



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

Commission Meeting Minutes February 28, 2011

Call to Order

Meeting convened at 6:35 p.m. at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, California by V.Chair Murphy.

Commissioners Present: Groom, Murphy, Chavez, Tapia,

Absent: Salinas

Staff: E. Murphy, Haynie, Sanders, Meyers, Bellini

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence (None)

Public Comment

Consent Calendar

Commission Minutes of January 24, 2011

Commission accepted January 24, 2011 minutes.

Communications Written-Staff Reports

Recreation Division Report-Elle Murphy

Parks Report/Street/Tree Report-Rob Sanders

New Business-Action Items

A. Commission Vacancies-New Officers

This was shelved until all Commissioners can attend a meeting to take this action.

B. Committee Assignments

This was shelved until all Commissioners can attend a meeting to take this action.

New Business- Information Items

C. Construction of Cricket Field at Dave Douglass Field

Sanders explained the request from Khalid Saeed to build a Cricket Field at Dave Douglass Field. No city funds would be used in the construction or maintenance of this field beyond our usual irrigation, mowing and edging of the site.

Public comment on this item follows:

Rosemary Jordan, who lives on Colgate Court, had concerns about the limit of games and permits. Will the City build a parking lot, fencing, what about trailers, with



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generators, litter, crowds, and adult leagues? Problems in the past seemed to center around the Adult leagues and their use of the fields.

Brian Rice, who lives on Saratoga, stated that they were comfortable with the current use of the field. Concerned about the concrete section of the field, could be attractive to nuisance and a stage of misuse.

Cain Parks, who lives on Colgate, stated that they would like to hear from the Cricket group.

Denise McGill, who lives on Saratoga, stated that she like the current use of the field as well. Ms. McGill was also concerned about the concrete section, restrooms issues from the past. History of past users and the impact to the neighborhood, homeowners are happy with the current use of the field and ask why now, is the City looking to change the use of the field. The park looks better than it has in years. Will the concrete section attract skateboarders, how many games will be played on the field, days games would be played?

David Gutierrez, who lives on Colgate Court, park looks good and is clean, will there be tournaments, and how long are the games? His court is not as affected as other neighbors but feels that the field should stay as a holding pond for kids. Adult groups are different, will there be vendors? Will the use be year-round?

Denise McGill asked if alcohol would be allowed, what about the trash impact, parking? PD will not respond when called about parking issues.

Sandra Reynolds, (no card filled out), concerned that a child may be hit by a car because of the illegal parking that occurs during this kind of events. Health issues, with unauthorized food vendors. Porta potties tipped over. The current use of the field is a better use of the field.

Rosemary, parking issue is the main concern.

Art Williams with the Woodland Tennis Club stated that he feels that Cricket is a great active sport, provides a new choice and is pleased with all the activity opportunities available for the residents of Woodland.

Commissioner Murphy now closed the public comment section.



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Response to questions and concerns will be addressed by Khalid Saeed and two representatives (no cards filled out) of the Cricket Club.

Representatives: Cricket is a small community and currently the world tournaments are being played. Each team consists of eleven (11) players. Very few people will attend to watch the games. The concrete is used to pitch the ball; it needs a hard surface and needs to bounce to the hitter. Practices will only be for one team, be once a week. It is a seasonal sport with specific number of games. Half of the games will be played on the Woodland field and the other half on fields outside the city. Games can run as long as 9 am -3 pm depending on how long it takes to get a side out. No alcohol will be allowed, since the group does not drink alcohol. Only play is during the warm months, March-October (7 games in 8 months). The Cricket group will encourage members to car pool and go to Woodside Park to use restrooms. Crowd at games would be around 20-30 people including players. Crowd during practices would just be the players.

Sanders stated that there will not be permits issued; no porta potties either. The Cricket group is much smaller than Soccer and lower key; the spectators more closely resemble spectators at a Golf match than Soccer or Baseball.

E. Murphy clarified that the city has removed the porta potties and the City will not permit use of the field. What will this mean for the groups wanting to use of the field?

Commissioner Murphy asked how the game scheduling would work. What about the lack of permitted use of the field?

Cricket representative responded that a season consists of 14 games and that 7 of the games would be played on the Woodland Field. Cones will be set up on the boundary of the field before each game, with plenty of time before the game to guarantee their use.

