

**Minutes
CITY OF UNION CITY
for the Regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
held at 7:00 p.m.
on Wednesday, September 10, 2008
in the Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Blvd.
Union City, California**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 7:00 p.m.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2008 Meeting

Commissioner Lopez made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rivera to approve the minutes as submitted. AYES – 7. The Minutes were approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Councilmember, spoke on the Public Safety Measure, Measure UU. This Measure will provide funds for Public Safety and Youth Violence Intervention Services. Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci asked for support for Measure UU on the November 2008 ballot.

Gwen Dossey, Hayward, member of the Friends of Drigon Dog Park, thanked the City for installing the benches in the auxiliary site at the Dog Park. The possibility of using solar lighting at the park is an option. Ms. Dossey also spoke on recent fund raising efforts at the park. \$17,400 has been raised to date. Ms. Dossey asked for a garbage receptacle on the far side of the large fenced area. The Friends of Drigon Dog Park also thanked the City for allowing the Friends of Drigon Dog Park to leave flyers on display for other park users to view.

Superintendent Sealana reported that a public hearing would be held on Tuesday, September 30th regarding lighting at the dog park. Residents within 300-500 feet of the dog park will be advised of the hearing.

V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Leisure Services Report

Manager Stavosky reported on upcoming events including Back to School Night, the Leopard Sharks Swim Team, Paddy's Film Festival, the Annual Halloween Carnival, Pumpkin Patch Dash and the Fall Arts Festival.

B. Public Works Report

Superintendent Sealana reported on current projects in the Public Works Dept. including the Willow Park project, the Bay Friendly Grant awarded to the City, the Flight 93 Memorial ceremony on September 11th, Holly Center Bay Friendly landscape work and the Union

City Blvd. landscape renovation. Superintendent Sealana reported that there was some recent damage at Veterans' Memorial Park. Some of the play equipment was burned. The equipment will be cleaned, however, due to the current financial situation within the City, the equipment will not be replaced in the foreseeable future. A bid for the work at the Kennedy playground was awarded by City Council. New backstops have been installed at 7 Hills Park. City Council has requested that Staff enforce the removal of shopping carts left on sidewalks and in City streets. Superintendent Sealana reported that the Make a Difference Day event will be held on Saturday, October 25th. Superintendent Sealana also reported the theft of metal irrigation and electrical components throughout the City.

Superintendent Sealana thanked Commissioner Rivera for the donation of a number of palm trees for planting in the City.

Chairperson Boylan asked if "No Smoking" signs would be put up at the new parks in the City. Superintendent Sealana stated that the issue of "No Smoking" will be listed on the signs listing park rules at the new parks.

Commissioner Acosta commented on the height of the fence at Shorty Garcia Park and is concerned about balls going into the street. A project for the installation of a new higher fence will go on the list of Capital Projects that City Council will review in preparation for the next budget cycle. The possibility of changing the orientation of the field will also be reviewed.

C. Tree and Landscape Review Board

Superintendent Sealana reported that long time member of the Tree and Landscape Review Board, Eric Willyerd, has resigned from the Board.

D. Public Art Review Board

This item will be removed from the Agenda.

E. City Council Items Related to Park & Recreation

None

VII. COMMISSION MATTERS

A. Sports Center Report

Manager Stavosky reported that the sound issue at the Sports Center has been addressed and, hopefully, has been resolved.

B. Sports Advisory Committee

Commissioner Nichols reported that the next meeting will be the last Thursday of the month at the Sports Center.

C. Drigon Dog Park

This item was covered under Item IV, Oral Communications.

D. CPR Class for Sports League Coaches

There was nothing new to report on this item.

E. Adult Sport Leagues

Commissioner Nichols and Recreation Coordinator Maynard Estrellado are working on this project and the league will start in October or November for a 10-week season.

F. Future of Parks and Recreation in Union City

Commissioner Acosta would like to see a youth center in Union City. The Commission discussed the needs of youth and adults in the City. Commissioner Acosta asked that this issue be discussed at the next meeting of the Sports Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Curtin stated that non-sports activities need to be available for the youth in the City.

G. Video Game Design Presentation – Commissioner Everett Glenn

This item will be continued to the October meeting.

VIII. ITEM(S) REFERRED BY COUNCIL

None

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

X. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Fall Tour will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8th, and the dedication of the Daniel Camarillo Memorial Picnic Area will be held at the conclusion of the Fall Tour. The sites to be visited on the Fall Tour were discussed.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nichols made a motion seconded by Commissioner Acosta to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Edge, Secretary

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