

MINUTES  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
Wasco City Council and  
Recreation and Parks District  
January 23, 2014 - 6:00p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
746 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Wasco, CA 93280

This meeting was moved to the court house training room located at 810 8<sup>th</sup> Street

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1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cortez called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez, Members: Espitia, Martin, and Wegman

Present: Chairman Jones, Directors: Garland, McDaniel and Wymer

Absent: Member West and Director Snow

Also Present: City Manager Allen, District Manager Hight, City Clerk Rodriguez, Public Works Director Paris, Planning Director Mobley and Senior Planner Cobb

3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cortez led the flag salute.

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

5) Report and Discussion, RE: Urban Greening Parks and Open Space Master Plan Status

Director Mobley reported that the plan is being funded by a grant and consultants did the study. The purpose of the study is to clarify the policy of the park and open space and the park needs. With the study they hope to have a more comprehensive plan.

Consultants Jim Pikel and Mark Sillings with MIG were present and introduced themselves. They went over the agenda and the project goals.

**Member Wegman left at 6:10p.m.**

Consultants also discussed the planning process, draft goals and recommendations.

**Member Wegman returned at 6:29p.m.**

Some of the items discussed were park deficits, urban greening, conservation and connectivity. The next steps are capital improvement plan, funding and implementation, administrative master plan and plan adoption.

Member Espitia asked the consultants what they believe the soccer park needs. They feel that the park needs permanent restrooms, designated parking, an area for the kids to play, lights, and larger turf area.

Director Garland asked about cost and funding. Consultants will get that information to Director Mobley and Senior Planner Cobb.

6) Discussion of Recreation & Parks District Opportunities and Needs.

Member Espitia reported that the parks need maintenance and lighting. He suggested that the city lend equipment to the park if needed.

Director Jones mentioned that the city and the park are working together now.

Director McDaniel wants the city and the park board to have a better relationship, feels the contract is one sided and the park district should not have to pay for trash because the community generates the trash and not the park district.

**Member Wegman left at 6:50p.m.**

City Manager Allen informed the park board that the city does give the park district a discount for the trash and the city also loans equipment as needed.

**Member Wegman returned at 6:52p.m.**

Director McDaniel mentioned he was never aware that the park district received a discount for the trash.

City Manager Allen mentioned that the city grant writer is helping and looking for grants for the district.

There was some discussion on the park district wanting to keep the pool.

Mayor Cortez asked for a cost analysis for the pool.

City Manager Allen and staff will look into pre-fab restrooms and then report to the council and park board.

7) **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Director Garland thanked the city and the City Manager for their help. He would like school representatives invited to the next joint meeting.

Member Wegman would like for the city and the park board to move on and work together.

Member Espitia would like for the city and the park board to work together for the best of the community.


Director Wymer would like for the city and the park board to work together.

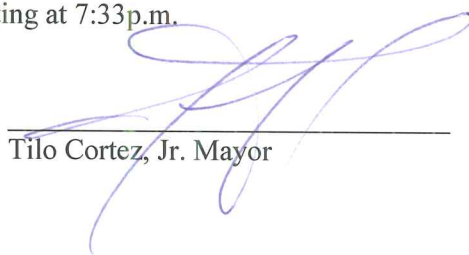
Manager Hight would like for the city and the park board to work together for the community.

Member Martin would like for the city and the park board to work together for the community.

Mayor Cortez mentioned that the parks are the first impression for anyone moving to the community and everyone has the same goal.

8) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Cortez adjourned the joint meeting at 7:33p.m.

  
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Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
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Tilo Cortez, Jr. Mayor