

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.

**Sunnyside Community Center
1501 S. 1st St., Sunnyside, WA 98944**

REGULAR MEETING – 6:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Kari Zapata at 6:37 PM.

Present: Robert Sarmiento, Kari Zapata, Doug Rogers

Absent: Ayla Schmick (unexcused), Pat Maynard (unexcused), Dorothy Aiken (excused)

Staff Present: Delilah Cyr, Shane Fisher, Byron Olson

Others present: Jennie McGhan (DSN), Danni Jo Kranz (student)

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes

- I. Approve minutes of the April 20, 2011 Regular Meeting.

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

NOTE: Since there was no quorum present at the meeting, minutes cannot be approved and will be on the next regular agenda for approval.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Community Open Public Meeting

Max Saldaña, Sunnyside – resident for 30 years, Grid Kid program for 20 years; would like to see programs like football, flag football, wrestling, baseball/t-ball, basketball, and soccer back in parks and recreation. There are A LOT of kids that aren't in gangs that want to participate in sports.

Board Member Sarmiento added that we should be concerned about 95% of good kids and having things they can be involved in, instead of focusing all efforts and funding on the 5% of the bad kids.

Mark Baysinger, Sunnyside's Promise – agreed with Max and thanked him for his many years of dedication. Stated there are prevention, intervention and suppression. The PD takes care of suppression, but we really need to focus on prevention – having things for the kids to do to keep them engaged in positive activities. Also stated Sunnyside's Promise will support in any way they can.

Board Member Rogers added that with approximately 250 kids involved with Grid Kids Football/Grid Kids Cheerleading, a lot of children are being impacted with just the two groups. So many more children are out there that are eager to participate as well, in other sports.

3. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Board Member Rogers stated he would like to see outreach programs in order to get programs started back with Parks and Recreation. Mr. Baysinger added, there are grant opportunities that can be taken advantage of.

Chairperson Zapata encouraged those present to spread the word that people need to attend city council meetings to have their voice heard and to try and get programs back in Sunnyside.

4. ITEMS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Mr. Byron Olson announced city officials will be taking a tour of Boys and Girls Clubs in Kennewick, Pasco, and Prosser on May 25th. The age group for this club is approximately elementary level to about middle school.

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, June 22, 2011, at 4:30 PM at City Hall. Items to be discussed are:

1. **Boys and Girls Club**
2. **Strategic Plan to address Council on outcome of Community Meeting**
3. **Comprehensive Plan**
4. **Parks Facilities Updates**

6. ADJOURN

With there being no further items to discuss, motion and 2nd received to adjourn the meeting; meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Delilah Cyr,
Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk