

**Board of Parks & Recreation Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 03, 2024 – 4:00 pm
Sunnyside Community Center
1521 S 1st Street, Sunnyside, Washington**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Board of Parks & Recreation special meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Chair Rubio.

2. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Sherre Holden	X	
Perla Zepeda	X	
Amy Rubio	X	
Cis Kennard	X	
Mike Aguirre	X	
Lila Rice	X	
Theresa Alvarez-Ziegler	X	

GUESTS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Recreation Supervisor Mary Ramirez
- Recreation Coordinator Samantha Orahood
- Deputy Public Works Director Andrew Robinson
- City Manager Mike Gonzalez
- Director of Community and Economic Development Derrick Braaten
- Public Works Administrative Assistant Annette Lara

3. ACTIVE AGENDA:

Approve minutes of the September 5, 2024 special meeting.

MOTION by Cis Kennard, seconded by Perla Zepeda. No objections, motion passes.

A. Soccer field update

City Manager Mike Gonzalez discusses the soccer master plan relaying that he is working with Davis Consulting who is looking into a grant for upwards of \$100,000 or more to do a comprehensive soccer study. This would look at what the City of Sunnyside's current assets are in terms of fields, personnel it would take to the run them & maintain, and economic development elements. Additionally looking into

the cost of repurposing the old skating building into an indoor soccer facility and having Tina Knoth Park at the center needing upgrades that he and the Director of Community and Economic Development Derrick Braaten will be looking into.

B. Community Forum

City Manager Mike Gonzalez discusses future bilingual community forums to be held at the Community Center for community input on the comprehensive plan.

4. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Board Member Cis Kennard discusses the museum storage progress, the website, and additionally discusses and shares her research into grants.
- Board Member Theresa Alvarez-Ziegler introduces herself, reports she's excited to be here, and relays her experience.
- Board Member Mike Aguirre asks for updates on the Splash Pad information, funding for the Splash Pad, and the future Don Hughes Park playground project.
- Board Member Sherre Holden discusses the concerns of the Senior Center being brought up as a possible use for shelter.
- Board Member Lila Rice relays that on the 13th from 1-7pm the Eagles is hosting a Spaghetti Feed fundraiser for The Miss Sunnyside Program's new float.
- Board Member Amy Rubio relays that on the 26th there is the Outlook Carnival and Homecoming Tomorrow (10/4).

5. ITEMS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

- Recreation Supervisor Mary Ramirez reminds the board on email rules to not create a rolling meeting on the email chain and Ramirez updates the board on the soccer wrap up and upcoming events, Spooky Fall Festival, Father Daughter Dance, and Thanksgiving Meal.
- Recreation Coordinator Samantha Orahood updates the board on the volunteer forms progress and the recreation/community center survey.

6. Visitor Comments:

- City Manager Mike Gonzalez discusses the Coaches Clinic by Seattle Reign that will be held at the Community Center on November 16th. Mike adds that the Recreation Supervisor Mary Ramirez will be giving a Parks Report at the City Council Workshop on 10/21 suggesting that the board attend.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, November 07, 2024 @ 4:00 pm at Community Center.

8. ADJOURN:

With there being no further business to come before the board, Chair Rubio adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Samantha Orahoad, Recreation Coordinator