

**CITY OF WOODLAND
300 FIRST STREET
WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA**

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Communication-Public Comment

This an opportunity for the public to speak to the Commission on any item other than those listed for public hearing on this agenda. Speakers are requested to use the microphone in front of the Commission and to begin by stating their name, whether they reside in Woodland and the name of the organization they represent if any. The Chair may impose a time limit on any speaker depending on the number of people wanting to speak and time available for the rest of the agenda. In the event comments are related to an item scheduled on the agenda, speakers may be required to wait to make their comments until that item is considered.

- E. Communications-Commission/Staff Statements and Requests

This is an opportunity for the Commission Members and Staff to make comments and announcements, to express concerns, or to request Commission's consideration of any items a Commission Member would like to have discussed at a future Commission meeting.

- F. Committee Reports
- G. Presentations
 - G.1 Jeff Sissom, Park Supervisor

H. Consent Calendar

H.1 Adopt the Minutes of the Commission Meeting of July 29, 2013

I. Other Business

I.1 Work Plan-Discussion

I.2 Committee Assignments

J. Report of the Staff

J.1 Tennis Courts/Facility Use

Recommendation: Discuss and make a recommendation to staff

J.2 Measure V

Recommendation: Information only

J.3 June Recreation Department Report-Christine Engel

Recommendation: Information only

J.4 June Parks Report/Street/Tree Report-Rob Sanders

Recommendation: Information only

K. Adjourn

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Agenda for the Parks & Recreation Commission Regular meeting of the City of Woodland scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013 was posted on September 20, 2013 in the outside display case at City Hall, 300 First Street, Woodland, CA, and 2001 East Street, City Web pages and was available to the public during normal business hours.

Cathy Haynie, Administrative Secretary

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Woodland Tennis Club

P.O. Box 2283
Woodland, CA 95776

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
2001 East Street
Woodland, CA 95776

9-20-2013

Dear Commission Members:

I have appeared before your Commission before and expressed my concern about non-tennis players using tennis courts in Woodland for activities other than tennis. I have personally witnessed large numbers of soccer players using the courts at City Park and the damage they cause by hanging on the tennis nets and kicking the ball into the nets and fences. Tennis nets need to be replaced much more often when they receive this type of treatment and fences get bent causing balls to roll under the bottom to the outside.

I am not the only person who has witnessed the abuse caused to tennis courts by non-tennis players. I wish to call your attention to the letter written to the Editor of the Daily Democrat by Connie Chambers which appeared in the September 11, 2013 issue of that paper. Her letter to the Editor is attached for your information.

I have also attached a copy of a letter to the Editor written by the Woodland Tennis Club.

The Woodland Tennis Club wants to see tennis played on tennis courts in the City of Woodland and soccer and other non-tennis activities played on appropriate locations. It is expected that with the beginning of the new tennis program now underway with Phil Cello, and his on-site pro Michael Kwong at City Park, the desire to play and enjoy tennis will greatly increase at all the parks. Unfortunately, signs posted at all the parks limiting use of the courts to playing tennis appear to be unenforceable by City Staff, including the Police Department.

I hope that this information assists you in your recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE USE OF MUNICIPAL TENNIS COURTS.

Sincerely,

Art Williams

Art Williams, President
Woodland Tennis Club

Woodland Tennis Club responds to anti-tennis column

In response to the Sunday, Aug. 25, column by Daily Democrat Editor Jim Smith: We agree with your comments in the article that you don't play tennis, you don't play soccer and you don't play cricket. Unfortunately, those are the only statements that we agree with in your article.

You make light of the fact that non-tennis players use the courts to play soccer, do skateboarding or play cricket. Contrary to your opinion, City maintenance staff have told the Woodland Tennis Club that non-tennis players have caused considerable damage to the tennis courts in Woodland.

Because these players hang on and pull at the nets, they need to be replaced much more often than they would otherwise. The sticks used by the cricket players leave holes and notches in the courts. The surface of the courts will need resurfacing much sooner than if only tennis players played on them. The city has limited funds to spend on the maintenance of tennis courts and cannot afford to continually repair the damage caused by non tennis players.

Soccer and cricket players need a place to play, and the place for them to play is on a grass field, not on a tennis court. There are a number of grass fields in city parks suitable for their play.

Also, contrary to your opinion we have observed a number of people, some of whom are Woodland Tennis Club members and some who are not, of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, that play tennis in Woodland.

You may not be aware that Woodland has a history of great tennis player who learned to play tennis at City Park. They include Bob Hansen and Scott McCain. Both were stars in high school, college and in professional tennis. They were also both successful college coaches.

The Woodland Tennis Club wants to see tennis returned to the importance and greatness it once had in Woodland. That is the reason that we are excited that the city of Woodland has contracted with Phil Cello, who was recently inducted into the NorCal tennis hall of fame, to organize and conduct tennis programs at Woodland's public tennis courts. These programs will start in the latter part of September.

The Woodland Tennis Club is a nonprofit organization and is committed to the encouragement and expansion of tennis for all ages and abilities throughout the community.

ART WILLIAMS and four other members of the board of directors for the Woodland Tennis Club

Anti-tennis column based on incorrect assumptions

Regarding the column: "Smith: Tennis anyone? How about cricket?" I live directly across the street from the tennis courts in City Park; these courts are located approximately 30 feet from my property. I can speak with authority regarding the activities that regularly go on there.

The article was written based on naïve opinion and was not factual whatsoever. The individuals who are abusing the tennis courts are not children. They are a group of obnoxious adults who do not just damage the courts - they disrupt the peace, quiet and safety of our neighborhood. For example, almost every Monday night a very large groups of adult individuals (up to 40) congregate on the tennis courts to play soccer. Parks & Recreation Commission Packet for meeting on 9/23/13
ity is forbidden in the tennis courts.

the people who play tennis. The players shout, whistle, and cheer, which would be fine, if they were on a soccer field, but they are not. This is a residential neighborhood! This brings up another concern. They really clog up the narrow street with their vehicles - there certainly is not a parking lot in the vicinity to accommodate cars and trucks for 40 soccer players!

When these people depart (sometimes as late as 10:30 p.m., when the lights on the tennis courts go out) they leave the neighborhood and create a disturbance. They peel out of their parking spaces with squealing tires, stereos blasting music, driving recklessly. They dominate the tennis courts, preventing tennis players from using the space, for several hours at a time. If there are people playing tennis, they hang around trying to intimidate them until the tennis players forfeit the courts.

On two occasions they have rang my door bell late at night to retrieve soccer balls which have been kicked into my backyard. This has woken my children (ages 2 and 6). My husband and I have, on separate occasions, asked these individuals to be respectful of this neighborhood, and to play more quietly. We have requested that they do not ring our door bell late at night. And yet, this behavior continues, and seems to be increasing in frequency.

And, yes, they do damage the court surface and nets. I have seen several large men leaning and climbing on the nets. Their combined weight (usually four men at a time each weighing 180 about pounds) does put a lot of strain on the nets. They leave their garbage and empty bottles on the courts.

I agree - it is great that people get off their couches and engage in fun, physical activity. However, the tennis courts are an inappropriate venue for playing soccer. Perhaps the solution is for the city to provide an appropriate venue for this activity.

Just for the record: The courts are used frequently for tennis. Also for the record, I do not play tennis.

CONNIE CHAMPAGNE, Woodland

9/11/13

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, July 22, 2013

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

Open Session

The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Enrique Fernandez at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2013 at the Woodland City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Commission Members Present: Vice Chair Enrique Fernandez
Commissioner Joe Romero
Commissioner Ruben Morales, Jr.
Commissioner Jon-Paul Valcarenghi
Commissioner Carla White-Snyder

Commission Member Absent: Chair Jesse Salinas
Commissioner Nathan Stephens

Staff Present: Recreation Superintendent Christine Engel
Public Works Superintendent Rob Sanders
P&R Administrative Secretary Cathy Haynie

Pledge of Allegiance

Communications-Public Comment

Art Williams from Woodland Tennis Club voiced his concerns that soccer and cricket players are using the tennis courts at City Park. Despite the posted signs that only tennis is allowed on the courts, these groups continue to use the courts for soccer and cricket. Sanders responded that he has talked with PD and is working on an ordinance change to allow PD to cite the individuals. The City depends on the public to report any misuse of City facilities. Commissioner White-Snyder asked why cricket players were using the tennis courts instead of a park or field. Sanders explained the history of cricket's request to use Dave Douglass Park for cricket.

Communications-Committee Reports

Commissioner Fernandez discussed the 4th of July bike parade event. Commissioner White-Snyder responded that this was a great family fun event. Commissioner Fernandez reported that 160-170 participants attended that bike parade.

Consent Calendar (Items)

Adopt Minutes of the Commission Meeting of April 22, 2013

Action: Morales Jr. Moved/ Valcarenghi Seconded:

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes:

Work Plan-Update

Commissioners discussed the updated items on the work plan and the focus of the plan. Updated Work Plan will be addressed at the September Commission meeting. Engel explained the City efforts to create a City wide Volunteer Program. Commissioner Stephens and Romero will meet on item 4 before the September Commission meeting.

Action: Information only

Reports of the Staff

Recreation Report

Engel thanked the Commissioners who attended the 4th of July events. Recreation Program Guide is coming out this week; new programs are Disc-golf and roller derby. Wreckers had a successful season with over 130 participants.

Action: Received

Parks Report

Sanders stated that the City has only one tree trimmer on staff and it will be a few months before the hiring process is completed. Sanders stated that the plan was to add another position to the budget for the next year. Sanders met with the Landscaping contractor to discuss that some parks are receiving too much water. Part of the contractor's responsibility is to monitor the State Regulations on water levels.

Action: Received

Adjourn 7:20 p.m.

Action: Morales Jr. Moved/ White-Snyder Seconded:

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes:

FY13 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Work Plan

1. Urban Forest Master Plan

Upon approval by City Council, develop outline of policies necessary for formalizing Urban Forest Master Plan.

Goals	Status
Formal communication asking City Council to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission request to propose policies related to further development of the Urban Forest Master Plan in FY12.	Request sent to Council June 2011
Upon Council approval, develop outline of policies necessary for formalizing Urban Forest Master Plan <i>(Potential starting point: Adding importance of Urban Master Plan to the City's General Plan, Strategic Plan and Vision, Values and Mission statement)</i>	To Urban Forest sub-committee in July 2011 On Hold for Funding

2. Review Policies

Goals	Status
Commissioners will review policies throughout the year as requested. Policies Reviewed in FY13	As needed

3. National Bike Month Event (May)

Goals	Status
Summary In alignment with the May is Bike Month campaign (www.mayisbikemonth.com), the Parks & Recreation Commission for City of Woodland, CA will organize a number of city-wide initiatives to promote cycling throughout the month of May 2013. Cycling is a healthy form of transportation that can reduce the carbon footprint of citizens. By decreasing the number of people regularly using forms of transportation dependent on fossil fuels, the city can reduce the amount of carbon emissions produced by its citizens as well as decrease traffic congestion. Vision This commission shall look to establish a number of initiatives that encourage community solidarity and foster the usage of bikes for transportation and recreation, throughout the month of May. This commission shall look to construct and promote initiatives that fall under the following categories: (1) City-wide Cycle Event May Upon deliberation, this commission shall add or remove any of the above stated categories. Involvement of Community The Woodland Parks & Recreation Commission members shall be responsible for recruiting interested parties to participate in the	On Going

FY13 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Work Plan

organization and administration of this initiative. A majority of the organization and administration responsibilities for this initiative shall, eventually, be transferred to residents. Involvement of Parks & Recreation Commission Until the majority of organizing and administration responsibilities of this initiative are transferred to residents and interested parties, members of the Woodland Parks & Recreation Commission shall be primarily responsible for the organization and administration of this event. Members of this commission shall also be responsible for the recruitment and incorporation of interested parties and community members. Reporting to the Parks & Recreation Commission June 2013 After the conclusion of the month of May 2013, the participating commission members and volunteers will provide a report to the Parks & Recreation Commission. The report must include: (1) the number of participants involved in all the above stated initiatives, (2) the number of miles pledged by Woodland residents, and (3) the real number of miles cycled by Woodland residents.	
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4. Re-Examine Street Tree Master List

Goals	Status
Subcommittee will review and discuss with staff the Master Tree Planting List and report back to the Commission by May 31st 2013. Discussion will include: frequency of species planted, strategies to improve species diversity and add more trees that are suitable for the smaller yards of newer developments. Develop a public outreach plan to educate the community on tree planting and the importance of planting the "right tree in the right place" by reviewing the ISA guidelines for tree planting. By 6/30/2013. Coordinate with Woodland Tree Foundation, Sacramento Tree Foundation, Tree Davis and the National Arbor day Foundation to provide educational outreach for improving species diversity and tree planting. Target date December 2013.	On going

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5. Refill & Rearrange Sub-Committees:

Goals	Status
Since all positions on the Parks & Recreation Commission are occupied, it would benefit the Woodland community to: (1) Fill all sub-committees to a capacity, where possible, (2) Rearrange all commissioners to sub-committee positions that best match their ability to serve the Woodland Community, (3) Substitute commissioners, currently holding a position on a sub-committee, with commissioners, who might better serve the Woodland Community by occupying the sub-committee position held by another commissioner. The refilling and rearranging of the Parks & Recreation Commission's sub-committees is intended to allow this Commission to effectively and efficiently serve the community it represents.	As Needed

6. Creation of Sub-Committee to Assess Purpose and Relevance of Current Sub-Committees and Liaison Positions

Goals	Status
Structure: A three-commissioner sub-committee. Purpose: To assess the purpose and relevance of the current sub-committees and liaison positions. Responsibilities: (1) Tasked with eliminating, re-defining, and creating new sub-committees and liaison positions to ensure the sub-committees and liaison positions best meet the needs of the Woodland community. (2) This sub-committee will determine, among other things, the structure, purpose, definition, and obligations of the sub-committees and liaison positions. (3) This sub-committee will report back to the commission monthly, until all sub-committees and liaison positions are assessed or reconfigured or eliminated as seen fit.	Awaiting Commission approval

FY13 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Work Plan

7. Align the Work Plan with the City of Woodland's Fiscal Year:

Goals	Status
In attempt to improve synchronization between this Commission and the city government of City of Woodland, this Commission should move to do the following: (1) Shift the Commission's work plan schedule from the calendar year to the City of Woodland's fiscal year.	Awaiting Commission approval

8. Promotion of Partnerships and Healthy Community Activities

Goals	Status
To help promote a healthy Woodland community, the Commission will work to develop a partnership with Yolo County's Health Department. Objective: To help provide leadership and coordination of activities that promotes good nutrition and various forms of exercise, such as "walking" and "biking". Activities: Work with county Health Department staff and community members to research and promote efforts and activities that encourage exercise and healthy nutrition such as a Family Walk and/or Bike Ride that can start and end at the Farmer's market, Walking and/or Biking Parties, and/or an Open Streets event. Provide the Commission updates as appropriate.	Awaiting Commission approval

9. Participate in Strategic Planning Efforts that Promote Healthy Communities

Goals	Status
To become engaged in planning efforts that will help shape future goals and strategies to achieve a healthier community. Objective: To provide the Woodland community with a critical voice in this important planning process. Activities: Appoint a Commission member to participate in the County Health Department's strategic planning initiative called "Healthy Yolo". Over the next 18 months, the Healthy Yolo effort will be a forum for community members to share and understand the specific health concerns and strengths of their community, prioritize public health issues, and determine goals and strategies to achieve a healthier Yolo County. Provide the Commission updates as appropriate.	Awaiting Commission approval

List of suggestions:

Volunteer Program to include all users groups of facilities
Parks & Recreation Commission Service Award

Facilities Committee: Handles any issue brought to the Commission concerning any Parks & Recreation facility including the naming process for new facilities.

