

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2011 – 4:30 P.M.

Sunnyside City Hall Conference Room
818 E. Edison Ave., Sunnyside, WA 98944

REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Ayla Schmick (unexcused)

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

Others present: Corey Russell

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes

- I. Approve minutes of the February 16, 2011 Regular Meeting.

With there being no corrections to the minutes, Board Member Sarmiento motioned and Board Member Rogers second that they be approved as presented.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Election of Officers for 2011

I. President (Chairperson)

- **Board Member Maynard nominated Board Member Zapata, second by Board Member Rogers**
- **Board Member Sarmiento nominated Chairperson Aiken**
- **Board Member Zapata was elected as the Chairperson for 2011 by a vote of 3-2.**
- **Meeting was turned over to Chairperson Zapata.**

II. Vice President (Vice-Chairperson)

- **Board Member Sarmiento nominated Board Member Aiken, second by Board Member Maynard; Board Member Aiken declined the nomination.**
- **Board Member Maynard nominated Board Member Rogers, second by Board Member Zapata.**
- **Board Member Rogers was elected as the Vice-Chairperson for 2011 by a vote of 3, and two members not voicing a vote.**

B. Park Districting Discussion – Byron Olson

Mr. Olson reviewed what is necessary in order to form a metropolitan park district. Mr. Gervasi and Mr. Olson met with Mr. Greg Faulk with the Boys and Girls Club of Benton/Franklin County. Looking at the Boys and Girls Club possibly being the facilitator at the Community Center.

Mr. Olson stated the boundaries of the park district would more than likely mirror that of the Sunnyside School District boundaries.

Board members need to focus on how to get the word out in order for the issue to pass on the ballot. Chairperson Zapata asked what the Board of Parks and Recreation could do to help the process along. Mr. Olson stated the members could show interest by attending the workshops and/or meetings, writing letters and making phone calls explaining the desire for this to move forward.

Chairperson Zapata stated she would prefer to see the City hire someone to work at the Community Center rather than have Sunnyside's Promise hire someone.

A question was asked on whether or not D.A.R.E. was still in existence. It was explained that the D.A.R.E. program was changed to the G.R.E.A.T. program and is taught by Officer Rodriguez and Officer Ramos.

C. Review Comprehensive Plan for Parks & Recreation

Surveys were sent out with the utility bills. Many of the surveys have been returned and need to be tabulated. Mr. Olson stated he will work with Mr. Ayling to get a draft of the Comprehensive Plan for Parks & Recreation by the next meeting.

D. Park Facilities Updates – Shane Fisher/Mitch Ziegler

Mr. Ziegler stated he is trying to get the parks cleaned up.

Board Member Sarmiento asked if staff had been hired yet. It was explained that part-time staff is usually hired during the peak season because there is minimal funds to work with; if we hire staff later, we can keep them later in the year when there is a lot more work to be done at the parks.

The ad for part-time help in Public Works is out.

The contract for the pool covers has been signed and Aquatic Specialties will be in next week to meet with staff. They will complete the engineering and installation.

The pool is estimated to be opened on time. For reference, in 2012 staff will need to be prepared to address ADA issues at the swimming pool.

Sunnyview fields – researching field covering, Men’s Softball Association working with the city, will GPS the work area of the infields next week.

Chairperson Zapata asked if the members thought it would be a good idea to tour the facilities in order to have a better understanding of what they are talking about in the meetings. The group decided to have a “Tour of Facilities” on April 6th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

3. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Zapata asked if an Open Session should be held with the public to see what their interests are regarding Parks & Recreation.

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, April 20, 2011, at 4:30 PM at City Hall. Items to be discussed are:

1. Open Public Meeting
2. Follow up to the April 4th Workshop
3. Comprehensive Plan – Survey Results
4. Follow up from “Tour of Facilities” (de-briefing)

6. ADJOURN

With there being no further items to discuss, motion and 2nd received to adjourn the meeting; meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Delilah Cyr,
Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk