



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

Commission Meeting Minutes April 25, 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, Salinas

Absent: Tapia,

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence (this item will be addressed after the CM report)

Letter from Commission on Aging dated April 19, 2011 voicing their concerns about the elimination of Youth and Contract programs.

"We understand the discussion behind this issue is a desire to develop programs and services that specifically focus on youth and family services that will prevent youth violence. We believe that is currently being addressed by the many programs currently in place."

"Before any decision is made about redirecting funds, we think it is important to 1) determine if other community program really can have a bigger impact on prevention and early intervention; 2) get firm commitments from the identified "community resources" that they can and will run quality youth programs; 3) allow for ALL youth (high and low risk) from throughout Woodland to have an opportunity to participate in programs."

Commissioner Garman from COA presented the COA letter to P&R Commission. Informing the Commission that COA had been looking into reestablishing the Teens Helping Seniors Program. This program is an intergenerational program that benefits both seniors and youth.

E Murphy stated that staff would look into funding for this program which Tringali explained would cost \$5,000 to run.

Public Comment

Consent Calendar

Commission Minutes of February 28, 2011

Commission accepted February 28, 2011 minutes.



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Communications Written-Staff Reports

Recreation Division Report-Elle Murphy

Parks Report/Street/Tree Report-Rob Sanders

Commission accepted written staff reports.

New Business-Action Items

A. Field Use Allocation Process-E Murphy

E Murphy explained that the Mayor has asked that the field allocation process be reviewed by staff and the Commission to ensure relevance and fairness. The current process gives priority to City programs and to tournaments that bring economic stimulus to the City.

Staff is asking commission to either affirm the current prioritization for field use at the Sports Park as established by Council in the fee schedule, or initiate dialogue with all user groups if field use priorities need to be changed and analyze in greater detail the fiscal impact and other significant consequences of such action.

John Gerald, Woodland Soccer Club asked if Dave Douglass would be permitted for use again. Coaches are frustrated with the closure of Dave Douglass for permitted use.

Commissioner Salinas stated that it looks like a space issue and is trying to understand the attached spreadsheet.

Commissioner Murphy explained that the leagues paid per player fees, not rental fees for their field use.

Staff received an email last August from Robert Marin, WSC, informing staff/City that the WSC board has decided not to use Dave Douglass fields. After that request, the City decided to no longer permit use of Dave Douglass to organized sports.

Commissioner Murphy stated that the fields at the Sports Park were built to replace Dubach Field and were always intended for Adult Softball use. Council made the decision to have one of the fields a soccer only field.

Commissioner Chavez asked John Gerald how many players WSC had. Gerald responded that the group had 400 players in the fall and 300 in the spring.

Commissioner Murphy stated that practice was the big issue, now that the Club was a competitive club, and needs to practice two or three times a week.



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John Gerald stated that WSC teams also need to practice on natural grass since they don't always play on artificial turf. This is why the group would like the use of Dave Douglass Fields again.

Commissioner Salinas asked about revenues, economic development, outside dollars and look at field use to increase tournament rentals.

Gerald stated to increase tournament use, would further limit field availability for WSC since most tournaments are on Saturday and Sunday and the club plays their games on Saturday.

Commissioner Chavez asked why WSC isn't looking for other places to practice. In the long term the clubs will need other places for practice times for competitive team needs.

Gerald stated that practice for a recreational team can happen at a park or open space but competitive teams need goals for practice.

Commissioner Murphy made the motion to initiate dialogue with all user groups if field use priorities need to be changed and analyze in greater detail the fiscal impact and other significant consequence of such changes; solution cannot be that the City spends more money. Commissioner Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.



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B. First Ground Level Tank

Akin Okupe explained that the City is planning on installing the first ground level tank at Dave Douglass Park. Tank construction would be done in two phases; the first ground level tank is scheduled to begin construction in September 2011. Asking the Commission to authorize the construction of the first Ground Level Tank at Dave Douglass Park or Commission could not authorize this construction and give directions to staff on changes to be made.

Commissioner Murphy asked what investment has been done to date. Okupe stated that the design and analysis of the site were complete; \$300,000.00 had been spent to date.

Commissioner Murphy asked if infrastructure for sewer and water for future restroom facilities would be possible.

Commissioner Salinas asked if the sprinkler lines for future recreational needs could be addressed.

Sanders assured the Commission that all plans will be coordinated.

Commissioner Chavez made the motion to authorize the construction of the first Ground Level Tank at Dave Douglass Park; Commissioner Groom seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business- Information Items

A. FY 11/12 Budget-CM Deven

City Manager Mark Deven went over his budget report that was presented to Council on March 29, 2011. CM Deven only addressed the report section that covered the Parks & Recreation Department (Recreation Division). CM Deven explained that with 27% or 100 positions cut from the City, the Parks division now part of the Public Works department and the Recreation Division temporarily under the Police Department some changes needed to be made.

CM Deven stated that after the 2008 shooting of a teen at Campbell Park the City has been looking into a "Youth Violence Prevention Program". There have been meetings with church groups, the school district and other organizations that offer services for youth. The City has looked at other city models for this program. The "Mayor Gang Task Force" of San Jose looks like a model that the City of Woodland could use for the City's prevention program.

It was determined to pursue this plan even though there was not a budget for this program in place. With that in mind CM Deven asked the Recreation staff to identify the division's "Core Services" and those programs that could be taken over by others to provide services. When this exercise was completed, it was determined that youth programs and contract classes could be eliminated from recreation division. This would free up approximately \$130,000 of the recreation budget for "Youth Violence Prevention Program".



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Commissioners asked if other groups such as the YMCA had been approached to take over the services and if they would be able to run the same quality of programs that recreation runs. CM Deven responded that the program was still a "concept" at this point.

Commissioners wonder how many participants would be affected by eliminating youth and contract programs. E Murphy stated that Recreation was being asked to refocus programs and to see what is being offered in the Community.

Commission asked if City was hoping someone would pick up the slack and willing to give up money from programs. Does this mean that the City would assist monetarily with another group taking over programming? CM Deven stated that the City will not be sub-contracting out the services.

Commission also stated that it was crucial that the school district, religious groups, Probation, Yolo County, non-profits, and District Attorney were included in these developmental discussions, eliminate duplication of efforts. Key to this program would be the leadership, who will be the "leader".

Commission asked if the City thought about using the Richmond model, training of officers, positive rewards reinforcement and change interaction with kids and police. Commission also stated that the Recreation Division was going to lose this money anyway, so what would the next step be?

CM Deven stated that the next step would be to develop the framework for the program, formalize and receive green light from Council to move forward and to get everyone in the same room. When asked who would get everyone in the same room? CM Deven stated that Chief Bellini and CM Deven will get everyone in the same room.

Art Williams from Woodland Tennis Club asked how participants will be informed that the forty five (45) programs are ending? Will they transitioned out or just end at the end of current guide? What about Woodland Tennis Club, will they be able to continue use at City Park? CM Deven stated that the programs would be transitioned out, probably not until 2012 and that current use of City facilities will not be affected.

Benjamin Garman, Commissioner from Commission on Aging, asked about price structure for services, and hoped that with the new services, Recreation would continue to offer a broad spectrum of services. Commissioner Garman would be interested in knowing which groups are being considered to take over programs.



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Commission asked that baseline data and impact to participants we addressed in the planning process.

CM Deven wanted to compliment Recreation Staff for their support in this process. The staff is dedicated to customer service. Commission asked what will happen to staff that is responsible for youth and contract programs. CM Deven stated that he is not sure about relocation of staff but that 2012 would be the earliest transition time.

Public comment on this item follows:

Old Business-Action Items

Old Business-Information Items

Committee Reports

Communications-Commission/Staff Statements and Requests

Commissioner Salinas thanked staff for the new staff reports.

Commissioner Murphy asked that the Facility Committee look into developing a Master Plan for Dave Douglass, for long term use of site.

Other Business (None)

Business Items for Next Meeting:

June 27, 2011

Memorial Field Dedication

New Officers/Committee Assignments

Facility Committee-Master Plan for Dave Douglass Park

Workplan-FY 12

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