



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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

**Thursday
November 20, 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 May 15, 2014 and July 17, 2014.

MINUTES

VI. BUSINESS

1. Prewett Community Park –Project Recommendations

Action: Provide a priority listing of potential projects to the Antioch City Council for the next phase of the Prewett Community Park development.

STAFF REPORT

VII. COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

1. Staff

2. Commission Communication

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Antioch City Hall
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2014

**CITY OF ANTIOCH
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Immekus called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. on Thursday May 15, 2014.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners K. Farr, J. Farr, McClelland and Chairperson Immekus

Absent: Commissioners Thibeaux and Soliz

Staff Present: Ryan Graham, Deputy Director of Community Development/Recreation
Mike Bechtholdt, Deputy Director of Public Works
Ahmed Abu-Aly, Associate Engineer, Capital Improvement Division

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (June 13, 2013 and October 24, 2013)

On motion by Commissioner McClelland, seconded by Commissioner K. Farr, the Parks and Recreation Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of June 13, 2013 and October 24, 2013, as written.

6. BUSINESS

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

Associate Engineer Abu-Aly presented the City of Antioch Draft 5-Year Capital Improvement Program 2014-2019.

In response to Chairperson Immekus, Associate Engineer Abu-Aly reported the launch ramp at the Marina had been completed. He noted they had received grants for the board and floats and they were prepared to go out to bid. He

further noted they had applied for additional grant funding for the Marina restroom facility.

In response to Chairperson Immekus, Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt reported the playground equipment for Mira Vista Park had been allocated in the CIP and once the City confirmed it was legal to use park in-lieu funds, staff would bring the project forward. He announced new staff member James Pflueger, Marina Lead Worker/Property Manager had been maintaining and actively marketing the facility. He explained the passive fuel system project was not funded by grant money and it would be a labor saver and extend business hours, to bring in more revenue. He added that when Humphrey's closed the Marina lost approximately 10% of their occupancy.

7. COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

Staff

Deputy Director of Community Development/Recreation Graham welcomed new Commissioners Keith and Janet Farr.

Following discussion the Commission agreed that it would be appropriate to recognize and make a presentation to former Commissioners Davis and Flores, in recognition for their years of service.

Deputy Director of Community Development/Recreation Graham reported the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting would be scheduled for July 17, 2014 and the agenda would include a discussion on City Park fencing and a presentation to former Commissioners. He announced the City would be recruiting for a new Recreation Director.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt reported the park maintenance contract would be out to bid in the near future. He added it would be a 5- year bid which would allow for a strong bid process. He discussed the impact of vandalism and graffiti on the ability to increase services and noted he had tightened up specifications within the contract.

In response to Chairperson Immekus, Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt requested anyone seeing overgrown vegetation email him with the location, so that it could be addressed, as soon as possible.

Chairperson Immekus voiced his support for assigning parks to each Commissioner, for periodic visitations.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt stated it was advantageous to have regular visitations by a person who was aware of the status of the park.

Chairperson Immekus commended City staff for doing an excellent job with limited resources.

Deputy Director of Community Development/Recreation Graham stated that a long-term goal for the Commission could be the implementation of a Community Park Watch program. He noted the Police Crime Prevention Commission had expressed interest in a partnership for the program.

Chairperson Immekus stated park oversight would give the Commission the opportunity to be in the neighborhoods and engage the community. He suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission and Police Crime Prevention Commission meet to brainstorm the implementation of the Park Watch program.

Commission

Commissioner J. Farr introduced herself and gave a brief personal background.

Commissioner K. Farr introduced himself and gave a brief personal history. He stated he was personal friends with Chairperson Cook from the Police Crime Prevention Commission and offered to take the lead on facilitating a partnership between the Neighborhood Watch groups and the parks.

Commission Chair Immekus thanked Commissioner Farr for offering to facilitate the partnership.

Commissioner McClelland thanked staff for installing a sign pointing out the location of Antioch Community Park.

Deputy Director of Community Development/Recreation Graham reported the temporary fence at City Park had been vandalized and people had trespassed which resulted in damage. He stated there would be a more detailed report at the next meeting with some ideas on how to prevent that from occurring.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt reported the temporary fence would be removed within a week and the rehabilitation of the field was very successful this year.

