



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

**Council Chambers
200 H Street
Antioch, CA 94509**

**Thursday
May 15, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents are given the opportunity to address the Commission on Park and Recreation issues not on the regular agenda.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings of June 13, 2013 and October 24, 2013.

MINUTES

VI. BUSINESS

1. Receive the Draft 2014-2019 Five Year Capital Improvement Program, (P.W. 150-14)

VII. COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

1. Staff
2. Commission Communication

STAFF REPORT

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Antioch City Hall
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2013

**CITY OF ANITTOCH
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Immekus called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday June 13, 2013.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Immekus led and Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners McClelland, Flores, Davis and Chairperson Immekus
Absent: Commissioner Thibeaux

Check on Robertson resigned

Staff: Ahmed Abu-Aly, Associate Engineer, Capital Improvement Division
Mike Bechtholdt, Deputy Director of Public Works
Kitty Eiden, Minutes Clerk

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (January 24, 2013)

On motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Parks and Recreation Commission members present approved the minutes as written. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Davis, Flores, McClelland
Abstain: Immekus
Absent: Thibeaux

Vice Chairperson Davis reported at the previous Park and Recreation Commission meeting, he had provided the Commission with information from Roberts Rules of Order, which indicated there were no requirements that Commission members have firsthand knowledge prior to voting on minutes or other agenda items. He stated that since Chairperson Immekus was absent from that meeting and had not received the information, he would send it to him, via email.

In response to Commissioner Davis, Chairperson Immekus responded that a quorum of the Commission was based on seven members of the Commission. He reported he had spoke with Mayor Harper and staff regarding the importance of filling the two vacant Commission seats, as soon as possible.

6. BUSINESS

RECEIVE THE DRAFT 2013-2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PW 150-13)

Ahmed Abu-Aly, Associate Engineer, Capital Improvement Division, presented the staff report dated June 6, 2013 recommending the Parks and Recreation Commission receive the Draft 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program.

Commissioner Davis questioned if a feasibility study would be conducted for the improvements needed at the Fulton Shipyard Boat Ramp.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt responded that Council would need to set priorities with regards to the level of improvements for the marina and boat launches. He noted that revenue available was limited due to the State takeaway of redevelopment monies, from the Marina Fund.

In response to Chairperson Immekus, Associate Engineer Ahmed Abu-Aly gave a brief overview of the Wilbur Avenue bridge project.

7. COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

Commissioner Davis requested staff update the city's website for the Parks and Recreation Commission. He spoke to the recent dog attack at Chichibu Park and questioned if signage was posted regarding the restrictions for animals in the park.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt stated that leash laws addressed the issue and typically people that had allowed their dogs run off leash, were not persuaded by signage.

Commissioner Davis announced June 14, 2013, was his 50th wedding anniversary.

Chairperson Immekus congratulated Commissioner Davis on his anniversary. He reported he had received a correspondence in February from 6th graders at Antioch Charter Academy, which was adjacent to Mira Vista Park. He noted they had indicated they were upset that since the play structure had been removed, physical education was no longer fun. He reported he had responded and explained that the play structure had to be removed because it was no longer safe and the city lacked the funds to replace the structure. He stated he had discussed this issue with staff previous to this

evening's meeting and there may be an opportunity to address the problem and involve the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt stated staff had spoke to a vendor regarding the challenges of replacing the play structure at Mira Vista Park and there were options for a lower cost structure and safety zones, which they could bring to the Commission, for consideration. He noted that since there had not been a structure at the park for a couple years; it would not be deemed a replacement structure, which may allow park in lieu fees, to be utilized for the project. He noted volunteer efforts could be organized to assist with the improvements.

Chairperson Immekus stated it would then be the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Commission to help facilitate volunteer efforts. He stated he felt it was a great opportunity for the Commission to interact with the community.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt stated there were positive attitudes regarding this effort and everyone was willing to cooperate. He noted he would attempt to bring more information to the Commission for funding the project, at the next meeting.

Chairperson Immekus discussed a recent decision by the City Council to keep the Fulton Shipyard boat ramp open. He stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission had taken on a difficult project, analyzed the issues, asked for information, received public comments, offered to help the stakeholders, and then voted to recommend closure of the area. He noted their job was to review the information and make a recommendation, which was what was done. He noted the City Council made the final decision and they had done their job, as they were elected to do. He stated the Commission members should be proud of the work they did on the project and stated he felt the recommendation for closure of the area, was the correct decision.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, stand adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Eiden

Antioch City Hall
Regular Meeting
October 24, 2013

**CITY OF ANTIOCH
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Immekus called the meeting to order at 7:24 P.M. on Thursday October 24, 2013