Budget and Finance Committee: Intention was for this committee was to help find additional funding sources for the Parks & Recreation Department and help determine where these funds would be used.

Child, Youth & Playground Committee: Advocate for Child and Youth programs, assist in the planning of new playgrounds when new parks are built.

Community/Senior Center/Sports Park: This was started when the Community & Senior Center and Sports Park were being built. This committee had input into the planning of the facilities.

Urban Forest Committee: Committee was founded when the Urban Forest Commission and the Parks & Recreation Commission was combined into one Commission to insure that Urban Forest issues did not fall to the way side.

Ad Hoc Committee: Standing committee to deal with any issue that may need to be addressed.

LIAISONS: Meets with user group to facilitate solutions to any issue. Commission added swimming last year to address issues of Woodland Swim Team and other aquatic issues.

Baseball: Romero

Soccer: Salinas

Swimming: Stephens



Parks & Recreation Commission

NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS	Term Expiration
Carla White-Snyder	whiteca@sutterhealth.org	12/31/2013
Enrique Fernandez, Vice Chair	Eaf.fernandez@gmail.com	12/31/2013
Jesse Salinas, Chair	jessesalinas333@gmail.com	12/31/2014
Ruben Morales Jr.	rubenmorales@mezgerbros.com	12/31/2015
Nathan Stephens	nhs@usa.net	12/31/2013
Joe Romero		12/31/2014
Jon-Paul Valcarenghi	jonpaulval@gmail.com	12/31/2016

STANDING COMMITTEES

(Max. 3 commissioners)

Facilities Committee (handles Park Naming)

Fernandez,

Budget and Finance Committee

Salinas, Romero

Child, Youth & Playground Committee

Romero, Stephens

Community/Senior Center/Sports Park

Salinas, Fernandez

Urban Forest Committee

Romero, Stephens

Ad Hoc Committee

Salinas, Romero, Alt. Stephens

LIAISONS

Baseball: Romero

Soccer: Salinas

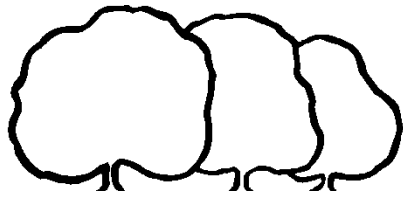
Swimming: Stephens

Volunteerism Committee

Commission typically meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.

Online agenda and packet available at: <http://www.cityofwoodland.org>

For additional information please call 530.661.2000



City of Woodland

STAFF REPORT

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: September 23, 2013

SUBJECT: Municipal Tennis Court Ordinance

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission open the discussion on tennis only play on City municipal tennis courts and make a recommendation to staff on how to move forward on the issue of non tennis activities being held on City tennis courts.

Staff Contact

Rob Sanders, Public Works Superintendent – 661-5959, rob.sanders@cityofwoodland.org

Report in Brief

Staff presented an ordinance for adoption during the August 20th Council meeting that would prohibit all non tennis related activities from taking place on City of Woodland municipal tennis courts; with exceptions being, City sponsored events or activities. The implementation of the ordinance was denied by Council at this time. Staff was given direction to return the issue back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further discussion and recommendation.

Background

The City currently owns and maintains several tennis courts in various parks throughout the City. These sites are designed and used extensively for recreational and competitive tennis play. Over the last year, staff has received an increase in complaints related to non-tennis activities being performed on our municipal courts (e.g. cricket, skateboarding and soccer). These non-tennis activities have not only been detrimental to the netting and court surfaces, but have also discouraged tennis players from utilizing the courts for the purpose for which they were intended. Furthermore, staff has observed or heard of nets being tied up and stretched, cricket bats being slammed into the court surfaces, skateboarding on the courts, and tennis players being intimidated to leave so non-tennis activities can take place.

The City currently has signage identifying the facilities as tennis play only; these signs have been placed at the entrances to the tennis courts. Unfortunately, they are just informational signs

with no legal recourse backing their instructions. Woodland PD has been called several times regarding issues stemming from non-tennis activities being held on the courts (i.e., individuals bouncing up and down on the netting, soccer and cricket players utilizing the courts, etc.) as well as issues related to rude and discourteous behavior towards tennis players and neighboring residents. Without an ordinance in place, there is little Woodland PD can do beyond talking to the individuals causing the problems. This has not been an effective deterrent to these groups, as these types of activities continue to persist.

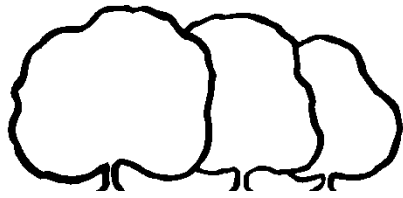
Discussion

In an effort to restrict non-tennis use on the courts, staff drafted Section 15-57 to the Woodland Municipal Code relating to the use of municipal tennis courts. This ordinance will restrict all non tennis related activities from taking place on City of Woodland municipal tennis courts; with exceptions being, City sponsored events or activities. This ordinance would also give Woodland PD and City Code Enforcement the authorization to administer citations to severe or repeat offenders.

Being that the ordinance failed to be adopted at Council; staff was directed to return this issue back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further review and Commission recommendation on how to address the issue of non tennis activities being play on City tennis courts.

Prepared by: Robert G. Sanders

Public Works Superintendent



City of Woodland

STAFF REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Municipal Tennis Court Ordinance

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council approve an ordinance of the City of Woodland adding Section 15-57 to the Woodland Municipal Code relating to the use of municipal tennis courts.

Staff Contact

Rob Sanders, Public Works Superintendent – 661-5959, rob.sanders@cityofwoodland.org

Fiscal Impact

Minimal; staff anticipates minor costs associate with the implementation of this ordinance (i.e., new signage and public announcements of the proposed ordinance).

Report in Brief

Staff recommends that the City Council approve an ordinance of the City of Woodland adding Section 15-57 to the Woodland Municipal Code relating to the use of municipal tennis courts. This ordinance would prohibit all non tennis related activities from taking place on the City of Woodland municipal tennis courts unless approved by the City.

Background

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The City currently has signage indentifying the facilities as tennis play only; these signs have been placed at the entrances to the tennis courts. Unfortunately, they are just informational signs with no legal recourse backing their instructions. Woodland PD has been called several times regarding issues stemming from non-tennis activities being held on the courts (i.e., individuals bouncing up and down on the netting, soccer and cricket players utilizing the courts, etc.) as well as issues related to rude and discourteous behavior towards tennis players and neighboring residents. Without an ordinance in place, there is little Woodland PD can do beyond talking to the individuals causing the problems. This has not been an effective deterrent to these groups, as these types of activities continue to persist.

