

**Minutes  
CITY OF UNION CITY  
for the Regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting  
held at 7:00 p.m.  
on Wednesday, March 11, 2009  
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, William Boylan, Shawna Curtin, Benjamin Liu, and Naresh Singhal were present. Commissioner Daniel Rivera and Chairperson Steven Nichols were excused. Commissioner Adam Lopez III was absent. Staff in attendance: Manager Jill Stavosky, Superintendent Richard Sealana and Secretary Rosemary Edge.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 18, 2009 Meeting**

Commissioner Curtin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Boylan commented on the brevity of his comments about the Sports Center in the minutes of the February 18, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Boylan's comments were about "how well the classes at the Sports Center are being received and that much of the popularity of the classes was due to the personality of the instructors". Commissioner Acosta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Boylan to approve the minutes. 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 current events including the new Leisure Services Activity Guide, Early Bird Camp Sign-up Night, the Annual Spring Egg Hunt and Children's Carnival.

**B. Public Works Report**

Superintendent Sealana reported on current projects in the Public Works Dept. including the Kennedy playground project, the Willow Park project, the Alvarado-Niles Blvd. median project, City park signage and Accinnelli and Seabreeze Park field maintenance. Superintendent Sealana asked those watching to report any water waste that is observed throughout the City.

**C. Tree and Landscape Review Board**

Superintendent Sealana reminded the Commission that three new members are needed to serve on the Tree and Landscape Review Board.

**D. City Council Items Related to Park & Recreation (Measure WW)**

Director Acosta reported on Measure WW, a \$3,354,000 allocation from the State and reminded the Commission that feedback is needed from the Commission regarding project priorities. Possible projects include future use of the former site of the Alameda Creek stables with possibly a second community garden, a second day camp area, lap swimming pool at the Sports Center and tennis court resurfacing.

Director Acosta gave a report on the current budget situation in the City.

Commissioner Boylan had a few suggestions for projects for the use of these funds: a dog park on the West side of town and other passive parks/areas on the West side of town.

Director Acosta encouraged the Commissioners to attend the budget workshops that will be held in June 2009.

A meeting may be held to discuss possible projects for the use of the Measure WW funds.

Director Acosta encouraged the Commissioners to e-mail him with suggestions for the use of these funds.

**VII. COMMISSION MATTERS**

**A. Sports Center Report**

Director Acosta reported that the event celebrating the first anniversary of the Sports Center was a success. Membership at the Sports Center has declined slightly. Director Acosta discussed membership groups and the purchase of display systems for public art as well as other budget issues surrounding the Sports Center.

Commissioner Boylan commented on the lack of parking at the Sports Center.

**B. Sports Advisory Committee**

This item will be continued to a future meeting.

**C. Drigon Dog Park**

Superintendent Sealana reported that City Council received the formal donation of \$17,000 at the Council meeting of March 10, 2009, for the installation of lighting at the dog park. The lights have been ordered and it is hoped to begin installation in six to eight weeks.

**D. Adult Sport Leagues**

The leagues went very well and will be continuing next session.

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

This item will be continued to a future meeting.

**F. Establishment of Non-Profit Group/Fundraising**

This item will be continued to a future meeting.

**G. Discussion of EBRPD Bond Funds**

This item was covered above under Staff Reports, Item D, City Council Items Related to Park and Recreation (Measure WW).

**H. Union City 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update**

Director Acosta reported that an upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event will include a parade on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Additional information can be found at [www.unioncity50.com](http://www.unioncity50.com).

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

None

**IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**X. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Measure WW will be added to the April 2009 agenda.

**XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Manager Stavosky reported that Union City Leisure Services applied for several awards from the California Park and Recreation Society. Items that received awards are: the Summer Concert Series Poster and the Flight 93 Memorial at the corner of Smith Street and Dyer Road.

Director Acosta reported that there will be new signage for the Flight 93 Memorial.

Manager Stavosky suggested having the ribbon cutting events for the lights at the Dog Park and the also for the Kennedy playground at the next Park and Recreation Commission Tour, possibly in May 2009.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Acosta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Singhal to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