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Immekus led the audience and Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners McClelland, Davis, Thibeaux (arrived at 7:24 P.M.),
and Chairperson Immekus

ABSENT: Commissioner Flores

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Bechtholdt, Deputy Public Works Director
Kitty Eiden, Minutes Clerk

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karl Dietzel, Antioch resident, reported that in the past, Pastor Alexander had suggested the tennis courts at Contra Loma Park be converted to basketball courts, to better serve youth in the area. He stated he had discussed this idea with Councilmember Wilson who expressed interest in attempting to raise funds for the project. He informed the Commission that he would be contacting the contractor who built the playground at City Park to solicit an estimate for the project and he would update the Commission at future meetings regarding the status of the project. Speaking to the old boat launch area, Mr. Dietzel reported he had recently talked to the Department of Fish and Game who had indicated there were grants available to improve the area and suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission make a recommendation to the City Council to move forward on those efforts.

Chairperson Immekus responded that the Parks and Recreation Commission had made a recommendation to the City Council regarding the disposition of the boat ramp and suggested Mr. Dietzel, direct his comments to the City Council.

Regarding the new boat ramp project, Mr. Dietzel expressed concern the project had not be completed and suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss the importance of completing the project with Public Works Director/City Engineer Bernal.

Chairperson Immekus thanked Mr. Dietzel for attending the meeting and voicing his concerns.

Deputy Public Works Director Bechtholdt responded that he would request Public Works Director/City Engineer Bernal give Mr. Dietzel an update regarding the status of the new boat ramp project.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (September 9, 2013)

On motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner McClelland, the Parks and Recreation Commission members present unanimously approved the Community Café minutes as written.

Ayes: Commissioners Davis, McClelland, Thibeaux and Chairperson Immekus
Absent: Commissioner Flores

6. BUSINESS

MIRA VISTA PARK – Oral Presentation

Deputy Public Works Director Bechtholdt reported the City's insurance company had determined the playground structure at Mira Vista Park was not up to standard and since the City lacked funds to repair or replace it, it had been removed. He stated the Commission and staff had received feedback with regards to the removal of the equipment and there had been discussion with regards to funding the project. He clarified traditionally park in-lieu funds were utilized for new park projects; however since the play structure had been removed three years ago, there had been discussion regarding it being considered a new structure. He stated that until Nelson Ranch Park was completed, the balance of park-in-lieu funds would be uncertain, therefore staff would not support moving forward with another park project at this time.

PREWETT IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – Oral Presentation

Justin Pitcher, Prewett Water Park, reported the filter system replacement, pool resurfacing and energy efficient upgrades had been completed, which resulted in a significant savings in water use. He noted general facility upgrades had also been started and would be completed during the off-season.

In response to Chairperson Immekus, Justin reported the replacement projects were past their useful life and funded with WW grant funding.

7. COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

Deputy Public Works Director Bechtholdt reported City Park was back online and the playground had been well-utilized. He noted there had been some issues with regards to irrigation and the maintenance department was correcting those problems.

Commissioner Thibeaux reported on his attendance at the Community Café meeting and noted it was a very good event.

Commissioner McClelland reported he had visited Hanson Park Harbour Park, Mira Vista Hills Park and City Park. He noted the condition of the play field at City Park had deteriorated and residents had complained the restrooms at Mira Vista Park were locked during the summer.

Deputy Public Works Director Bechtholdt responded that the bathrooms at the park were vandalized and locked until repairs could be done.

Commissioner McClelland reported Harbour Park was the most utilized and nicest park he visited.

Deputy Public Works Director Bechtholdt reported that after every season the soccer fields at City Park were rehabilitated, however illegal use had negatively impacted the field. He noted the Antioch Police Department had been assisting with security checks of the area and it would be reseeded and fenced off in the near future.

Commissioner Davis suggested signage be placed on the fencing explaining that the field was out of use due to the City's rehabilitation efforts.

Chairperson Immekus thanked staff for attempting to address the issues at Mira Vista Park and stated when the project was completed it would be an asset for the children in the neighborhood. He thanked Karl Dietzel for attending the meeting and urged him to invite others to participate in future meetings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, stand adjourned at 8:14 P.M. to a date to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Eiden

**STAFF REPORT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR
CONSIDERATION AT THE MEETING OF MAY 15, 2014**

PREPARED BY: Ahmed Abu-Aly, Associate Engineer, Capital Improvements Division *af*

APPROVED BY: Ron Bernal, Public Works Director/City Engineer *REB*

DATE: May 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Draft 2014-2019 Five Year Capital Improvement Program
(P.W. 150-14)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission Receive the Draft 2014-2019 Five Year Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Attached for your review is a copy of the draft 2014-2019 Five Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

ATTACHMENTS

A: Draft 2014-2019 Five Year Capital Improvement Program