Discussion

In an effort to restrict non-tennis use on the courts, staff has drafted Section 15-57 to the Woodland Municipal Code relating to the use of municipal tennis courts. This ordinance will restrict all non tennis related activities from taking place on the City of Woodland municipal tennis courts unless approved by the City. This ordinance would also give Woodland PD and City Code Enforcement the authorization to administer citations to severe or repeat offenders.

Moreover, this ordinance will be beneficial not only to the City in the area of reduced maintenance costs, but also to the various tennis groups that utilize these courts on a daily basis. It will assist in making sure that courts are available for their intended purpose – tennis, and tennis only. If the ordinance fails to pass, we will be forced to deal with future complaints in the same manner as we currently do (i.e., notify PD and hope for successful outcome).

Commission/Committee Recommendation

This ordinance is supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Alternative Courses of Action

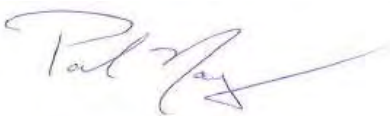
1. Approve an ordinance of the City of Woodland adding Section 15-57 to the Woodland Municipal Code relating to the use of municipal tennis courts.
2. Reject an ordinance of the City of Woodland adding Section 15-57 to the Woodland Municipal Code relating to the use of municipal tennis courts.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Alternative Course of Action #1.

Prepared by: Robert G. Sanders
Public Works Superintendent

Reviewed by: Gregor G. Meyer
Public Works Director



Paul Navazio, City Manager

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND ADDING
SECTION 15-57 TO THE WOODLAND MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE USE
OF MUNICIPAL TENNIS COURTS**

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates municipal tennis courts to promote the general welfare and to ensure the availability of public recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, municipal tennis courts are limited and heavily utilized, such that special efforts must be undertaken to ensure the maintenance and continued availability of municipal tennis courts; and

WHEREAS, use of City municipal tennis courts for uses other than playing tennis, including but not limited to soccer, cricket, volleyball, driving golf balls, archery, baseball, softball, football, roller skating, skate boarding, riding or driving any bicycle, scooter, or similar vehicle, or engaging in any other sport, causes damage to the facility grounds and poses safety hazards to other users; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds this Ordinance necessary to protect public investment, public property, and the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, Woodland Municipal Code Chapter 15, Offenses – Miscellaneous, sets forth activities and conduct prohibited within the City.

The City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to add Section 15-57 to the Woodland Municipal Code.

Section 3. Authority. The City Council enacts this Ordinance under the authority granted to cities by Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution.

Section 4. Amendment. Section 15-57 of the Woodland Municipal Code is hereby added to Chapter 15 to read in full as follows:

Sec. 15-57. Municipal Tennis Courts – Unauthorized Uses.

- A. No person shall play or engage in any activity other than tennis on municipal tennis courts. This prohibition shall not apply to City-approved or City-sponsored events or activities.
- B. Violation of this section shall be an infraction punishable as set forth in this code, expressly including, but not limited to, the issuance of an

administrative citation. Any fine or other penalty imposed shall be in addition to and not in lieu of expulsion.

- C. The City Manager shall have the authority to post signage at municipal tennis courts consistent with this section.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision or clause of this ordinance or any application of it to any person, firm, organization, partnership or corporation is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 6. Effective Date and Notice. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption and, within fifteen (15) days after its passage, shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated within the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Woodland this ____ day of _____, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ana Gonzalez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kara K. Ueda, City Attorney

Smith: Tennis anyone? How about cricket?

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Pity the poor Woodland tennis player: Beseiged by youngsters who would sooner kick a soccer ball, use their skateboards, or even take up a bat and play cricket on an otherwise unused tennis court.

Who would have thought Woodland's venerable -- if much unused -- tennis courts would become places for kids to hang out and (gasp) do things which are non-tennis?

But, according to city staff and members of the Woodland Tennis Club, that's what is happening and they want to put a stop to it. Using tennis courts to play soccer, or skateboarding is destructive to the asphalt. And those who play cricket occasionally slam their bats into the hard surface and damage it. Perhaps John McEnroe could offer lessons?

Worse, some of these non-tennis playing fiends are intimidating. When tennis players actually work up the nerve to ask if they can use the courts for which they were intended, those youngsters can be downright rude, maybe even threatening. Again, where is John McEnroe?

Sometimes, nets are pulled and damaged as well.

All this is why the Woodland City Council was asked to take action against non-tennis players using tennis courts for fun and games.

Fortunately, members of the council brought a little commonsense into the debate and wondered why youngsters who are willing to leave their precious video games, go outside, breath fresh air, and be physically active, while also staying out of trouble, are being told to get lost?

Woodland has faced these sorts of questions before. When the former Country Oaks tennis club closed, those who enjoyed tennis wondered where they would go. The city already had a number of tennis courts, which really weren't being used, and then spent money upgrading them.

Today, not all tennis courts are used all the time, which is why kids migrate to them. The fact they are lighted at night is also an advantage.

The logical solution to this problem -- at least to the non-bureaucratic mind -- would be to provide what the public wants. And in this case, the public includes those who would sooner skate, kick a ball with their feet or even a bat rather than a racquet.

Unfortunately, it's far easier to say "No" and placate a bunch of tennis players who are predominately, middle-aged, white, and pay taxes, then it is to provide for an unknown number of youngsters who don't know anything about applying political pressure, and certainly don't pay taxes.

I don't play tennis. I don't play soccer. I certainly don't play cricket. But if that's how our local youth are spending their time, then find a home for them. Better they should be off the streets enjoying themselves in recreational pursuits than on the streets with nothing to do.

Column resorted to exaggeration about tennis issues

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Regarding the column on tennis: You resorted to exaggeration and outlandish statements to make your point. You say that Woodland tennis courts are "much unused." How do you know? Is that just by personal observation or have you done some kind of survey?

Are they more unused than say, little league fields, Babe Ruth fields, Community Center fields (which by the way have soccer fields)? You state that the tennis courts are not used all the time. That can be said about all playing surfaces and locations. Will the city allow skateboarders to use the basketball courts at the Community Center?

I think not. What if motocross riders wanted to use the city soccer fields for jumping and racing motorcycles? Should that be allowed? It would in your "anything goes" strategy. You say "provide the public what it wants." Which public? Who will fund it? Have you read what your paper has written about budget shortages?

I agree that providing as many locations as possible for outdoor sporting activities for our youth is a worthy goal. Discussions for such things should be on the table. But let me say that bashing tennis players will not help the effort. Comparing our behavior to John McEnroe's past outbursts is below the level of someone in your position.

And you couldn't stop yourself from playing the race card (middle-aged, white, taxpayers) - you forgot to say "males." Oh, that's right, all tennis players aren't men. By the way, they aren't all white or middle-aged either.

I'm sure that most tennis players would be happy to share the courts with skateboarders, soccer and cricket players if such games were played when tennis players were not using them and such games did not damage the courts to the point that they effect the ability to play the game for which they were intended. But they do damage the courts -- just as your article has done more damage than good for relations between the Daily Democrat and the tennis playing public.

M. SCOTT SHEAMAN, Woodland

Tennis courts should be for playing tennis, nothing else

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Regarding Sunday's opinion piece: "Tennis anyone? How about Cricket?" Having lived in Woodland since 1975, and growing up playing tennis here, it is important for me to help you understand what the tennis court issue is really about. In reference to Sunday's opinion column about tennis players being middle-aged and white, I would beg to differ with you. In my experience and observation tennis players are represented by all ages, ethnicities and socio-economic levels. Further, if it were not for taxpayers we would not have tennis courts at all.

Your reference to John McEnroe slamming his racket on the court is a poor one. Virtually 99.9 percent of recreational tennis players do not exhibit this behavior.