Representative stated that they had never faced a problem with people falling or being hurt on the concrete section of the field. The Cricket group has insurance on all players and for liability for damage caused by the Balls.

Meyers asked who would be responsible if a fall occurred on the concrete portion of the field. Asked if another product could be used instead of concrete? How will the possible down grade in field maintenance affect the Cricket field? Commissioner and Staff agreed that the City would ultimately be the one responsible for liability. This is an issue that will need to be addressed before this project could move forward.



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Representative stated that concrete was the best product for the field but that it was covered with artificial turf that the Cricket group would maintain since the field would be unplayable if the turf was in poor condition. Taller grass would not be an issue; other fields they used were mowed up to every three weeks.

Commissioner Groom asked if the Cricket group had considered Jack Slaven Park or another location in the City. Commissioner Groom thought that the area at the west corner of Jack Slaven Park could be an area to consider, if/when it is turned back to the City.

Representative stated that they had looked at other park sites in the City but not Jack Slaven Park. Most of the parks they looked at did not have a large enough flat area for the Cricket Field.

Staff will be presenting the concerns of the neighborhood, staff and the Commission to the City management. Staff will bring this back to Commission, with more information on the questions and concerns raised.

Break 7:35-7:40 p.m.

Old Business-Action Items

A. Council Support for Tree Inventory Recommendations

Commissioner Groom moved to seek formal Council support to pursue recommendations proposed by the Urban Forest Sub-Committee concerning the Tree inventory project. The Commission goal is to develop and propose policies for Council review/approval beginning in FY12. If approved by the Council, development of policies will be added to the Parks Commission Work Plan FY12; Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion, 4-0

Old Business-Information Items

A. Clark Field update

Sanders informed Commission that Gayle Manufacturing was working on the poles for the nets to deflect the foul balls. Commission asked if foul balls have continued to be an issue to the neighborhood. Sanders replied that the Baseball season has yet to start for the spring, so no there have not been any issues. Sanders did communicate with the user groups to be respectful of the neighborhood. Letter of recognition will be prepared by Commissioner Murphy, to recognize the contributions of both Gayle Manufacturing and the Clark Field Committee for their efforts at Clark Field.

Committee Reports



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A. Budget Sub Committee: Fundraising Suggestions from WST Report

The WST recommendations focused largely on maximizing the use of Brooks Swim Center to increase visibility and optimize operational costs already being spent.

Group also discussed managing of the swim program via an enterprise fund which might allow for better accounting of program expenses and revenues.

B. Workplan – Groom

Commission asked Sander about the Capital Project list, Sanders stated that the list was tabled until next fiscal year. Commissioner Groom will prepare the Council Communication.

List of potential projects will be supplied to Commission by Sanders. This list will be a “wish list”. If the City had the money, what project would they like to do? Commission will then pick a project to support. Then campaign to the community for funding and volunteers.

Communications-Commission/Staff Statements and Requests

E.Murphy informed the Commission that March 15th staff will have their budget meeting with City Management. E.Murphy will address the potential of an Enterprise fund for pool programs. This should help, with funding of staff for Swim Meets and Tournaments.

Sanders informed the Commission that the repairs to the Sports Park wiring had been completed and extra steps were taken to deter this from occurring again. Concrete was used to seal the access points to the copper wires.

Commissioner Chavez asked if there was a timeline for the Cricket field request. Sanders replied that there were not any time constraints with the Cricket field request.

Commissioner Chavez had concerns with the size of the concrete section to the field, which will regulate, how to hold group liable, formal partnership, could the field be on a smaller scale, how to control who plays, and the restroom issues.

Commissioner Murphy stated that the City may choose to accept the risk regardless of the whether the Commission recommends it or not. The City concerns, neighborhood concerns, parking and restrooms would be moot point if neighbor concerns outweigh the liability. The facility has been programmed for ten years.

Meyers stated that caution should be used to move forward. Staff time is not available to monitor facility; is this acceptable use of the facility?



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Commissioner Murphy stated that allowing the neighbors to be heard on the issue is positive but the facility is City property. The diversity of sports in the community with Cricket being added is also a positive for the City.

Other Business (None)

Business Items for Next Meeting:

March 28, 2011

New Officers/Committee Assignments

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

Adjourn: meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Haynie, Administrative Secretary
Parks & Recreation Department