

Minutes
CITY OF UNION CITY
for the Regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
held at 7:00 p.m.
on Wednesday, July 9, 2008
in the Council Chambers
31224 Union City Blvd.
Union City, California

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL - Commissioners Everett Glenn, Adam Lopez III, Steven Nichols, Daniel Rivera, Chairperson William Boylan and Commissioner Naresh Singhal (Alternate) were present. Commissioners Dave Acosta and Shawna Curtin were excused. Staff in attendance: Manager Jill Stavosky, Superintendent Rick Sealana and Secretary Rosemary Edge.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 11, 2008 Meeting

Commissioner Nichols made a motion seconded by Commissioner Glenn to approve the minutes as submitted. AYES – 6. The minutes were approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Patricia Yee, Fremont, and Terry Schoech, Fremont, gave an update on the fund raising efforts to date toward the purchase of lights to be installed at Drigon Dog Park. \$16,000 has been raised to date toward the goal of \$20,000. Fund raising events include a bake sale, a cookbook, a dog show and others. The Friends of Drigon Dog Park requested a written agreement with the City regarding the lighting at the park.

Superintendent Rick Sealana reported on the current budget situation in the City. Once the figure of \$20,000 has been reached by the Friends of Drigon Dog Park, the City will meet with the group to explain the next steps that will need to be taken including a public hearing, the bid process and City Council approval. Superintendent Sealana reported that the agreement is that the Friends of Drigon Dog Park will supply the funds to purchase the lights and the City will cover the cost of electricity to power the lights. The Friends of Drigon Dog Park would like to recommend purchasing solar lights for the park. Architect Robert Mowat, the architect of the park, has offered to design the lights pro bono.

V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Leisure Services Report

Manager Stavosky reported upcoming events including the Summer program field trip to Great America, the on-going Farmers' Market, the Summer Concert Series, the annual Summer Carnival and the Paddy's Film Festival.

B. Public Works Report

Superintendent Sealana reported on current projects including work on the new Holly Tot Playground and work at William Cann Neighborhood Park. Superintendent Sealana commented on the high temperatures and water conservation and asked if any residents see irrigation sprinklers that need attention to please report it to the Public Works Dept. at 675-5308. Messages can be left at the number 24 hours a day and 7 days per week. Superintendent Sealana also reported on the theft of some brass and/or copper components of the City's sprinkler systems.

C. Tree and Landscape Review Board

There is nothing new to report on this item.

D. Public Art Review Board

This item will be removed from the agenda.

E. City Council Items Related to Park & Recreation

Superintendent Sealana reported that that City Council renewed the Landscape and Lighting District which is a funding mechanism which largely provides funding for landscape maintenance throughout the City. This funding mechanism has not had an increase in over 12 years.

Manager Stavosky reported that City Council and Human Relations Commission held a worksession regarding Youth Violence Prevention. Four sub-committees will be established to deal with issues of the election campaign, community outreach, grants, and youth employment.

City Council took a vote on the banning of Styrofoam in terms of restaurant take-out containers. It was a split vote and did not pass.

City Council also voted to establish changes to the purchasing process within the City and will begin efforts to buy "green" products.

VII. COMMISSION MATTERS

A. Sports Center Report

Manager Stavosky reported that an acoustical engineer came and assessed the neighborhood noise situation. Some suggestions have been made to resolve the matter. It is felt that there is a solution.

B. Sports Advisory Committee

Commissioner Nichols reported that the group will meet in August 2008.

C. Drigon Dog Park

This item was covered under Item IV, Oral Communications.

D. CPR Class for Sports League Coaches

This item will be continued to a future meeting.

E. Adult Sport Leagues

Commissioner Nichols reported that he and Recreation Coordinator Estrellado are working on creating a full blown Adult Flag Football League.

F. Introduction of Scholarship Winner – Anita Rivera

Commissioner Dan Rivera introduced and commended the 2008 Daniel Camarillo Memorial Park and Recreation Commission Scholarship winner, Anita Rivera, for 2008.

G. Future of Parks and Recreation in Union City

This item will be continued to a future meeting.

H. Possible Cancellation of August 2008 Commission Meeting

The August 2008 meeting will be cancelled.

VIII. ITEM(S) REFERRED BY COUNCIL

None

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

X. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Glenn gave an overview of the presentation to be given at a future meeting on the subject of video games.

This item will be put on the September agenda.

Superintendent Sealana reported on soccer ball barriers at Shorty Garcia Park. The City has identified several vendors for this type of barrier. Superintendent Sealana will provide more information at a future meeting.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairperson Boylan asked about the picnic table at Pioneer Park. Superintendent Sealana will investigate and advise.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nichols made a motion seconded by Commissioner Glenn to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

