

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2011 – 4:30 P.M.

**Sunnyside Community Center
1501 S. 1st Street, Sunnyside, Washington**

REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Dorothy Aiken at 4:30 PM.

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

Absent: Doug Rogers, Ayla Schmick

Staff Present: Mark Gervasi, Byron Olson, Delilah Cyr, Mitch Ziegler, Shane Fisher

Others present: Deputy Mayor Paulakis, Dr. Richard Cole, Cory Russell

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes

- I. Approve minutes of the January 12, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Ms. Aiken asked members if there were any changes they would like made to the minutes. Dr. Cole stated he was attending the meeting to represent the school district and wanted to clarify the sentence, “Would like to partner with the Sunnyside School District to keep the Community Center open and not involve Sunnyside’s Promise.” Dr. Cole wanted to clarify what was meant by the term partnering. The Sunnyside School District would partner with the City of Sunnyside to rent out the Community Center if there was no one running the Community Center (such as Sunnyside’s Promise). In turn, the City would allow the School District to use the facility for programs that do not have space such as AAU. There would be no creation of programs, only rentals.

Ms. Zapata asked Dr. Cole if the School District would interfere if Parks & Recreation were to open up again. City Manager Gervasi stated the City would enter into an Interlocal Agency Agreement (ILA) with the School District and if changes needed to be made (due to Parks & Recreation opening up) the ILA would be modified.

With clarification made to the minutes, the minutes were approved.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Election of Officers for 2011

- I. President (Chair)
- II. Vice President (Vice-Chair)

Ms. Maynard nominated Ms. Zapata stating Ms. Aiken had done a great job, but felt someone younger should be in the position.

Mr. Sarmiento nominated Ms. Aiken.

With only four members present, and what would be a split vote, Ms. Aiken tabled the item until next meeting in hopes the two absent members would be present to vote.

- B. Review Chapter 2.50 of SMC – Deputy Mayor Paulakis

Copies of the newly passed Ordinance 2011 – 03 in which Chapter 2.50 of the SMC was adopted were available for all members to review. Deputy Mayor Paulakis reviewed the new Chapter with all members present stating this new Chapter was created in order to make all of the Advisory Boards follow the same guidelines. While reviewing the Chapter, it was found there were errors referencing various sections. Those corrections will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

C. Park Districting Discussion – Byron Olson

Mr. Olson provided a handout and reviewed the purpose, method of creation, governing authority and taxing authority of a park district.

Ms. Aiken and Mr. Sarmiento voiced they would like to move forward on this. City Manager Gervasi stated he would request to have this included on the April 4th Workshop agenda and requested Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners to attend meeting.

Ms. Zapata asked how long things needed to be in place in order to be on the ballot. Mr. Olson stated it would need Council approval 45 days prior to being on the ballot.

City Manager Gervasi reminded those present there is a lot of homework to do on this issue such as determining the district, budget, etc. Again, reminded members this issue would be up for discussion/review at the April 4th Workshop at 6:30 at the Law & Justice Center and the presence of all members was encouraged.

D. Review Comprehensive Plan for Parks & Recreation – Jamey Ayling

Mr. Fisher informed members the City is in the process of working on a survey which will be sent in all of the utility bills which included what the citizens would like to see in their Parks & Recreation system. The City needs an adopted plan in order to be eligible and receive grant funding for various projects within the parks.

E. Park Facilities Updates – Shane Fisher/Mitch Ziegler

Mr. Fisher stated staff had ordered the required filters/covers for the pool. Mr. Fisher along with Mr. Bridges and Mr. Ziegler will be traveling to the City of Pasco to look at their suction covers for the drains at the pool. They will be looking to see if the City can do the work or if it's too extensive, it may have to be subbed out to the Small Works Roster.

Mr. Zielger has been prepping the parks for opening on May 2nd. Mr. Sarmiento asked if the ball fields (infields) would be ready for the first weekend in May in which he holds a softball tournament. Staff stated it would be ready and Mr. Olson verified there is \$10,000 available in the budget to improve the infields. He also mentioned there has been \$30,000 appropriated for a tiny tot playground at Central Park.

3. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Maynard stated a new floor is needed at the Senior Center.

Mr. Sarmiento stated the fees for concessions for his tournaments have been changing and wanted to know if this would continue.

Ms. Zapata requested clarification to the joint meeting to be held on February 22nd. She wanted to know what was going to happen to Sunnyside's Promise and where the agencies stand with regards to their partnerships with Sunnyside's Promise. Mr. Gervasi stated the agencies are meeting to see what Sunnyside's Promise strategic plan is and what programs they will have available. No decisions on funding will be made this day, only a review to see if Sunnyside's Promise will continue to run in the Community Center after March 1st (or thereabouts). Any decisions made on this subject would be held during an open public meeting.

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, March 16, 2011, at 4:30 PM at City Hall.

6. ADJOURN

With there being no further items to discuss, motion and 2nd received to adjourn the meeting; meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Delilah Cyr,
Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk