

## 3-18-10 Meeting Minutes

### Friends of the Oregon Coast Aquatic Park

#### Minutes - General Meeting

March 18, 2010

Present: Board Members, Katherine Pedersen, Jeff Burleit, Marcia Williams. Eleven community members present. The meeting was called to order at 12:02

Minutes from November 2009 were not available for review.

Current 2010 budget was reported. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded and motion was carried.

Presentation by City Manager, Jim Voetberg:

1. City Council adopted a resolution on March 15, 2010 to replace the current swimming facility.
2. Resolution is to place the new municipal pool next to the recreation center.
3. Council set aside \$25,000 for conceptual design.
4. Laid out timeline for completion of issues including community workshops/input and surveys.
5. Pool would be similar to Lincoln City's pool.
6. Bill Barton will donate his South Beach property to the City to be sold at some future date to be used for ongoing expenses. Mr. Barton will only donate the land if the facility is at the rec. center.
7. City will put construction bond on the November ballot for Newport residents to vote on the issue.

Question & Answer Session following presentation:

1. What will you do with the old pool? Probably mothball it. Can't do much with the pool as it has space problems as well as site development issues.
2. Expansion of interior of recreation center for wet/dryside issues for lockers and showers? Will have to be developed.
3. Will operational costs increase? Questionable.
4. Will the bond include operational costs? Questionable.
5. What happens if the bond doesn't pass? Would keep it "limping along" until forced to close it.

6. There is no signage at the current pool. People in the city don't even know there is a city pool. May rectify.

7. What's the City's next step? First milestone will be the language for the bond measure.

Jim Protiva reviewed the history of the pool, the formation of the Friends of the Oregon Coast Aquatic Park and the desire of the community to have a warm water pool. He stated that from a simple beginning, the Friends have proceeded to plan an Aquatic Park. It was pointed out to him that the Park would be self-sustaining since it would be supported by additional profit centers, have 44 full-time employees which would return \$1 million in economic personnel income and an additional \$37 million to the local economy from tourism.

More questions came from the audience and Board members gave examples, potential costs for a family of four and the related aquatic activities that would support a new facility. (See attachments on opening page).

No discussion on the Half Marathon. No discussion on the recruitment of new Board members for the May elections. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM

Submitted by Marcia Williams, Secretary-Treasurer