

**Minutes  
CITY OF UNION CITY  
for the Regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting  
held at 7:00 p.m.  
on Wednesday, October 8, 2008  
in the Council Chambers  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Blvd.  
Union City, California**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** at 7:12 p.m.

*The following item was added to the agenda as an emergency item.*

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER BENJAMIN LIU**

New Commissioner Benjamin Liu was sworn in by Manager Jill Stavosky.

**II. ROLL CALL** - Commissioners Dave Acosta, Shawna Curtin, Steven Nichols, Daniel Rivera, Chairperson William Boylan and Commissioner Benjamin Liu (Alternate) were present. Commissioner Everett Glenn was excused. Commissioner Adam Lopez was excused. Staff in attendance: Director Tony Acosta, Manager Jill Stavosky, Public Works Grounds Supervisor Nelson Kirk and Secretary Rosemary Edge.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 10, 2008 Meeting**

Commissioner Rivera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Curtin, to approve the minutes as submitted. AYES – 6. The Minutes were approved.

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Gwen Dossey, Friends of Drigon Dog Park, reported on current fund raising activities at the dog park. \$17,600 has been raised to date. A website has been set up to sell items to help raise funds for lighting at the park: [www.theuncommongarden.com](http://www.theuncommongarden.com). A meeting was held on the issue of lighting at the dog park and there was no opposition from the community.

**V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Leisure Services Report**

Manager Stavosky reported on current activities including the annual Halloween Carnival, and Paddypalooza at Paddy's Coffee House.

**B. Public Works Report**

Public Works Grounds Supervisor Nelson Kirk reported on current projects including the Holly Tot Lot, new benches at the Mariner Greenbelt Trail System, new park signs at several parks throughout the City and *Make a Difference Day*.

**C. Tree and Landscape Review Board**

The Board has not met in recent months, but Commissioner Rivera suggested that it might be time for the Board to meet early in 2009 and to fill a vacancy on the Board.

**D. City Council Items Related to Park & Recreation**

Director Acosta reported on the City's current financial situation including budget cuts that have been necessary.

**VII. COMMISSION MATTERS**

**A. Sports Center Report**

Director Acosta reported that requests for proposals for public art for the Sports Center have been distributed throughout the East Bay.

**B. Sports Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Nichols reported on topics discussed at the September meeting including field use and use of the PAL building. Also, a request was put out asking for needs/desires from the community, both sports related needs and non-sports related needs.

**C. Drigon Dog Park**

This item was covered under Item IV, Oral Communications.

**D. CPR Class for Sports League Coaches**

This item will be carried over to future meeting.

**E. Adult Sport Leagues**

Commissioner Nichols reported that the football league is almost completely set up. It is hoped that all will be ready to put on the website the second week of November 2008.

**F. Future of Parks and Recreation in Union City**

Director Acosta reported that the Mayor and Council feel it may be time to compile an up-to-date master plan for the parks in the City.

**G. Video Game Design Presentation – Commissioner Everett Glenn**

This item will be carried over to a future meeting.

**VIII. ITEM(S) REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

There was nothing new to report on this item.

**IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**X. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Item D, CPR Class for Sports League Coaches, will be removed from the agenda.

Chairperson Boylan commented on the park bench at Pioneer Park.

**XI. ROTATION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Commissioner Nichols made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rivera to retain Chairperson Boylan in the position of Chairperson until January 2009.

This item will be continued to the November 2008 meeting.

**XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Rivera commented on the segment shown on KQED on earthquakes on the Hayward fault.

Commissioner Curtin thanked Commissioner Nichols for mentioning both sports and non-sports related events at the SAC meeting.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Nichols made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Acosta to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rosemary Edge, Secretary

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