Parks & Recreation Commission
Woodland Community & Senior Center
2001 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776

Commission Meeting Minutes January 24, 2011

Call to Order
Meeting convened at 6:31 p.m. at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, California by V.Chair Murphy.

Commissioners Present: Groom, Murphy, Salinas, Tapia,
Absent: Chavez
Staff: E. Murphy, Haynie, Sanders

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence (None)

Public Comment
Board members from Woodland Soccer Club, Peter Holmes, John & Patty Gerald, and Rob Grahn, were in attendance and spoke to the Commission concerning field allocation for Woodland Soccer Club's spring season.

Mr. Holmes stated that the board members had attended a meeting with Commissioner Salinas and thanked the Commissioner for meeting with them. Mr. Holmes explained that soccer is now a year-round sport. Mr. Holmes stated that "Dave Douglass neighbors had chased the league off the fields there."

Staff Haynie clarified that Mr. Marin had voluntarily given up the fields at Dave Douglass informing Staff that "WSC no longer needed Dave Douglass field and that they would be removing WSC goals from the field". Haynie said that only after this conversation with Mr. Marin did the department decide to not to allow permitted use at Dave Douglass field starting on January 1, 2011.

Mr. Gerald, as a past president of the WSC, explained the history of the Club. Mr. Gerald stated that it is about the kids and that the Board members were here to make sure that the Commission understood WSC concerns. Staff Haynie asked if the Club had changed from a recreational league into something different. Mr. Gerald admitted that the Club has gone in different direction and the club was now a competitive club. This is what increased the need for practice times.

Staff Haynie explained that in the Spring Season "Stick Sports" are given first priority of fields per City Council's direction. Haynie also explained that the City's Softball program receives first priority as does all City programs. It was explained that after the managers' meeting (for Softball) on February 15, 2011, that it could be possible that an additional field would be released to other user groups. It would first be offered to Youth Baseball then if there is space available to the Youth Soccer Groups.

Staff also explained that WSC was given all the practice time that Mr. Marin requested. That after the two youth groups were given their practice times, Mr. Marin turned in an additional request for Sunday practices. Staff reserved these additional times for WSC's use.

E.Murphy thanked the WSC Board members for attending the meeting and assured the group that "the Kids are important". As soon as Staff knows of field availability the WSC would be informed. "E. Murphy committed to WSC that she will look into how field allocation was done to see if there is any more space that could be allocated to WSC. She will review the policy and procedures on this to make sure it was done properly. Everyone was in agreement that the real issue is limited space in light of increasing demand."

Consent Calendar
Minutes
Commission Minutes of November 29, 2010 (Item 1)
Commission accepted November 29, 2010 minutes.

Communications Written-Staff Reports

Recreation Division Report-Elle Murphy
Parks Report/Street/Tree Report-Rob Sanders

Discussed pg. 7 of the staff report, Commissioners like the stats for leagues. Discussed pg. 11, asked about revenue for Softball, staff stated that we usually report revenue once the program begins, registration started in January 2011. Discussed pg. 14, E. Murphy explained the budget report and the percentage of spending.

New Business-Action Items

A. Commission Vacancies-New Officers
   Discussion ensued with a consensus that this item would be shelved until the next meeting.
B. Committee Assignments
   This item is shelved until the next meeting.

New Business- Information Items

Old Business-Action Items (none)

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Committee Reports

A. Budget Sub Committee: Pool Issues
   There was confusion as to who was to report this meeting. It was agreed that E. Murphy would prepare the report for the next Commission meeting.
B. Urban Forest Committee: Urban Forest Master Plan
   Commission recommended the Urban Forest Master Plan.

Communications-Commission/Staff Statements and Requests

E.Murphy informed the Commission that Staff had been working with the City Manager to analyze the "Recreation division" core services, the fiscal impact and where the Recreation division will fit in the City's reorganization. Budget was due last week "no new request status". Currently the City is not asking the Recreation division to cut their budget from last year.

Commissioner Murphy recommended that now would be the time to explore a City wide L&L district that would help fund Parks, Library, and Pools. Commissioner Groom volunteered Commissioner Salinas to work up a proposal for L&L District. Commissioner Salinas stated that now would not be the time to bring this to the public for a vote, with the Governor's budget and other issues facing the City. Commissioner Murphy stated that now would be a good time to develop a plan for a City wide L&L district. Commissioners would add the project to their Workplan. Commission also discussed other potential revenue sources for programs and facilities.

Sanders stated that a group had approached the City about building a cricket field at Dave Douglass Field. Commissioner Murphy asked why and what the costs to the City would be.

Sanders stated that he was meeting with the group on January 25th and would bring a report to the next commission meeting.

Other Business (None)

Business Items for Next Meeting:

February 28, 2011
Budget Sub Committee: Pool Issues
New Officers
Committee Assignments
Workplan
Capital Project List
Clark Field Update

Next Meeting Date: February 28, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Haynie, Administrative Secretary
Parks & Recreation Department