

**Minutes
CITY OF UNION CITY
for the Regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
held at 7:00 p.m.
on Wednesday, June 11, 2008
in the Council Chambers
31224 Union City Blvd.
Union City, California**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 7:00 p.m.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 2008 Meeting

Chairperson Boylan commented on Item VI, D, regarding the Public Art Review Board (PARB) and requested that his comments be included in the minutes. Chairperson Boylan thanked the Commission for appointing him as its representative on the Public Art Review Board and said that he believed that the Commission made the right decision in granting the appeal for the Bruce Stanton sculpture at the Alvarado Blvd. Starbuck's even though the decision seems to have been the catalyst for the changes for the PARB.

Chairperson Boylan made a motion that the above comments be included in the minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Acosta. AYES – 5.

Commissioner Acosta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, to approve the minutes as amended. 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 beginning of Summer programming, the Sharing the Arts show at Paddy's Coffee House, the Special Needs Fitness Expo and the 1st Annual Family Camp Out.

B. Public Works Report

Superintendent Sealana reported on current projects including the re-surfacing of playlots in the City, work on the Kennedy Park picnic sites and Union City Blvd. landscaping. Superintendent Sealana reported that the City received a "Bay Friendly" award for the work at Willow

Park. The award is for the conservation and sustainability that have been worked into the design of the park. The City has also won an award for water conservation efforts throughout the City. Other current projects include the Holly Center Tot Time playground, weed elimination, obtaining fuel efficient City vehicles and using "green" janitorial materials. There are also several volunteer projects to perform some planting and invasive ivy elimination throughout the City. Superintendent Sealana also reported on rules surrounding the upcoming 4th of July holiday.

Chairperson Boylan asked if "No Smoking" signs would be placed at Dry Creek Park and at other newer parks in the City. Superintendent Sealana reported that high priority parks and new parks would be receiving "No Smoking" signs. Chairperson Boylan also asked about watering schedules associated with the 4th of July.

Commissioner Curtin is concerned about the safety of the slides at Kennedy Park. Superintendent Sealana stated that this issue would be addressed very soon.

Commissioner Acosta asked about the height of the fencing at Shorty Garcia Park.

C. Tree and Landscape Review Board

There is nothing new to report on this item.

D. Public Art Review Board

Director Acosta reported that the Public Art Review Board is still in existence. A meeting will be held the 3rd week of June 2008. Two art projects will be discussed. Director Acosta advised Chairperson Boylan that he is still a member of the Public Art Review Board and does not feel that he has been given fair treatment or respect by the other Board members. Director Acosta reviewed some future changes relating to public art in the City.

E. City Council Items Related to Park & Recreation

Director Acosta reported on the current budget situation in the City and also discussed other construction projects including the Intermodal Project.

VII. COMMISSION MATTERS

A. Sports Center Report

Director Acosta reported on the current financial situation at the Sports Center and also gave an update on the sound issue.

B. Sports Advisory Committee

This group meet will meet on June 12, 2008.

C. Drigon Dog Park

The Friends of Drigon Dog Park continues to raise funds to provide lighting at the park.

D. CPR Class for Sports League Coaches

This item will be continued to a future meeting.

E. Spring Tour Recap

The Spring Tour was held on May 14th and it worked well to hold the tour on the same evening as a Commission meeting.

F. Adult Sport Leagues

Commissioner Nichols reported that this item is being worked on. It is hoped that an Adult Flag Football League will be up and running by Spring 2009.

G. Video Game Design

This item will be continued to a future meeting.

VIII. ITEM(S) REFERRED BY COUNCIL

Director Acosta reported that City Council approved a special work session with the Human Relations Commission on July 1st to continue the discussion on Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention.

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

X. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Rivera suggested that the Commission invite Anita Rivera, the winner of the Park and Recreation Commission Daniel Camarillo Memorial Scholarship, to the July Commission meeting.

Commissioner Acosta suggested the sharing of thoughts for future Park and Recreation projects in the City.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Director Acosta announced that there will be a fund raiser for the 50th Anniversary on Sunday, August 17th, in the form of a baseball game. The game is the A's vs. the Chicago White Sox. This event will be a tailgate party hosted by Texas Roadhouse.

Superintendent Sealana invited all the Commissioners to attend the Alameda County Fair beginning on Friday, June 20th and running through July 6th.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Acosta made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Edge, Secretary

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