I have knowledge that the Woodland Tennis Club has conducted free tennis clinics at Prairie Elementary School to encourage children to become interested in the sport. It's great exercise. I invite you to try it.

The issue is that the tennis courts in Woodland are being occupied and damaged by non-tennis players. Tennis courts are for playing tennis. They are called tennis courts for a reason.

I agree with your comment that children should be outside getting exercise but I encourage the Parks and Recreation Commission to find alternative venues for non-tennis related activities.

KIMBERLY BRYAN, Woodland

Woodland Tennis Club responds to anti-tennis column

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In response to the Sunday, Aug. 25, column by Daily Democrat Editor Jim Smith: We agree with your comments in the article that you don't play tennis, you don't play soccer and you don't play cricket. Unfortunately, those are the only statements that we agree with in your article.

You make light of the fact that non-tennis players use the courts to play soccer, do skateboarding or play cricket. Contrary to your opinion, City maintenance staff have told the Woodland Tennis Club that non-tennis players have caused considerable damage to the tennis courts in Woodland.

Because these players hang on and pull at the nets, they need to be replaced much more often than they would otherwise. The sticks used by the cricket players leave holes and notches in the courts. The surface of the courts will need resurfacing much sooner than if only tennis players played on them. The city has limited funds to spend on the maintenance of tennis courts and cannot afford to continually repair the damage caused by non tennis players.

Soccer and cricket players need a place to play, and the place for them to play is on a grass field, not on a tennis court. There are a number of grass fields in city parks suitable for their play.

Also, contrary to your opinion we have observed a number of people, some of whom are Woodland Tennis Club members and some who are not, of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, that play tennis in Woodland.

You may not be aware that Woodland has a history of great tennis player who learned to play tennis at City Park. They include Bob Hansen and Scott McCain. Both were stars in high school, college and in professional tennis. They were also both successful college coaches.

The Woodland Tennis Club wants to see tennis returned to the importance and greatness it once had in Woodland. That is the reason that we are excited that the city of Woodland has contracted with Phil Cello, who was recently inducted into the NorCal tennis hall of fame, to organize and conduct tennis programs at Woodland's public tennis courts. These programs will start in the latter part of September.

The Woodland Tennis Club is a nonprofit organization and is committed to the encouragement and expansion of tennis for all ages and abilities throughout the community.

ART WILLIAMS and four other members of the board of directors for the Woodland Tennis Club

Anti-tennis column based on incorrect assumptions

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Regarding the column: "Smith: Tennis anyone? How about cricket?" I live directly across the street from the tennis courts in City Park; these courts are located approximately 30 feet from my property. I can speak with authority regarding the activities that regularly go on there.

The article was written based on naïve opinion and was not factual whatsoever. The individuals who are abusing the tennis courts are not children. They are a group of obnoxious adults who do not just damage the courts - they disrupt the peace, quiet and safety of our neighborhood. For example, almost every Monday night a very large groups of adult individuals (up to 40) congregate on the tennis courts to play soccer, despite the sign that states that this activity is forbidden in the tennis courts.

These people are loud -- much louder than any of the people who play tennis. The players shout, whistle, and cheer, which would be fine, if they were on a soccer field, but they are not. This is a residential neighborhood! This brings up another concern. They really clog up the narrow street with their vehicles - there certainly is not a parking lot in the vicinity to accommodate cars and trucks for 40 soccer players!

When these people depart (sometimes as late as 10:30 p.m., when the lights on the tennis courts go out) they leave the neighborhood and create a disturbance. They peel out of their parking spaces with squealing tires, stereos blasting music, driving recklessly. They dominate the tennis courts, preventing tennis players from using the space, for several hours at a time. If there are people playing tennis, they hang around trying to intimidate them until the tennis players forfeit the courts.

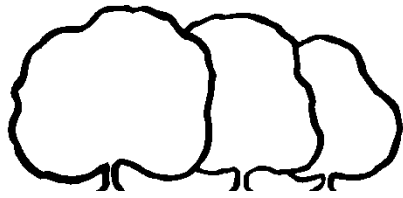
On two occasions they have rang my door bell late at night to retrieve soccer balls which have been kicked into my backyard. This has woken my children (ages 2 and 6). My husband and I have, on separate occasions, asked these individuals to be respectful of this neighborhood, and to play more quietly. We have requested that they do not ring our door bell late at night. And yet, this behavior continues, and seems to be increasing in frequency.

And, yes, they do damage the court surface and nets. I have seen several large men leaning and climbing on the nets. Their combined weight (usually four men at a time each weighing 180 about pounds) does put a lot of strain on the nets. They leave their garbage and empty bottles on the courts.

I agree - it is great that people get off their couches and engage in fun, physical activity. However, the tennis courts are an inappropriate venue for playing soccer. Perhaps the solution is for the city to provide an appropriate venue for this activity.

Just for the record: The courts are used frequently for tennis. Also for the record, I do not play tennis.

CONNIE CHAMPAGNE, Woodland



City of Woodland

STAFF REPORT

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission

DATE: September 23, 2013

SUBJECT: Potential Recreation Programming Options if Measure V ¼ Cent Sales Tax is Replaced

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Parks & Recreation Commission open the discussion on possible parks and recreation programming that could be funded with a replacement of Measure V.

Staff Contact

Christine Engel, Recreation Superintendent
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Report in Brief

At the September 17, 2013 City Council meeting, Council directed staff to assess options for a possible June 2014 measure to replace the city's expiring ¼ cent sales tax (Measure V), and return to Council in November for a full discussion and further direction. Staff is seeking input from the Parks & Recreation Commission on possible youth recreation programs that could be funded should a replacement tax measure be approved.

Discussion

The City's Measure V ¼ cent sales tax, which generates approximately \$2 million annually to the General Fund, was approved in 2010 and will expire in June 2014. Refer to attached September 17, 2013 City Council Staff Report for additional information.

Input from the Parks & Recreation Commission is sought in regards to the possible youth recreation programs that could benefit the community if a sales tax extension resulted in funding to implement such programs.

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SUBJECT: Consideration of Ballot Measure to Replace Measure V 1/4 Cent Sales Tax Expiring June 2014 Recommendation for Action Staff recommends that the City Council direct staff to assess options for a possible June 2014 ballot measure to replace the city's expiring 1/4 cent sales tax (Measure V), and return to Council in November for a full discussion and further direction. Staff Contact Paul Navazio, City Manager - 530 661-5800, paul.navazio@cityofwoodland.org

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City of Woodland

STAFF REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 17, 2013

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SUBJECT: Consideration of Ballot Measure to Replace Measure V ¼ Cent Sales Tax Expiring June 2014

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council direct staff to assess options for a possible June 2014 ballot measure to replace the city's expiring ¼ cent sales tax (Measure V), and return to Council in November for a full discussion and further direction.

Staff Contact

Paul Navazio, City Manager - 530 661-5800, paul.navazio@cityofwoodland.org

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Background

The City currently receives supplemental sales tax revenue through two voter-approved measures authorizing transaction and use taxes of ¼ cent (Measure V) and ½ cent (Measure E), respectively.

Measure V which generates approximately \$2 million annually to the General Fund was approved in 2010, for a four year period expiring in June 2014. Measure E, approved in 2006 for a 12 year period, effectively re-authorized the City's Measure H ½ cent sales tax measure first approved by the voters in 2000.

