

**BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 12, 2011 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Sunnyside Community Center  
1501 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Sunnyside, Washington**

**REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Dorothy Aiken at 4:28 PM.

Present: Dorothy Aiken, Robert Sarmiento, Ayla Schmick, Kari Zapata, Pat Maynard

Absent: Doug Rogers

Staff Present: Byron Olson, Delilah Cyr

**1. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Minutes**

- I. Approve minutes of the November 10, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

**Ms. Aiken asked members if there were any changes they would like made to the minutes; with no changes to be made, the minutes were approved as presented.**

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA:**

**A. Review Comprehensive Plan for Parks & Recreation – Jamey Ayling**

**Mr. Ayling was not present, therefore no presentation was made.**

**B. Park Facilities Updates**

**Neither Shane Fisher nor Mitch Ziegler were present, therefore no presentation was made.**

**C. 2011 Budget Discussion**

**Byron Olson briefed the Commissioners on what items City Council approved for the 2011 – 2012 budget. Some of the major items include:**

- \$10,000 – Improvements to the infields at Sunnyview Park**
- \$30,000 – Playground at Central Park for children five (5) and under**
- \$30,000 – Recreation Program amenities**
- \$10,000 – Summer playground activities (focus group – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Would like to partner with the Sunnyside School District to keep the Community Center open and not involve Sunnyside's Promise.**

**Dr. Richard Cole, Superintendent for Sunnyside School District, made clarification at the February 16, 2011 meeting regarding the above statement.**

**Ms. Aiken stated she would like activities such as team sports available for children in 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades and would also like to hire a Park & Recreation Director. She stated the Daily Sun News indicated the city would be adding a park to the community. Mr. Olson stated there was a misunderstanding and it was an additional playground, not an additional park.**

**Ms. Aiken asked for a motion to hire a Park & Recreation Director. Ms. Zapata motioned and Mr. Sarmiento seconded to hire a Park & Recreation Director. Four of the five members present voted for the director while Ms. Maynard stated she would like more information prior to making a vote.**

Commissioners then asked what Park Districting was. Mr. Olson provided a handout and reviewed the purpose, method of creation, governing authority and taxing authority of a park district.

If Commissioners are in favor of Park Districting, staff will have to move on this quickly in order to get this on the ballot for Fall 2011, then funds would be received in 2012. If this is approved, City plans to continue spending the amount currently budgeted for park maintenance and would like to use the funds received from the districting to provide staffing and activities for the citizens of Sunnyside.

Mr. Olson stated he will request to have the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and City Manager present at the next meeting to discuss the Park Districting in further detail.

Ms. Zapata stated she feels there is a lack of communication between the Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners and other departments. She feels as though items are coming to the board "after the fact". She would like to stream line things so they come to them first, then their recommendation is forwarded to City Staff or City Council.

Ms. Aiken asked if the pool would remain open for ten weeks. Mr. Olson replied the pool will remain open the same amount of weeks as it was for the 2010 season and the City will be working with the school district's schedule to ensure there are sufficient lifeguards available when the pool opens.

3. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Maynard requested the floor at the Senior Citizen center be replaced due to some of the tiles flipping up and the potential for a slip or fall. She also was pleased to announce the water fountain had been repaired as well as the flag pole.

4. ITEMS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

none

5. NEXT MEETING

Discuss items for discussion at the next Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Committee decided to hold the next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 4:30 PM at City Hall. Mr. Olson will request Mayor, Deputy Mayor and City Manager to attend this meeting. If Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor cannot make the meeting, two other council members will be requested to attend in their place.

6. ADJOURN

With there being no further items to discuss, motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> received to adjourn the meeting; meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Delilah Cyr,  
Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk