

**BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
November 2, 2011 – 5:00 P.M.

Sunnyside City Hall  
818 E. Edison Avenue, Sunnyside, Washington

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Zapata called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairperson Zapata, Commissioner Sarmiento and Commissioner Aiken.

Absent: Doug Rogers, Pat Maynard, Danielle Kranz

Staff Present: Byron Olson, Shane Fisher and Pam Sandifer.

Also Present: Jennie McGhan, Daily Sun News

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. MINUTES**

Commissioner Sarmiento made a motion to approve the September 21, 2011 Minutes; seconded by Commissioner Aiken. Chairperson Zapata called for a vote and the motion unanimously passed.

**5. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**a. Comprehensive Plan Review**

It was discussed to extend the pathway along Yakima Valley Highway out to the West Sunnyside Business Park and then to be able to extend it to Granger.

b. Playground Status

Shane explained that he had received one bid. He was going to meet with another contractor to review the project. Shane said if the bids were good responsive bids, they the project would be awarded.

Jennie McGhan asked why the City doesn't look to volunteers to install the equipment. Shane said he would look into that. Chairperson Zapata asked if the City would look into any grant funding that would be available. Commissioner Aiken suggested checking into Legends Casino to see if there was any money available from them.

c. Parks and Recreation Programs Discussion

Chairperson Zapata explained that she had talked to Councilmember Farmer regarding the status of the Parks and Recreation Department. It was his suggestion that the City could contract with individuals to run programs, i.e. soccer, football, volleyball, softball, etc. and that the City could pay the individuals to run a four or six week program. Commissioner Aiken suggested to start with one or two programs and see how that worked and then move on from there. Commissioner Aiken asked about how that would work with insurance. Byron indicated that the City has insurance that would cover liability. It was also discussed that all volunteers would have to have background checks.

Commissioner Sarmiento asked if the City would maintain the fields. Shane said that he would check into that and get back to the Commission. Both Commissioner Sarmiento and Commission Aiken were in favor of Chairperson Zapata pursuing this with the City Council and other organizations.

d. Contact information for Board Members

Each Commission member present provided contact information.

e. Parks and Recreation Fees

Shane gave the Commission the information that he had been able to obtain to date. He said that he would be able to give them a better comparison at the next meeting.

**6. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

None

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular scheduled meeting is November 30, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairperson Zapata adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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PAM SANDIFER, Administrative Assistant