

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 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, Kari Zapata at 4:27 PM.

Present: Robert Sarmiento, Kari Zapata, Pat Maynard

Absent: Ayla Schmick (unexcused), Doug Rogers (unexcused), Dorothy Aiken (excused)

Staff Present: Jamey Ayling, Delilah Cyr, Mitch Ziegler, Shane Fisher

Others present: Emma Fierro, student

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes

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

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

2. ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Community Open Public Meeting

Discussion on having a meeting where public is invited to voice their opinion on what they would like to see the Board of Parks and Recreation focus on. Members agreed they would like to see the next regular meeting held at a larger site at 6:30 pm so more individuals are able to attend. Delilah will look into options for locations (Law & Justice Center, Senior Center, Community Center). Delilah will also work on a flyer to be displayed at various locations to “spread the word” about the upcoming meeting.

This meeting will be used to gather information and possibly answer questions the public may have.

May be a good idea to have a list at the entry of the meeting in which those who attend can note whether or not they would be interested in a Parks District (so the group can get a feel for what the community thinks about the idea).

B. April 4th Workshop Follow-up: Parks Districting

Board Member Sarmiento briefed the group on the presentation held at the April 4th Workshop. He stated he liked it and felt the City was taking too long to move forward on this. Members expressed concern that what is being discussed in the Board of Parks and Recreation meetings is not being expressed the same way at City Council meetings. Members feel if there is a change to what the group has discussed, city officials should advise the board so they, too, are aware of the changes.

C. Boys and Girls Club

Chairperson Zapata briefed the members that a group from the City would be visiting the Prosser and Benton Franklin County Boys and Girls Clubs to see what may/may not work in Sunnyside. Board Members feel that a Boys and Girls Club would work well in Sunnyside. It is a very structured organization and children will have a lot to do with minimal chaos.

D. Review Comprehensive Plan for Parks and Recreation/Survey Results

Staff is making progress on completing a draft of the Comprehensive Plan. There was no electronic version so it needed to be completely re-typed. Updates are being made with the 2010 Census information and updated inventory of the parks/facilities. A rough draft should

be available for review by the next meeting. Chairperson Zapata requested to have the draft mailed to Board Members when the agenda/minutes are mailed out.

Approximately 225 surveys were returned and they've been separated by age group. A majority of the surveys received are between the ages of 50 – 65+. All of the information received from the surveys will be compiled into the updated Comprehensive Plan.

E. Park Facilities Update

Shane Fisher stated the softball fields are being worked on. Material began being delivered Wednesday morning and will begin laying the material on fields on Thursday. They are on schedule to be available for the tournament the first week of May.

Sunnyview will be opened early, pending water sample results. Mitch Ziegler stated the sample came in good so the park should be opening any day. All facilities will be open to the public beginning May 1, 2011.

Staff is currently working on the bid/contract for the pool drain covers. The pool is scheduled to open on June 11th.

Shane stated parks staff was in the process of repairing the gazebo at Upland Park and would be preparing to paint it in a couple weeks. Chairperson Zapata stated her son and some friends would be willing to paint it, if it was ok with the City. Shane said it would be a big help if they would be willing to volunteer their time to paint the gazebo.

Chairperson Zapata also asked if the weeds underneath the bleachers at Sunnyview Park would be removed this year. Shane replied stating the men's softball league is working on getting bleachers pulled out, weeds sprayed/pulled, fabric placed, gravel placed, and bleachers replaced in the same area to help reduce the amount of weeds in this area.

F. Tour of Facilities De-briefing

Chairperson Zapata stated it would be nice if the City Council Members could attend a tour of facilities with the Board of Parks and Recreation so they could see and understand what shape the parks are in.

It was suggested at the workshop to hold a round table meeting with both the City Council and the Board of Parks and Recreation to discuss the parks.

Board Members would also like to see have a layout of expectations (Board of Parks and Recreation to City Council and vice versa).

3. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Board Member Maynard stated she didn't have very many updates for the Senior Center except the floor is in need of repair before someone gets hurt.

Board Member Sarmiento pulled out some copies of tournament application forms and wanted to know why the cost of concessions was one price one year, then went down the next year, then back up the following year. He wanted to know what the protocol was.

Delilah explained that fees should be charged according to what is in the Sunnyside Municipal Code.

Chairperson Zapata stated she was informed the City pays for SVID water, but is not using it. She stated she heard if the city used one-time funds to run SVID lines to City parks the city could use the SVID water instead of paying for City water. Shane explained the costs are very high in order to run the lines to the parks.

Chairperson Zapata is also working on getting rubber at the tot lot instead of wood chips. She has been informed there's an interest in contributors and will continue to do some research on this.

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, May 18, 2011, at 6:30 PM at the Law and Justice Center. Item to be discussed is:

1. Open Public Meeting

6. ADJOURN

With there being no further items to discuss, motion and 2nd received to adjourn the meeting; meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Delilah Cyr,
Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk