



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

Commission Meeting Minutes January 23, 2012

Call to Order

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

Commissioners Present: Murphy, Stephens, Salinas, 2 Vacant

Absent: Groom, Romero

Staff: Engel, Haynie, Sanders,

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

David Wilkinson from the Woodland Tree Foundation, invited the commission to the March 10, 2012 Arbor Day event at City Park starting at 9 a.m. The foundation will be planting 40 trees in Woodland. Mr. Wilkinson invited people interested in the events to visit the foundations web page at woodlandtree.org, additionally; Mr. Wilkinson requested permission to place a monument at City Park near the corner of Walnut/Oak Street. The monument will explain that the Paradox Walnut tree was donated and planted by Luther Burbank on Arbor Day in 1925.

Luther Burbank (7 March 1849 – 11 April 1926) was an American botanist, horticulturist and a pioneer in agricultural science. He developed more than 800 strains and varieties of plants over his 55-year career. Burbank's varied creations included fruits, flowers, grains, grasses, and vegetables. He developed a spineless cactus (useful for cattle-feed) and the plumcot.

Sanders stated that staff did not have any issues with the request and would work with Mr. Wilkinson.

Consent Calendar

Commission Minutes of November 28, 2011

Commissioner Salinas made motion to accept the November 28, 2011 minutes with changes he will give to staff, Commissioner Stephens seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



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Communications Written-Staff Reports

Recreation Division Report-Christine Engel

Engel informed the Commission that the YMCA has decided to continue their lease of the Fitness Center for one more year. The Y's is currently doing a membership drive and looking for volunteers to run the program in order to save on staff costs.

Engel also informed the Commission that staff was looking for Score Keepers for the upcoming softball season. The summer 2012 guide will be published and delivered by the end of February. The summer park program is adding Beamer Park back as a site for Summer Time Fun Club. Staff has received a grant that will provide 30 "Camperships" to the summer park program. Engel explained that on December 16, 2011 the gym was rented for a televised boxing event. The promoter is returning for another event on March 3, 2012 and Vicente Escobedo will box in the main event. Vicente learned to box in the Parks & Recreation boxing program and went on to the Olympics before he turned professional.

Parks Report/Street/Tree Report-Rob Sanders

Sanders informed the Commission that staff had met with Sportex, the supplier of the synthetic turf at the Sports Park. They made suggestions on additional equipment that would benefit our field maintenance program and stated that the rule against cleats was a positive step in extending the life of the fields.

Presentations-None

New Business-Action Items

New Officers

This is tabled until all Commissioners can be present.

New Business- Information Items

Old Business-Action Items (None)



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Old Business-Information Items

YMCA Update

Engel provided this information during "staff reports".

Work Plan

Discussions on the work plan were moved to the February meeting.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance Committee Report

Commissioner Salinas will update Commission at the February meeting.

Communications-Commission/Staff Statements and Requests

Commissioner Stephens discussed the planters on the south side of Gibson Road and the need to address the poor condition of the trees. Sanders responded that the required funds were **not** available to address this and other plant issues in Springlake, at this time. Commissioner Stephens asked about the 102 Interchange and the plans for those planting areas. Sanders explained that Gateway L&L would fund the east side and the Gibson L&L would fund the Westside. The remaining improvements would be funded by the developer. Commissioner Stephens asked what safeguards were in place so that the soil is properly amended before planting so that the issues at Springlake will not be duplicated in this area. Sanders explained the planters will be emptied of the soil and debris and refilled with new soil.

Commissioner Murphy stated that the Crawford Tennis Courts seem in worse condition than the other courts.

Commissioner Murphy asked Robert Marin, President of Woodland Soccer Club to tell the Commission about the State Cup Tournament that WSC was hosting at the Woodland Sports Park. Mr. Marin informed the Commission over 600 teams has played soccer during the State Cup playoffs. Mr. Marin was very pleased to inform the Commission that the girl's team that Mr. Marin coaches won their semi final matches and have made it into the State Cup finals. Commissioner Salinas stated that Woodland was being put on the map with youth soccer. Commissioner Murphy said that he attended the tournament and was pleased to see so many families enjoying the event. Commissioner Murphy wanted to thank WSC for their efforts on this event.

Mr. Marin stated that without the ability to charge for parking WSC is missing out on fundraising opportunities. Engel suggested a field trip with staff at the Sports Park since staff thinks that charging a gate fee should work out well at the Sports Park and help them achieve their fundraising objective without affecting other users at the facility.



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Other Business (None)

Business Items for Next Meeting:

February 27, 2012

Chair and Vice Chair Election

Dave Douglass Update

Arbor Day Update

Next Meeting Date: February 27, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Haynie, Administrative Secretary
Parks & Recreation Department