



**CITY OF NEWPORT
JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION
AND PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
May 10, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Taylor called the Joint Planning Commission and Parks Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 10, 2018.

2. ROLL CALL

Present (9): (Planning Commission) Chairperson Marvin Taylor, Commissioner David Tweeten, Commissioner Saengmany Ratsabout, and Commissioner Laurie Elliott.

(Parks Board) Chair Person Emily White, Board Member Heidi Tweeten, Board Member Anita Perkins, Board Member Jared Flewellen, and Board Member John Graber (arrived at 5:59 p.m.).

Not Present (1): Commissioner Anthony Mahmood

3. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

A. Minutes of the April 12, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting

No Action was Taken

4. MASTER PARKS PLAN

City Planner Sherri Buss and TKDA Senior Registered Landscape Architect Kathleen Anglo presented concept drawings of the parks in Newport. These parks included Levee Park, Loveland Park, Pioneer Park, and Lion's Park. The discussion involved the current condition of the parks and what improvements can be made to the parks. Discussion during the Lion's Park presentation involved the possibility of a new City Hall being built on the north side of the park as this would change the design.

Discussion on Levee Park included the ability of the park to have paved and unpaved trails and how the pond can be used. Items such as a fishing pier, a canoe launch, flooding, accessory structures, public utilities, ice skating, snow shoeing, teenage equipment, and connecting the park to the island in the Mississippi were discussed. Including the park in the national parks or county parks system for funding was discussed. This option would be researched and discussed at a future meeting.

Further discussion involved including the island to the parks system. Challenges to adding the island include access and that it is in the floodplain. Including the island would provide an opportunity for fishing and hiking.

The Lion's Park discussion included the layout to the park and potential changes to the layout with the possible introduction to a City Hall. Concerns of the current status of the park were addressed as the current equipment and facilities are in need of replacement.

The Loveland Park discussion involved the northern and southern areas of the park. The Pioneer Park discussion involved the historical uses of the park which include the picnic areas, open area, horseshoe pits, and the Veteran's Memorial. The uses are general uses typical with City Parks.

Planner Buss informed the Commission and the Board of the neighboring community's comprehensive plans regarding the future uses of their parks. The changes in diversity, jobs, and age changes in the community were factored into neighboring comprehensive plans. Future uses in the Newport parks included the accommodation of technologies including phone apps and augmented reality. Other uses discussed included splash pads, pickle ball, areas for dogs, running/bike trails, basketball courts, frisbee golf (frolfing), sporting fields, geocaching, and other uses which focus on the millennial generation.

5. COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS

None.

6. NEW / OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Taylor motioned to adjourn the Joint Planning Commission and Parks Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ratsabout. Approved 9-0.

The Joint Planning Commission and Parks Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. on May 10, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:
Travis Brierley,
Assistant to the City Administrator

Signed: _____
Marvin Taylor, Chairperson,
Planning Commission

Signed: _____
Emily White, Chairperson,
Parks Board