

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2014

City Hall – 300 First Street – 2nd Floor Council Chambers

Open Session

The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Jesse Salinas at 6:31 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014 at the Woodland City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Commission Members Present: Chair Jesse Salinas
 Commissioner Ruben Morales Jr.
 Commissioner Joe Romero
 Commissioner Jon-Paul Valcarenghi
 Commissioner Carla White-Snyder

Commission Member Absent: Vice Chair Enrique Fernandez (arrived at 6:32 p.m., left at 7:00 p.m.)

Staff Present: CS Director Christine Engel
 PW Deputy Director Rob Sanders
 CS Administrative Supervisor Cathy Haynie

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

None

Communication-Commission/Staff Statements and Requests

Engel reminded the Commissioners of the required ethics training dates, October 8, 6-8 p.m. and October 23, 1- 3 p.m.

Presentation- Consider Measure U Support

Mayor Tom Stallard presented to the COA Measure U. If approve by a majority of voters, Measure U would establish five city council districts and result in future city council candidates, starting with the 2016 election, being elected “by district,” wherein voters in each district would elect a council member

from among candidates who reside in that district. The law change gives cities no choice but to go to district elections; if the measure is not passed the City could find itself in litigation with enforced districts with no say how the districts are mapped.

Action: Morales Jr/ White-Snyder Moved Seconded to support Measure U.

Ayes: Salinas, Valcarenghi, White-Snyder, Morales Jr., Romero, Fernandez

Noes: 0

Committee Reports-None

Consent Calendar (Items)

Adopt the Minutes of the Commission Meeting of July 28, 2014

Action: Fernandez Moved/ Valcarenghi seconded

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Salinas, White-Snyder, Romero, Valcarenghi, Morales Jr., Fernandez

Noes: 0

Other Business

Elect Vice-Chair

Commissioner Salinas addressed the Commission informing them that the process of Chair and Vice Chair was changed at the November 25, 2013 Commission meeting; then officially handed over the gavel to Commissioner Fernandez. Commissioner Fernandez informed the Commission that he was resigning as Chair and wanted to nominate Commissioner Salinas for Chair. Discussion followed. Commission will elect new officers at the June meeting, with officers taking office at the July meeting.

Action: White-Snyder Moved/ Morales Jr. seconded to elect Commissioner Salinas to another term as Chair

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Salinas, White-Snyder, Valcarenghi, Fernandez, Morales Jr.

Noes: 0

Abstain: Romero

Action: Morales Jr. Moved/ Romero seconded to elect Commissioner White-Snyder as Vice Chair.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Salinas, White-Snyder, Valcarenghi, Fernandez, Morales Jr., Romero

Noes: 0

Measure J Update *(moved here so Commissioner Fernandez could report before leaving the meeting)*

Commissioner Fernandez reported that he attended the Council meeting where City Manager Navazio presented the Measure J overview to the Council. Goals/Objective is expanding activities for youth/teens (health fitness), literacy/academic achievement, career skills development, youth engagement, public safety. The strategies include collaboration with community partners, leverage funds (grants, volunteer, temporary staff), thinking outside the box. Commissioner Fernandez suggested that the City better communicate with non-English speaking residents. Engel requested of the Commission to share any holes in the Measure J proposed programs. Commissioner White-Snyder mentioned day trips to Yocho Dehe. Commissioner Valcarengi indicated rock climbing and dances. Commissioner Morales Jr. wanted to make sure activities were offered at the different parks.

Fitness Initiative: Engel shared that the Fitness Initiative committee's first citywide 30-day fitness challenge would occur in the month of November. October 23, 2014 a kickoff event will be held at the C&SC where blood pressure and body mass can be tested. The goal is to involve 1,000 participants in the 30-day challenge. Information and sign up opportunities will be at the Movies on Main Street and Food Truck Mania Events. The challenge includes participants keeping track of their physical activity in addition to completing personal enrichment activities, such as meeting a new neighbor. The City is partnering with Dignity Health, Woodland Joint Unified School District, Yolo County, YMCA, and Cross Court Athletic Club. More information on the 30-day challenge will be shared at future meetings.

Softball Update

Commissioner White-Snyder attended the softball manager/alignment meeting. The Commissioner commented that the meeting was well run with the managers assisting in the division placement of teams. Commissioner White-Snyder went to the Sports Park after the managers meeting and talked to the Senior Softball group and the scorekeepers. Engel stated that new process was implemented at the manager/alignment meeting and staff have received no complaints to date. Stephanie Collier, Recreation Coordinator started with the Department in early September. Collier has taken over the Adult Softball program. Plans are in place for a survey of teams and managers. Questions will be on communication, registration process, and preferred day of week and start dates for program.

Schedule Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

Engel requested scheduling of the Budget and Finance Committee to meet with staff. Commissioner Salinas is to contact Engel to schedule a finance subcommittee meeting on a Monday or Wednesday before the work day or at the lunch hour.

Reports of the Staff

Community Services Report

Engel reported that soccer would like more practice time at the Sports Park. This group has 28 hours of practice each week, which is the same as last year. Staff offered 6 additional hours of practice time which the group declined. Commissioner Morales Jr. asked field availability for a travel baseball team. Engel responded that all fields were booked with baseball, softball or soccer. Engel stated that on October 7th she would be attending and interview for a new Commissioner for the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Action: Received

Parks Report

Sanders asked the Commission if there were any questions on the staff report. Commissioner Valcarenghi asked the status of the scoreboard issue from the last Commission meeting. Sanders informed the Commission that the repairs were completed the day following the meeting.

Sanders explained that the City had received the draft report on Hiddleson Pool opening needs assessment showing a minimum cost of 3.5 million to reopen the pool. It may be less expensive to build a new pool instead of retrofitting Hiddleson. Staff will review the report. Sanders will report back to Commission.

Action: Received

Next Meeting October 27, 2014

Adjourn 8:16 p.m.

Action: White-Snyder Moved/ Morales Jr. Seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Salinas, Valcarenghi, White-Snyder, Morales Jr., Romero

Noes: none