

**Agenda
CITY OF UNION CITY
for the Regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, 2010
in the Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Blvd.
Union City, California**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - meeting began at 7:09P.M.
- I. a **SWEARING IN** – Commissioner Caroline Abellar was sworn into office by Manager Stavosky and was welcomed on board by all the Commissioners.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - Commissioners Dave Acosta, Daniel Rivera, Caroline Abellar, Chairperson Steven Nichols and Commissioner Naresh Singhal (Alternate). Excused Absence: Commissioner William Boylan. Adam Lopez absent.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –November 18, 2009 Meeting**

Commissioner Acosta motioned to approve the minutes; Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion and all approved.
- IV. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minute Limit)**

None.
- V. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.
- VI. **STAFF REPORTS**
 - A. **Leisure Services Report**

Manager Stavosky reported on the City Council’s review of proposals for an eastside youth center, temporarily using the former Fire Station on 10th St. Ideas discussed were: set up programs for youth; a daycare program; sports activities including boxing and weight lifting; tutoring, nutritional counseling and whatever else the community may need or request. Some of the Leisure Services current programming may also be moved there. So far we have received one grant and have applied for a second Cal-Grip grant for employment subsidies.
 - B. **Public Works Report**

Supervisor Sealana reported on the following projects: the energy audit process which is under way and helps with conservation; a grant also in process which will help to retrofit our municipal buildings with lighting and air-conditioning to help in sustaining a greener environment; we will be installing new bike racks at City Hall; the Arroyo Park irrigation system is being renovated with direct savings to the City; Union City has five wells used for irrigation instead of using domestic water/irrigation; Public Works continues to keep shopping carts off of the streets; park play equipment is being repaired/replaced to make sure equipment is safe; chain link fencing is being replaced at Arroyo Park; the deck of the Library is being renovated; and Nelson Kirk is working with volunteers and Eagle Scouts in landscaping projects at Cesar Chavez Park.

C. Tree and Landscape Review Board

None.

D. City Council Items Related to Park & Recreation

None.

VII. COMMISSION MATTERS

A. Sports Center Report

None.

B. Sports Advisory Committee

The Sports Advisory Committee met to hand out their groups permits; however there was not a good turnout.

C. Drigon Dog Park

The Park & Recreation Commissioners visited Drigon Dog Park before the meeting to view the new solar lighting that had been recently installed.

D. Skate Park Access Policy

Manager Stavosky reported on the Skate Park being closed and now is open and being used. However, the rules are not being followed, such as helmets and pads not being worn, and bikes are being ridden where they are not allowed.

Commissioner Rivera expressed concern about the safety issues when rules are not enforced, which can be a problem if a serious injury occurs.

Supervisor Sealana said that these issues were discussed when it was decided to open it without supervision. However, it is a resource issue and the availability of the Police to monitor it. There have been some injuries and vandalism and we will need to see if it is a reasonable risk to have it open without monitoring.

E. Shorty Garcia and Accinelli Parks – Proposed Increase

The proposed increase was low enough that it did not need approval by the City Council as it had been expected.

F. Adult Sport Leagues

Chairperson Nichols said that the Sports Center has added a third adult league on Sundays for basketball and that flag football will begin next month.

G. Future of Parks and Recreation in Union City – Measure WW

Manager Stavosky explained that a East Side Youth Center is an item that is currently under discussion for the Measure WW funds.

Chairperson Nichols inquired about the lap pool at the Sports Center and was informed that discussion of the pool will be included in next month's meeting.

H. Establishment of Non-Profit Group/Fundraising

None.

I. Ball Field Policy Approval

None.

J. Bruce Stanley – Presentation

Bruce Stanley, a former Park & Recreation Commissioner, presented a slide show on artificial turf, which is dog specific and long wearing, and may be of interest to the City for use at Drigon Dog Park. He explained that the dog specific turf is antimicrobial, more sanitary than the regular artificial turf, and is being used by other cities. He also handed out brochures to the Commissioners.

Supervisor Sealana said that dog patrons like for their dogs to be on artificial turf as well as real turf. His concern was that during the summer, the artificial turf may be too hot for the dogs. He suggested that a good design would be to have both turfs side by side, artificial and real.

K. Options for Annual Rotation of Commissioners

Chairperson Nichols asked if any of the Commissioners had suggestions as how to proceed with the rotation process. He asked if Commissioner Lopez, next in line for the Chairperson seat, could be skipped due to absences, and pass the duty to Commissioner Rivera. Commissioner Rivera declined.

Commissioner Singhal asked if they can use the nomination process instead of the rotation process, or extend the service of each Commissioner as is.

Chairperson Nichols said that all of the Commissioners should have a turn to chair, and voting would not necessarily allow for this. Chairperson Nichols made a motion to move this item to the next meeting; Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion.

Manager Stavosky expressed that the rotation process can be adjusted or adapted to what the Commission would like, however they would need to vote on this.

L. Commissioner Liu – Resignation

Commissioner Liu resigned from the Commission due to an out of state move to attend graduate school.

VIII. ITEM(S) REFERRED BY COUNCIL

None.

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (5 Minute Limit)

None.

X. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Options for Annual Rotation of Commissioners will be kept on the Agenda.

Commissioner Rivera spoke about a scholarship that is sponsored by the Park & Recreation Commission. The balance for the account is \$30.00. He asked if anyone would like to contribute to the scholarship fund to please notify him by January 20 and he will let contributors know where to send the money. Commissioner Rivera can be contacted at dan.rivera@acwd.com.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Newly appointed Commissioner Abellar said that she is a graduate from Cal State Hayward, and has always lived in Union City. She works in a law office in Palo Alto and is planning on attending law school.

Chairperson Nichols continues to work with resolving soccer permit issues.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:34P.M. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 10, 2010.