

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
August 2, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Christina Kwan, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, and Randy Taylor.
Absent: Mayor Blaine Thorington.
Staff: City Manager William C. Murphy, Police Chief Adam Diaz, City Building
Present: Official/Planner William Rathbone, Parks and Recreation Director James Coles, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to excuse Mayor Thorington from the August 2, 2010 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**LINCOLN PARK AND OLNEY PARK - PRELIMINARY PLANNING
FOR POSSIBLE EXPENDITURES IN 2011 BUDGET: (1) WHAT TO DO
ABOUT THE DILAPIDATED GAZEBOS; (2) CONSIDER PROPOSAL
FOR SECURITY FENCING AT LINCOLN PARK**

City Manager Murphy reported that the meeting is for informational and educational purposes and will be a three part presentation starting with City Building Official/Planner Rathbone, then Parks and Recreation Director Cole, and finish with Police Chief Diaz. CM Murphy stated that these matters should be considered during the upcoming budget process and acknowledged that Council received a copy of the budget calendar.

City Building Official/Planner Rathbone (CP Rathbone) reported on his findings concerning the condition of the gazebo at Lincoln Park and the gazebo at Olney Park. CP Rathbone reported that the Lincoln Park gazebo was recently repaired to stabilize the structure. CP Rathbone provided a presentation of pictures of the Olney Park gazebo, which showed evidence of significant deterioration that is beyond simple repairs for the roughly 50-year-old gazebo. The pictures also showed considerable sag in the roof with the columns on the west side kicking out, and the lack of ceiling joists is making the roof pull apart. CM Rathbone recommended that Council consider replacing the Olney Park gazebo with a new structure, and then consider replacement of the Lincoln Park gazebo with a new structure.

Parks and Recreation Director Cole (PR Cole) reported that that the countertop area of the Lincoln Park gazebo was removed during the recent repairs to stabilize the structure in order to reduce graffiti on the picnic shelter. PR Cole stated that he requested J & L Construction and Huylar Construction to present estimates for the replacement of the gazebos, and he supplied catalogs with many options that would involve the use of a kit to install new structures.

Police Chief Diaz (PC Diaz) reported on the gang activities that the police officers are dealing with routinely at Lincoln Park involving, graffiti, weapons, guns, drugs, and drug paraphernalia. After PC Diaz played a video regarding local gang members identifying the Lincoln Park gazebo as its gathering spot, he briefly discussed the proposal to install lighting, possibly cameras, and strategic fencing with gates to assist with enforcement for police officers and to discourage gang members from gathering in the gazebo area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR PRO TEM

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK