

**BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 17, 2013 – 4:30 P.M.**

**City Hall**  
**818 E. Edison Ave., Sunnyside, WA 98944**

**REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dorothy Aiken at 4:32 PM.

Present: Chairperson Dorothy Aiken, Board Member Robert Sarmiento, Board Member Robert Van Horn, Board Member Trish Combs, Board Member Jackie Kranz, Board Member Teresa Juarez  
Staff Present: Shane Fisher  
Others present: Tony Hidalgo-SASA, Laura-DSN

**1. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approve minutes from 3/20/13 – Minutes were approved**

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA:**

**A. Recreation Program Update-Trish**

- Tony Hidalgo said SASA has signed up 42 soccer teams ages 4-12, as well as 12-16 year olds. But there are not enough soccer fields for all the kids to play. Need to find a way to work out something with the school district. They are receiving a lot of calls for park reservations. Closed downtown for the talent show...it was good.
- Trish said there is so much going on and they really need the part time person hired for the Community Center. She was told it would be posted April 1<sup>st</sup> by Anna. Need to make sure all rental forms are current and will be handed out by the new person.
- Shane said there has to be council approval if we are to change fees.
- Dorothy asks if Mattawa should be sending teams here to play?
- Trish answered, "she thought all teams travel".
- Dorothy replied, "no one ever traveled in parks & rec before".
- Shane said we already have trouble finding fields for our local teams.
- Tony said he is getting lots of calls for soccer because people are saying good things.
- Dorothy thinks we should just say "no"
- Tony said it's about the kids.
- Dorothy said we are not on same page.
- Shane said if we are struggling to find fields, how are we going to handle this?
- Trish said this is exciting for all the teams and we need to figure out how to make it work. Problem is not the fields, it's the community.
- Bob S. asks if softball is through parks and rec? said they just rent fields.
- Dorothy said she isn't against outside teams, but thinks we should charge more for outside kids, just like we do in swimming. Check with the attorneys.
- Shane said they will tell us it's up to us how many kids we have.
- Trish said the schools are willing to work with us.
- The field in front of the police station needs work.
- Trish said we need to educate our youth and parents to pickup after games and respect the parks.
- Dorothy said we are trying to help people with limited resources.
- Tony asks why we don't all work together instead of reject people from coming here.
- Valery?...No one is saying "no", just need a place to put them to play.
- Trish said it would be nice if everyone could come help out.
- Dorothy said we've showed spirit before.
- Bob S. said he has volunteered for many years.
- Trish said this is a new venue for parks and rec and we need to keep it going.
- Dorothy said she has helped out at the pool...done my share.
- Trish said she is concerned about the pool.
- Shane said the City is running the pool, not SASA.

- Dorothy said we should start selling passes on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-12.
- Shane said the City is trying to find someone to manage the pool...WSI.
- Shane said a flyer would be sent out on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from Anna to inform the public of the fees and times.

#### **B. Playground Discussion-Shane**

- Shane said the flyer regarding upland park or don Hughes park was not sent from City Hall/Staff and was not correct information...and illegally placed in mailboxes.
- We are trying to budget for more park equipment upgrades this year fro next year.
- Softball fields are automated now and we will continue to automate the rest of sunnyview park over the next couple of years.
- Trish asked about a hose bib at the picnic area at southhill park. I said there was one on the south side of the slab.
- Teresa asked if the position at the CC was part time or full time...trish ansewered- part time.
- Teresa asked if the fees for the rental of conference room was the same? Is good place for meetings. Trish said non profit is less of a fee.
- Bob S. announced his Ccinco de mayo tournament and wanted to know who he makes the check out to. Trish answered to SASA. Need garbage cans for tourney.
- Jacqueline asked if parks and rec could help with Hershey fun run? Trish said yes definitely.
- Bob S. asked if SASA would be interested in doing concessions? Trish said there will be 3 vendors, including 1 coach to sell stuff to raise money for teams.
- Shane asked, how do we choose vendors to come sell? Trish said they will monitor vendors and issue passes saying they have paid and is there turn to sell. Need to make sure vendors are cleaning up after themselves.
- Bob S. asked is SASA is parks and rec or is parks and rec SASA? Trish ansewered that SASA is just trying to keep the community center open and help run the recreation programs. SASA would report to me and I would report to the P&R board.
- Trish says an indoor facility is is the goal. SASA can apply for different grants because it is non profit. She is impressed with how much they have grown in such a short time.
- Tony says there will be a free golf clinic fro kids on May 4 at Blackrock.
- Shane said we would like to open the pool on June 8<sup>th</sup>, but would like to discuss with park and rec board. Board would like to open pool on june 15 and close it on august 25.

#### **3. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- None

#### **4. ITEMS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

#### **5. NEXT MEETING – May 15, 2013 @ 4:30pm**

**6. ADJORN – With there being no further items to discuss, motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> received to adjourn the meeting; meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

---

Shane Fisher  
Public Works Superintendent