Both of the current voter-approved sales tax measures were accompanied by advisory measures establishing non-binding priorities for use of the revenues generated by each measure. Measure V is currently being used consistent with its advisory measures that provided that 30% be allocated in support of the Woodland Public Library, 30% for park maintenance, landscape maintenance and senior programs, and 40% in support of police and fire services. In contrast, Measure E funding is currently dedicated in support of road rehabilitation and capital improvement projects including the Community and Senior Center, Sports Park, Opera House and various other planned park facilities projects. (Measure E is currently funding rehabilitation of the Brooks Pool Complex and Freeman Park)

Discussion

The Council's decision to place Measure V's ¼ cent sales tax measure before the voters in 2010 was rooted in the budget crisis that resulted in recurring deficits of \$2 - \$3 million, following extensive budget reductions that were implemented to balance the FY2009/10 budget. Significant program and service reductions would have been necessary to achieve a balanced budget for FY2010/11, including areas deemed to have a direct impact on both the quality of life and public safety in the community.

The successful passage of Measure V greatly reduced (but did not eliminate) the need for budget reductions, but provided critical funding support to help the city navigate the economic recession from which we are only recently beginning to slowly recover.

Measure V was specifically intended to help the city through the economic crisis, and avoid draconian service reductions, and provide needed time for the City to find ways to reduce costs and streamline services until the economy improved and city revenues stabilized.

Progress Toward Goal of Fiscal Stability

True to the spirit of Measure V, the City has implemented significant measures to help stabilize our financial situation, despite the deep and protracted economic recession that hit communities like Woodland particularly hard. Since 2008/09, the City has shed roughly \$9 million in annual General Fund costs through deep reductions across all city programs and services supported by property and sales tax revenues. Moreover, the City has made significant progress, in collaboration with its employee bargaining groups, to address growing costs of health and retirement benefits and has begun to address its large unfunded liabilities in this area.

As discussed in the presentation of the City's FY2013/14 budget, the City has made significant progress in advancing its goal of fiscal stability. The five-year budget forecast -which assumes expiration of the Measure V ¼ cent sales tax - reflects a balanced budget through FY2015/16, while maintaining prudent reserves consistent with Council policy.

Moreover, the city also has made significant progress in addressing several structural budget concerns, including capping city exposure to increases in employee health insurance premiums, implementing new, lower-tier retirement benefit formulas as well as increased cost sharing for CalPERS pension costs, and beginning the pre-funding of the city's retiree medical liability. In addition, the city has been able to use one-time budget flexibility to repay inter-fund loans made to

the General Fund and restore critical funding to the city's utility enterprise and vehicle internal service funds.

While additional budget-balancing measures may well be needed, beyond 2015/16 to maintain a balanced budget, the conservative assumptions used in the five-year forecast suggest that revenue growth from a sustained economic recovery could erase the projected deficits in the out-years of the budget forecast.

Opportunity for Community Reinvestment

As a result of the budget and staffing reductions implemented over the past six years (\$9 million and 110 staff positions), a number of city programs and services have been greatly reduced or eliminated entirely. Going forward, while the prospects for the city to maintain a balanced budget are much improved, there are a number of program areas that would remain under-funded, with negative impacts on the breadth and quality of city services, and hamper progress on key priority initiatives including those aimed at economic development, business attraction and job creation.

For this reason, staff recommends that the City Council give consideration to a June 2014 ballot measure that would replace Measure V, and provide for continued collection of the existing ¼ cent sales tax - not for the purpose of avoiding future program and service cuts, but rather to provide funding flexibility to reinvest resources in areas most directly tied to improvements in overall quality of life for the community. Several program areas for which additional funding could yield significant community benefits include:

- Youth Recreation Programs
- Teen Programming / Teen Center
- Library - Hours of operations, literacy programs and collections
- Joint City / School District Programming - after-school programs, tutoring and job training
- Aquatics Programs - restore funding for 2nd community pool
- Economic Development - Business Attraction /Retention, Job Creation, Flood Protection
- Downtown Revitalization

The scheduled expiration of Measure V in June 2014, combined with the progress made in addressing many of the city's structural budget challenges, provides an opportunity for future revenues from the existing ¼ cent sales tax to be applied to areas with significant community benefits.

Timelines

At this time, staff is requesting City Council concurrence to assess options for placing a ballot measure to replace Measure V on the June 2014 ballot. If the City Council is so inclined, there would be adequate time to explore and evaluate options, seek community input and craft appropriate ballot language within the timeframes needed for formal council action to place a measure on the June 2014 ballot.

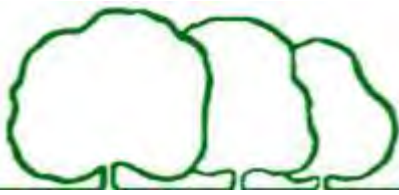
Staff would likely return to the City Council in mid-November with a range of potential ballot options, and the Council would need to provide specific direction - if so desired - by the end of December or early January. This timeframe would allow for formal Council action on all requirements for a June ballot measure to be completed no later than early February.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the City Council direct staff to assess options for a possible June 2014 ballot measure to replace the city's expiring ¼ cent sales tax (Measure V), and return to Council in November for a full discussion and further direction.

Prepared by: Paul Navazio, City Manager

Attachment: Tentative Timeline



Parks and Recreation Commission Communication

AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Monthly Parks & Recreation Report

DATE: September 23, 2013

PREPARED BY: Parks & Recreation Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None. Information only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The following provides highlights of the Parks & Recreation Department since the last report.

Transition to Community Services Department

On October 1, the Parks & Recreation Department will formally change the department name to the "Community Services Department". While the change will be "official" on October 1, a complete transition could take additional time. The mission of the Department will be expanded to also provide services related to affordable housing and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program. Additionally, the Department will also implement programs that engage the community and provide assistance for non-profit organizations and other community partners. A senior planner (Dan Sokolow) moved from the Community Development Department to Parks & Recreation on August 1st; he will continue to oversee the affordable housing and CDBG programs. This change will not affect the current operations of the department related to recreation programming, facility scheduling, and senior programs.

Movies on Main Street

The City of Woodland will be hosting a fall block party on Main Street on Friday, October 11th beginning at 6 pm. This free family event has activities for all to enjoy. At sundown, Disney's "Cars" will be shown (at approximately 7:15 p.m.).

Main Street will be closed from First Street to Third Street; the movie screen will be placed at Second Street with movie viewing available on Main Street. Participants are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and/or blankets to sit directly on Main Street.

Before the movie begins activities will be available on Main Street and in Heritage Plaza including: children's crafts, a bounce house, tricycle races, and live music by The Highway 16 Band. Old and new cars and antique fire trucks will be placed on Main Street for viewing and pictures.

Drinks and snacks will be available and the downtown businesses on Main Street will be open. The Historic Woodland Downtown Business Association is providing prizes for some of the activities before the movie begins. Bayside Church is donating the use of the movie screen and sound system for the event.

This event would not be possible without the support and assistance from the Historic Woodland Downtown Business Association, Bayside Church, Waste Management, The Highway 16 Band, Woodland Street Cruisers, Woodland Fire Volunteer Support Branch, Elm Ford, Scotty Grunert, Mark Reiff, and Matt McGrew.

Fall/Winter Recreation Guide

The next edition of the recreation guide was released in the Daily Democrat and at the Parks & Recreation office on July 31st. This guide spans programs from September 2013-February 2014. New program offerings include a roller derby class and also a disc golf tournament on October 5th at Ferns Park.

Sports Park

Adult Softball: Fall league began on September 9th and continues through November 15th. Field space is limited due to soccer season. There are 56 teams registered for the fall softball season.

Tournament Booking: Sports Park tournament revenue for January-August exceeded \$70,000. The number of cancelled dates in 2013 decreased since last year. Users started to use only what was needed and paid accordingly for their usage. Staff will meet with the tournament directors in September to finalize tournament rental dates for 2014.

Aquatics

Pool Renovations: The pool closed after swim lessons ended on August 9th for the resurfacing and decking project. The project is currently underway with all the decking and plaster removed. The pool is scheduled to reopen in December.

Woodland Wreckers Swim Team: Woodland Wreckers swim team won 3 of 4 league meets this season taking 2nd place in our league. Wreckers ended the season with 133 youth participating on the team. The Wreckers championship meet was on July 20-21, 2013. The team had 47 swimmers qualify for the highest level recreational swim meet, the Meet of Champions.

Swim Lessons: Swim lessons were almost full at 1062 participants. Swim lesson revenue was \$55,722. Our recreation swim lessons have started to transition from Red Cross lessons to a new program being developed by local recreation agencies and swim coaches. The new program has proved successful in transitioning swimmers from beginner to skilled swimmers in a shorter amount of time than traditional Red Cross courses. Furthermore, Red Cross fees have increased 280% since 2012 so moving away from Red Cross will save our programs needed money.

Woodland Swim Team: Woodland Swim team finished its long course season with two swimmers making Far Westerns. The team continues to train at El Macero while our facility is under construction.

Public Swim: Public swim averaged 320 swimmers a day throughout the summer. Compared to the last two free summers, public swim was down this season by about 100 swimmers a day. This season had three days where we reached capacity of over 560 participants.

Gym Sports

Adult Basketball and Volleyball leagues began on August 26, 2013. Due to the large turn-out for volleyball we are having two divisions for this season. Basketball league fees were reduced to encourage more team registration. For the first time in two years our fall basketball league is back up and running with six teams.

Youth Recreation

Summertime Fun Club: The Summertime Fun Club ended its 10-week summer program on August 16th. The first session had 145 registered participants and the second session had 135. On Wednesday August 14th, the kids participated in the Fun Club Olympics at Ferns Park. This event included a hula hoop contest, foot race, and obstacle course; winners were given ribbons for the top three places in each event.

Afterschool Fun Club: The Afterschool Fun Club takes place at Maxwell Elementary School, 50 Ashley Ave. It begins after school and ends at 6:00 p.m. on every Woodland Joint Unified School District school day. There are initially 15 students using this service. Activities include homework help, games, crafts, story time, and a weekly movie.

Toddler Time: In November 2012, a new program “Toddler Time” was started. This program is a weekly parent/grandparent and toddler group that meets at the Community & Senior Center. The program was created as a “play date” for families and also indirectly exposes the families to the diverse programming offered by Parks & Recreation. Participation has been fairly consistent since the inception of the program and ranges from 15-20 families a week. The Toddler Time participants will be participating in a “Pennies for Presents” program consisting of collecting donations (pennies) to sponsor a family at the holidays and providing them with gifts. The family (or families) that would be sponsored would be specific to a grandparent or great-grandparent that is raising children. Senior Center Inc has agreed to match the funds (up to \$500) that are raised for this effort. Staff will be working with Families First to identify the families that will be sponsored.

Contract Recreation

New Classes: Starting this fall, a few new interesting classes are being offered. “Roller Derby Fitness & Skills” for adults covers fundamental skating and derby skills. It takes places Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Ferns Park, 750 W. Southwood Dr. This fall and winter, the National Academy of Athletics will be offering several basketball camps and clinics to help supplement the Woodland Youth Basketball League. There are many opportunities for 8-14 year olds to develop their basketball skills this year, including clinics during the students’ scheduled school days off.

Tennis: The City recently contracted with Norcal Tennis Hall of Fame coaching legend Phil Cello to provide tennis lessons, clinics and tournaments. Phil brings a lifetime of programming and coaching experience having developed successful tennis programs at both public and private facilities. Additionally, he has trained thousands players at all levels including ATP and WTA professionals with one US Open title holder. Michael Kwong, a top teaching professional from Australia, will be assisting Phil as the Head Teaching Professional. For the last 7 years Michael has taught tennis in Hong Kong and he is currently ranked in the top 10 for tennis players in Hong Kong. “Cello International Tennis Academy” will be offering free tennis clinics on Saturdays from September 21st through October 12th at City Park, 629 Cleveland St. at 1:00 pm for youth and 2:00 pm for adults. There are also tennis classes for all ages being offered starting the week of September 23rd.

Senior Center/Senior Recreation Opportunities

Teens Helping Seniors: The revitalization of the Teens Helping Seniors program proved to be successful and was financially possible with funding from Senior Center, Inc. The staff plans to increase outreach to teens *and* seniors to generate more work and community exposure in 2014. The volunteers saw the value in the work they did and several plan to return in 2014.

Thirteen high-school students volunteered at seniors’ homes and performed housework and yard-work. The program was available June 24th through August 14th, and a total of 47 jobs were conducted at the homes of 37 local seniors. The volunteers accumulated over 200 hours of service in the 8-week program.

The response from the seniors was overwhelmingly positive; one resident emailed her feedback:

“Wes and the teens worked harder than anyone I’ve had help me so far and they did it on one of our hottest days. They arrived promptly and their hours of work have made a huge difference in my backyard landscape. Wes was very courteous, friendly and professional all at the same time. Kudos to him and the teens! And I certainly hope this program will continue; with my limited income, I don’t think I could have gotten the same results from any other source. Thank you all so much for such a wonderful program!” –Gloria

Seniors

Flu Vaccination for Seniors: In preparation for flu-season, the Yolo County Healthy Department is offering a low-cost flu shot clinic for seniors on Thursday, October 17 at the Senior Center from 9 am to 12 pm. The “Healthy Yolo” campaign will be soliciting feedback from the participants regarding their opinions on health issue concerns and the strengths of the community.

Community Center

Rentals: During the months of August and September the Community Center hosted memorial services, weddings, wedding receptions, trainings, and business meetings. Additionally, the Community Center hosted WJUSD, Woodland Health Care, WCEA and other rentals for businesses and service club meetings.

Facility Operation & Maintenance: All couches and chairs have been cleaned throughout the building. Partitions in the banquet rooms have been cleaned. Meeting room partitions will be cleaned at a later date. When not in use, all meeting room doors, banquet room doors, and kitchen doors are now able to be secured. The bus stop area has been pressure washed and cleaned. Lights throughout the building have been repaired or replaced. The Haarberg Gym and Dance Studio will be closed for resurfacing at the end of December.

Miscellaneous

Father Daughter Dance: The 12th annual Father/Daughter Dance will be held on November 2nd at the Community & Senior Center. This semi-formal event includes a sit down dinner, dancing, raffles, and activities. Fathers (or grandfathers) and daughters of all ages attend this event. Registration began the first week of September. Flyers will be distributed to the schools mid September.

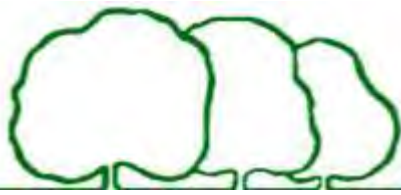
Woodland Walks: This is a new walking program which began on September 6th. Participants meet in front of the Woodland Community & Senior Center every Friday starting at 9 am. This group walking program includes guided 1.5 and 3 mile walks.

