

**Minutes
CITY OF UNION CITY
for the Regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
held at 7:00 p.m.
on Wednesday, July 8, 2009
in the Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Blvd.
Union City, California**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 7:01P.M.

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 10, 2009 Meeting

Commissioner Liu made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Acosta. AYES – 7.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minute Limit)

Dianne Gates-Anderson, Human Relations Commissioner, invited the Park & Recreation Commissioners to the “Gathering in the Park” event on Saturday July 18. The event is free and the commissioners were invited to participate. The event also needs volunteers and anyone interested in volunteering can visit the City website for more information.

Mr. Khan, Union City resident, spoke about Willow Park, and would like to see dogs leashed or possibly no dogs allowed at the park and “no dogs allowed” signs posted. Chairperson Nichols recommended that this issue be addressed to the City Council and also have Public Works check out a loose part on the play equipment at the Park that was also mentioned. This item will be placed on the September 2009 agenda.

IV. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Leisure Services Report

Manager Stavosky reported on current activities including the “Gathering in the Park” event in celebration of the City’s 50th Anniversary on Saturday July 18 at Kennedy Park. This is a fundraiser which will include live bands, vendor booths, food and kid activities. There will be a Carnival on August 5 at Old Alvarado/Cesar Chavez Park.

B. Public Works Report

Superintendent Sealana reported on the City cutbacks in landscaping, and the use of volunteers for weeding, maintaining landscaping, and conserving water throughout the

City. Volunteers will assist at Drigon Dog Park to install lights. Overlay projects are in process for streets.

Public Works Report (continued)

The Alameda County Fair started July 1 and continues until July 19. Superintendent Sealana has discount tickets for anyone interested in attending.

C. Tree and Landscape Review Board

None.

D. City Council Items Related to Park & Recreation

Director Tony Acosta reported that budget cuts are being implemented in Leisure Services; however the Library hours on Fridays will not be cut as proposed. The Special Needs Program will have severe cuts and the COPPS program is not fully funded. The City is waiting to see what the State does in regards to withholding funds from Cities. The City requested funding and was asked to justify the request. Confirmation should be received within a few weeks.

VI. COMMISSION MATTERS

A. Sports Center Report

Director Tony Acosta reported that the City Council would like a Sports Center report. Although membership has not declined much, members are choosing to pay for a quarter or month by month instead of annually.

B. Sports Advisory Committee

Chairperson Nichols reported that park permits were handed out to youth groups.

C. Drigon Dog Park

New lighting will be installed soon; there are no major problems with dogs or owners. Also fundraising for the Park continues.

D. Adult Sport Leagues

Chairperson Nichols reported that the adult leagues for basketball, kickball and flag football will begin soon.

E. Future of Parks and Recreation in Union City – Measure WW

The Commission discussed the expansion of the Sports Center with aquatic equipment possibly a therapeutic or lap pool. This topic is being evaluated with input from the Commission and the public. There is concern about space and if the neighboring Homeowners Association would lease the City space. The City Council will discuss this in either late August or early September.

Commissioner Adam Lopez III left at 8:00PM

F. Establishment of Non-Profit Group/Fundraising

None.

G. Union City 50th Anniversary Update

Director Tony Acosta spoke about the “Gathering at the Park” event on July 18 from 10:00AM-6:00PM at Kennedy Park featuring a health fair, booths for kids, and live bands.

H. Park Tour Recap

Director Tony Acosta commended the Public Works Department for a job well done with the Kennedy Park Playground opening in June.

I. Possible Cancellation of August 2009 Commission Meeting

Commissioner Acosta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rivera to have a work session in place of the regular August meeting. The topic for discussion: Measure WW.

VII. ITEM(S) REFERRED BY COUNCIL

None.

VIII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (5 Minute Limit)

None.

IX. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

September Agenda: Dogs in City Parks

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Director Tony Acosta and the Commissioners appreciatively thanked Commissioner Shawna Curtin (resigning) and Rosemary Edge (retiring) for the years of service and wished both the best in the future.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.