

Minutes
CITY OF UNION CITY
for the Regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
held at 7:00 p.m.
on Wednesday, January 14, 2009
in the Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Blvd.
Union City, California

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL - Commissioners Dave Acosta, Benjamin Liu, Adam Lopez III, Steven Nichols and Daniel Rivera were present. Commissioner Shawna Curtin and Chairperson William Boylan were excused. Staff in attendance: Director Tony Acosta, Manager Jill Stavosky, Superintendent Richard Sealana and Secretary Rosemary Edge.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 12, 2008 Meeting

Commissioner Acosta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Liu to approve the minutes as submitted. AYES – 5. The Minutes were approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Leisure Services Report

Manager Stavosky reported on upcoming events including the Spring Egg Hunt, Photo Contest and the Teen Idol Contest.

B. Public Works Report

Superintendent Sealana reported on current projects including the Kennedy Playground Project and the Willow Park Project. These two projects are being partially funded with grant funds. Other projects include Union City Blvd. landscaping, creek trail work at William Cann Park (utilizing volunteers), and projects utilizing work furlough crews.

C. Tree and Landscape Review Board

Superintendent Sealana reported that two representatives from the Park and Recreation Commission are needed to serve on the Tree and Landscape Review Board. This item will be discussed at the February 2009 meeting.

D. City Council Items Related to Park & Recreation

Director Acosta reported on the public art installation at the Sports Center.

VII. COMMISSION MATTERS

A. Sports Center Report

Director Acosta reported on the possibility of installing a lap pool at the sports center. Director Acosta reported on the installation of a telecommunications pole behind the sports center.

B. Sports Advisory Committee

Commissioner Nichols reported on topics discussed at the December 2008 meeting including involvement in the Union City 50th celebration.

C. Drigon Dog Park

Patricia Yee, Fremont resident, reported on fund raising activities at the dog park. Ms. Yee gave an update on projects at the park including tree plantings, a water fountain and possible types of lighting for the park. Calendars and cookbooks are also available for sale; proceeds will pay for lighting for the park. Several requests were made including an announcement board and lighting in the auxiliary area.

D. Adult Sport Leagues

Commissioner Nichols reported that Flag Football began in January 2009. Other adult activities will be addressed in the coming months.

E. Future of Parks and Recreation in Union City

Various topics were discussed including additional fields, a boxing ring and the Police Activities League – PAL.

F. Community Talent Show

Commissioner Liu suggested having the talent show on a smaller scale due to multiple activities planned in 2009 surrounding the various 50th celebrations. This item will be brought back at a future meeting.

G. Establishment of Non-Profit Group/Fundraising

Commissioner Nichols reported on the discussion at a recent meeting on establishing a Union City Park and Recreation non-profit group and also possibly coming together with Centro de Servicios, utilizing their 501© 3 status.

H. Discussion of EBRPD Bond Funds

Director Acosta reported that Measure WW passed in November 2008. This is an East Bay Regional Bond Measure and part of that measure is a parcel tax that raised \$125 million and Union City's share is \$3,354,000. These funds can be used for acquisition, development or renovation of any park or recreational facility. The funds cannot be used for libraries, streets, highways, park master plans or staffing. To obtain the funds, the City

Council must adopt a resolution which we will ask them to do in either January or February 2009 stating that we would like the funds. Grant applications must be submitted in February or March of a given year for a specific project. The application must be approved before we would be eligible to receive funds. Director Acosta asked the Commission to consider three possibilities for the use of these funds: 1) acquisition of land; 2) should the City build something new or renovate something already owned by the City; or, 3) shall the City select one big project or several smaller projects. There was some discussion of possible uses for these funds. This item will be kept on the agenda for the February 2009 Commission meeting.

VIII. ITEM(S) REFERRED BY COUNCIL

None

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

X. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Add Union City 50th Anniversary Update

XI. ROTATION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Commissioner Steve Nichols assumed the role of Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Commission for the year 2009.

XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Director Acosta reported on the December 31, 2008 celebrations for the City's 50th Anniversary. The next event will be held on January 26th and will be a re-enactment of the City's first Council meeting. There will also be events in February, March and throughout the year.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Acosta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rivera to adjourn the meeting. AYES – 5. The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Edge, Secretary

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