Expense and Revenue Summaries**RECREATION DIVISION - BUDGET SNAPSHOT thru 8/31/13**

Program	Budget	Expenses & Encumbrances	Balance	% Remaining
General Fund				
Parks & Recreation Admin	\$239,581.26	\$23,864.68	\$215,716.58	90.04%
Community & Senior Center	\$795,833.60	\$96,733.44	\$681,623.25	85.65%
Brooks Swim Center - Recreation	\$134,580.35	\$66,993.05	\$67,587.30	50.22%
General Recreation Programs	\$365,804.55	\$50,621.30	\$315,183.25	86.16%
Enterprise Fund				
Youth Center Enterprise	\$362,180.59	\$75,272.12	\$243,211.60	67.15%
TOTAL RECREATION BUDGET	\$1,897,980.35	\$313,484.59	\$1,523,321.98	80.26%

RECREATION DIVISION - REVENUE SNAPSHOT thru 8/31/13

Account Title	FY13 Projection	FY13 Revenue to Date	% of Projection
RED CROSS COURSE FEE	\$512.50		0.00%
MSC. SALES	\$843.43	\$410.46	48.67%
C BROOKS SWIM CTR REV	\$112,859.53	\$16,203.64	14.36%
SENIOR PROGRAMS REVENUE	\$5,000.00	\$1,779.65	35.59%
COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER MISC	\$76,405.40	\$32,489.77	42.52%
COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTER	\$30,000.00	\$5,332.00	17.77%
COMMUNITY SPORTS PARK	\$150,000.00	\$11,329.15	7.55%
YOUTH RECREATION	\$75,000.00	\$11,707.70	15.61%
YOLANO RECREATION PRG INC	\$7,965.66	\$977.30	12.27%
ADULT REC & LEAGUE PRGMS	\$97,351.51	\$13,115.00	13.47%
RECREATION CONTRACTS	\$75,000.00	\$9,648.86	12.87%
TOTALS	\$630,938.03	\$102,993.53	16.32%



Parks and Recreation Commission Communication

AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Monthly Parks Report

DATE: September 23, 2013

PREPARED BY: Public Works Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None; Information only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The following identifies highlights of the parks program since the last Parks Report.

- **Community Center/Sports Park/Dog Park**

1. The grooming of the synthetic turf fields have been completed, a process that will help lengthen the life span of the turf. Staff is looking at the possibility of procuring the necessary equipment to perform this task in-house, but needs to do further investigation on the return on investment (ROI) to make sure this would be feasible.
2. Staff has started receiving bids for the exterior fence to surround the sports park. As soon as all bids are received we will award to the lowest competent bidder and will be able to move forward on this project.
3. The Dog Park has had an issue with mud accumulating along the dividing fence that separates the large dogs from the smaller ones on the small dog side. This has been an issue on both sides of the fence with the large dog side being addressed last year. The budget at that time couldn't support making repairs to both sides so only one side was completed. We are currently seeking bids to complete the remaining side.

- **Pioneer Park**

Staff is currently in the process of replacing two slides in the playground area that have become unsafe. The slides will be installed as soon as there is time for personnel to remove and replace the damaged ones.

- **Freeman Park**

The park rehab project is in full swing; the project will include new pathways, irrigation, sod and lighting, as well as the installation of a new basketball court. This project will give the park a new rejuvenated look that will accent the proposed improvements slated for Downtown.

- **Cemetery**

1. ***Internments*** – The Woodland Cemetery had seven interments during the months of July and August, as well as five cremations and five full burials.
2. ***Sales*** – There was \$8,323 in sales for the month of July and \$11,965 for the month of August.
3. ***Operations*** – Staff employed four temporary maintenance workers at cemetery during the months of July and August, they completed mowing, trimming and grounds maintenance. Furthermore, herbicide applications which control broad leaf weeds in the turf have also been started. Twelve raised lots were contracted to be planted with perennials by Dominguez landscapes to be able to provide an attractive site for those who visit.

- **Jack Slavin Park Water Feature**

The water feature at Jack Slaven Park has been operational, opening in the month of May. The water feature has been extremely popular with the residents of woodland and surrounding communities. The water feature is slated to be closed on October 1st, but this would be dependent on weather conditions.

- **Brooks Swim Center**

The pool reconstruction is underway and on schedule. There have been some expected and non expected additional repairs that had to be addressed during the construction project, e.g. deep cracks, warped rail gutters and sidewall grinding; contingencies that we were fortunately able to absorb. Another addition to the project is the resurfacing of the small pool. This is a highly utilized pool, but its worn and abrasive surfacing has become a safety issue of late and needed to be addressed. This work wasn't identified in the original scope, but was added to the project as a must need repair.

Snapshot of Parks Primary Budgets through 9/16/13

Fund Source	Beginning Balance	Expenditures & Encumbrances	Remaining Balance	% Remaining
Brooks Swim Center	\$262,645.46	\$27,935.05	\$234,710.41	%89.16
Cemetery	\$368,011.47	\$43,592.30	\$324,419.17	%88.15
Gateway LLD	\$37,586.02	\$1,728.80	\$35,357.22	%95.40
General Fund Parks	\$874,802.44	\$207,643.66	\$667,158.78	%76.26
Gibson Ranch LLD	\$431,733.43	\$149,126.13	\$282,607.30	%56.46
Spring Lake LLD	\$353,040.15	\$110,782.40	\$242,257.75	%68.52
Sports Park	\$305,671.16	\$56,772.54	\$248,898.62	%81.43
Urban Forestry	\$355,568.31	\$16,706.99	\$338,861.32	%95.30
Spring Lake SLIF	\$27,124.39	\$873.54	\$26,250.85	%96.78

- **Urban Forestry Staffing**

Staff has made a conditional offer to a highly qualified candidate to fill the vacated Tree Trimmer I/II position within the Urban Forestry Group. We are anxiously waiting for him to clear his background checks so we can start addressing an ever increasing backlog of work orders.

- **Cyclical Pruning**

Staff has compiled a list of necessary removals and is processing the requisition that will allow the contractor to move forward on this work. As soon as the contractor is finished with the removals they will be tasked with catching up with the cyclical pruning in Area #6. This area is bordered by Court Street, Beamer Street, College Street, and East Street. All City owned trees that reside in this area will be slated for pruning as funding allows.

This is only possible due to the onetime \$100K funding we received in our budget this year to help address our cyclical pruning backlog; which is due to prior budget reductions that the Urban Forestry Group has incurred over the last three years.

- **Service Requests / Work Orders**

Currently there are 538 attached and 273 unattached work orders that are open and waiting to be processed. This is a total of 811 pending tasks that are currently on the books waiting to be addressed. This backlog can be directly related to our current shortage of staff and underfunding of the Urban Forestry Program over the last several years.

- **Tree Removals**

1. With the loss of Tree Trimmer I/II, removals that were previously slated to be performed by internal staff will now be tasked to West Coast Arborists. Staff will be working closely with them to make sure this process goes smoothly.
2. For calendar year 2013, the UFG has removed 11 tree(s) of various sizes.

The following trees were removed in the past month, due to imminently hazardous conditions, vandalism, or the tree being in poor health:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree Species</u>	<u>Reason</u>
156 Glacier	4 Pins & 1 Crabapple & 1 London Plane	Poor soil conditions
E. Heritage Parkway	1 Chinese Elm	Inadequate root system
2128 Muller Dr.	1 Red Maple & 1Cork Oak	Inadequate root systems
2 Palm Ave.	1 Crape Myrtle & 1 Red Bud	Died
909 Second St.	1 White Alder	Died
604 Fourth St.	1 Crape Myrtle	Died
1008 Second St.	1 Chinese Pistache	Diseased
828 Wallace Dr.	1 Chinese Pistache	Blocking a sign
2641 Nicolson Cir.	1 Red Oak & 1 Little Leaf Linden	Died
2637 Nicolson Cir	1 Red Oak	Died

Respectfully submitted,

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