the community and recognized the community for working with their youth and getting involved. He acknowledged the community members for all they have done.

Pat Haight discussed her youth experience in Newberg area and said she would like to see the City and Chehalem Park and Recreation reach out to the outlying businesses to bring in a bowling alley, a skating rink, batting range or driving range. A place independent of the government but brought to the youth by the business men. She would like to see the City take the initiative to get it started. Board Member Don Wadell said Chehalem Park and Recreation has tried to put up a bond for a bowling alley but has been turned down and would like to hear suggestions to get this next step started.

A youth discussed that she would like to see a place close to the school where the kids can dance, drink pop and socialize.

Kelly Highley encouraged the members and councilors to hold another meeting and would like to see community involvement with the south end of the city.

Lisa, member of the community, expressed her pleasure and satisfaction with the City of Newberg for their strong ties with the community. She expressed she was not satisfied with the thought of moving the taxes away from the programs already in action. She also would like to

see meetings.

Councilor Roger Currier discussed his concerns with the BMX park and the communication with the community. He commented on the use of tax dollars.

Debra Cathers, Chehalem Park and Recreation wanted to thank the entire community and forum for being committed to the improvement of the City. She shared a concern of a private provider coming into Newberg and serving alcohol and using this as a main source of income.

Member of the community would like to see more support for the parents who get involved with their kids and the activities the youth are involved in.

Jim Morrison discussed the start up and process of the BMX park. He would like to see a community center for the youth, more involvement with the youth and the City employees and the facilities available used more sufficiently. There were times he tried to reserve a facility not in use for a night and was denied. He thinks the "We Have Character" program needs to continue to grow. He mentioned a meeting on July 14th, at 3:00 p.m., at Central School of a youth forum where the kids are going to brainstorm ideas and then find a way for the youth to make the ideas possible.

Mayor Cox recapped the discussions and ideas of the evening.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

ADOPTED by the Newberg City Council this 1st day of November, 1999.


Duane R. Cole, City Recorder

ATTEST by the Mayor this 29 day of November, 1999.


Charles B. Cox, Mayor