

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - meeting began at 7:05P.M.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - Commissioners Dave Acosta, William Boylan, Benjamin Liu, Adam Lopez III, Daniel Rivera, Chairperson Steven Nichols and Commissioner Naresh Singhal (Alternate)
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –September 9, 2009 Meeting**

Commissioner Boylan stated that he would like to see in the future the minutes reflected with more comments that Commissioners contribute to the meetings and not just written as general statements. Commissioner Boylan moved that the minutes be approved and Chairperson Nichols seconded the motion.

- IV. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minute Limit)**

Bruce Stanley, resident of Union City passed a hand out to the Commissioners. He is interested in landscaping the Dog Park by either improving or reseeding the turf. His company “Go Green” would like to do a presentation for a Park & Recreation Commission meeting in the future.

- V. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

- VI. **STAFF REPORTS**

- A. **Leisure Services Report – Jill Stavosky**

The public is invited to attend the “5th Annual Paddy Palooza’s” free musical event on Saturday October 17 from 4:00P.M.-7:00P.M. at Paddy’s Coffee House featuring live bands, an art gallery and arts and crafts for sale.

On Saturday October 31 the Leisure Services will present the “Annual Halloween Festival” at Holly Center from 2:00P.M.-4:30P.M. There will be a “haunted house”, games and treats. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

- B. **Public Works Report – Tammy Accinelli**

Public Works Management Analyst Tammy Accinelli reported on projects in process and projects completed: Alvarado Blvd landscaping project is 88% completed; Union City Blvd. landscape improvements between Jean and Regents Streets are 90% completed; solar lighting design for Kennedy Park walkways are 95% completed; security lighting was installed at Veterans Memorial to help illuminate dark areas and the bathrooms are still being repaired; Short Garcia Soccer field lighting was repaired along with the lawn work at baseball fields at Hall Ranch Field and Sea Breeze Park.

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Union City will conduct its fourteenth "Make a Difference Day" on Saturday October 24 from 9:00A.M. – 12:00P.M. Volunteers will be removing weeds, and spreading wood chips at Decoto Plaza Park; landscaping the front entrance into City Hall with shrubs and vines; removing ivy off the creek trees at William Cann Memorial Park and Holly Community Center; and removing graffiti from the Sugar Mill Landing Park. The Mayor and the City Council will be volunteering. The Commissioners and the public are also invited to volunteer. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the Public Works Department Administrative Assistants Pam Abeyta and Nancy Lathung at City Hall.

**C. Tree and Landscape Review Board**

None.

**D. City Council Items Related to Park & Recreation**

The Union City Soccer League attended the October 13 City Council meeting to voice their concerns about the fields and permits. The City Council directed the City staff to meet with the League to assess the issues. Chairperson Nichols will work with the City and the public to assist in rectifying some issues.

**VII. COMMISSION MATTERS**

**A. Sports Center Report- Jill Stavosky**

Manager Stavosky reported on some problems at the Sports Center: there are leaks in some of the Sports Center rooms, not necessarily from the roof, but probably being caused by weather stripping on the doors not being effective when there are winds. Public Works will be asked to check on this. Membership remains stable.

Commissioner Boylan suggested and commented on: that the names of the artists (art on Sports Center walls) be lowered to eye level so that they can be read; and that the exercise room does not have any cubbies for clothes, and personal belongings and are often left on the hall benches or floor, which is a safety/tripping and theft hazard.

**B. Sports Advisory Committee**

The Sports Advisory Committee will meet next month.

**C. Drigon Dog Park**

None.

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**D. Adult Sport Leagues**

Basketball at the Sports Center is doing well, however Football was cancelled due to wet fields and not enough teams.

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

A Commissioner asked about the possibility of having a swimming pool at the Sports Center. A report has been submitted to the City Council however they have not taken any action on this yet.

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

None.

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

The final 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event will be the New Years Gala at the Crowne Plaza.

**H. Discuss Rescheduling November Park & Recreation Meeting from November 11, Holiday to Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup>**

Chairperson Nichols agreed to move the November 11 meeting, Veteran's Day holiday, to the following Wednesday November 18; all the Commissioners approved.

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

None.

**IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (5 Minute Limit)**

None.

**X. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Commissioner Acosta asked to add the Skate Park
- Chairperson Nichols asked to add raising the fees for (2) fields; Short Garcia and Accinelli Park

**XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioners Boylan and Acosta both said that the JLHS Concert and Fireworks Event was well attended and very much enjoyed by both.

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Commissioner Rivera reported on the following City projects and recognized the excellent maintenance that the Public Works staff is providing on these projects:

Flight 93 Memorial: Bill Bontadelli and Jerry Anderson

Kennedy Park – Union City 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration: Domingo Alcon, Gene Gordillo, and Frank Morales

Alvarado Niles, Union City Blvd, and Mission Blvd: Ken Furman, Thomas Lara, Art Diosdado Jr., Luis Diosdado, and Jesse Moreno

Weed Abatement Program/Green Waste Tractor Duties: Chuck Bales

Tree Crew Work: Robert Vera, Jesus Banuelos, and Julio Duran

Mowing Parks, Medians and Back up Lots: Glen Vargas and Ian Cummins

Sport Field Maintenance: Alex Quintero and Matt Bauchou

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53P.M. The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 18, 2009.