

**Minutes
CITY OF UNION CITY
for the Regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
held at 7:00 p.m.
on Wednesday, April 8, 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, Adam Lopez III, Daniel Rivera and Chairperson Steven Nichols were present. Staff in attendance: Manager Jill Stavosky, Superintendent Rick Sealana and Secretary Rosemary Edge.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 11, 2009 Meeting

Commissioner Boylan made a motion seconded by Commissioner Acosta to approve the Minutes as submitted. AYES – 7. 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 Annual Egg Hunt and Carnival.

B. Public Works Report

Superintendent Sealana reported on current projects including work on the well at William Cann Park and work on the Kennedy Park playground. A portion of the funds used on the Kennedy Park project came from a grant from StopWaste.org. Work also continues at Veterans Memorial Park and Casa Verde Park. New park signs are being installed at several parks in the City. Volunteers have been used for some of these projects. Other current projects include new lighting at Kennedy Park, new bus stop benches, new bike racks for several locations and upcoming Earth Day events.

C. Tree and Landscape Review Board

Superintendent Sealana reported that there are still two vacancies on the Tree and Landscape Review Board. An item may be placed on the May Park and Recreation Commission Agenda for review. Commissioners Curtin and Boylan and Chairperson Nichols volunteered to attend a meeting of the Tree and Landscape Review Board on a one-time basis.

D. City Council Items Related to Park & Recreation

Manager Stavosky reported that UCLS was awarded two grants in recent months – one from Kaiser Permanente for the Parent Project and another grant was received from the State of California for CalGRIP, which is a group concerned with youth violence prevention.

VII. COMMISSION MATTERS

A. Sports Center Report

Superintendent Sealana reported on the new cell phone tower that has been installed behind the Sports Center.

B. Sports Advisory Committee

Chairperson Nichols reported on topics discussed at the recent Sports Advisory Committee meeting including field issues.

C. Drigon Dog Park

The Drigon Dog Park folks will attend the carnival that will be in conjunction with the Annual Egg Hunt. There was some discussion about the type of lighting and funding for lighting at the dog park.

D. Adult Sport Leagues

Chairperson Nichols reported that the adult leagues have been very successful and more leagues may be created for the Spring season in 2009.

E. Future of Parks and Recreation in Union City

Commissioner Acosta suggested possible projects for the future include a BMX park, bocce ball courts, lighting at Accinelli Park and artificial turf at Town Estates Park.

F. Establishment of Non-Profit Group/Fundraising

This item will be continued to future meeting.

G. Measure WW

Commissioner Curtin spoke about the issue of security in City parks.

Elizabeth Ames, 33045 Palmetto Drive, Union City, talked about preservation of open space in the Union City hills. Ms. Ames encouraged cooperation with the Park District to enhance and expand the trail system and build an amphitheater.

H. Union City 50th Anniversary Update

Manager Stavosky reported that the Union City 50th Anniversary parade will be held on May 16th.

VIII. ITEM(S) REFERRED BY COUNCIL

None

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

X. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A park tour in June 2009 was discussed. This item will be placed on June 2009 agenda. Prior to the May meeting the Commission will meet at the Kennedy Park playground at 6:15 p.m., May 13th to view the new playground equipment.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Boylan was disappointed recently to learn that the visitors' center at the Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge is being turned into office space.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Acosta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Curtin to adjourn the meeting. AYES – 7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Edge, Secretary

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