Chairperson Immekus apologized for his tardiness this evening noting he had just returned from a trip out of town. He welcomed the new Commissioners,

thanked them for joining the Commission and stated they would be a valuable asset.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, stand adjourned at 7:52 P.M. to July 17, 2014 in Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Eiden

**Antioch City Hall
Regular Meeting
July 17, 2014**

**CITY OF ANTIOCH
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Immekus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday July 17, 2014.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners K. Farr, J. Farr, Soliz, and Chairperson Immekus

Absent: Commissioner McClelland

Staff Present: Mike Bechtholdt, Deputy Director of Public Works
Kitty Eiden, Minutes Clerk

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

6. BUSINESS

1. Presentation - Proposed play structure for Mira Vista Park

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt gave an overview of the proposed rocks and ropes play structure and foundation material for Mira Vista Park.

In response to Chairperson Immekus, Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt explained cleaning of the sand was part of the city's maintenance contract and the rubber cushioned area would provide ADA accessibility. Additionally, he noted any graffiti could be power washed off of the rocks and cables had a lifetime guarantee. He noted the proposed play structure reflected the previous equipment standards by staying within the 5-12 age group. He commented that if approved by the Commission, this item would go to the City Council in August with a goal to complete the project prior to the end of summer.

Chairperson Immekus commented that there was a greater awareness of the number of children who have an allergy to treated tan bark as a surface material.

In response to the Commission, Christopher Olsen representing Miracle Play Systems, reported the critical fall height was five (5) feet and the sand was an effective fall attenuating surface. He noted the proposed surface materials addressed maintenance issues as well as ADA functionality. He further noted the play structure lifespan was approximately fifteen (15) years and from a vandalism and maintenance standpoint it was one of the best products on the market.

Chairperson Immekus acknowledged Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt for his efforts to bring this project forward in an area that had become underserved in Antioch.

On motion by Commissioner Soliz, seconded by Commissioner K. Farr the Commission unanimously approved the project as presented and recommended it be considered by the City Council.

7. COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

Staff

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt reported the parks maintenance contract bid deadline was July 22, 2014, and the new contract would become effective October 1, 2014. He stated he had tightened up specifications within the contract those who had indicated they would be bidding were Pacheco Brothers, Odyssey Landscape and MCE.

Commission

Commissioner K. Farr reported he had conducted park visitations and provided a written report to the Commission and Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt on conditions observed. He noted the Contra Loma Park tennis courts were underutilized and questioned if Measure WW grant money was available to convert them into basketball courts.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt explained that the City had utilized WW grant money for soccer fields, security cameras and the swimming pool rehabilitation. He stated he would check on the status of the remaining funds and report back to the Commission.

Chairperson Immekus reported the City had received in total, over \$7M in WW funding for various recreational improvements.

Commissioner K. Farr explained suggestions on the written report submitted, were from residents.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt explained some improvement suggested were cost prohibitive at this time and stated he would provide the list of maintenance items to Landscape Lead Worker Wayne Burgess. He discussed the City's water conservation efforts and noted some parks were utilizing reclaimed water. He further noted there were ongoing discussions with regards to the financial feasibility of installing reclaimed water lines for other parks.

Commissioner Soliz apologized for being absent for the May 15, 2015, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. He noted he was out of the Country on business and his flight had been delayed. He introduced himself and stated he looked forward to participating in the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

Chairperson Immekus suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission re-establish the park visitation program. The Commission agreed and Chairperson Immekus requested Commission members send him their addresses so parks could be assigned near their neighborhoods. He stated the goal would be to become familiar with the properties and report all health and safety as well as maintenance issues to City staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Continued

Kathi Jackson, Antioch resident, expressed interest in applying for the Parks and Recreation Commission. She stated she was pleased the conversion of the tennis courts to basketball courts at Contra Loma Park were being considered and urged the City to be cautious when awarding the parks maintenance contract.

Chairperson Immekus acknowledged City staff for doing a phenomenal job with limited resources.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt reported the City paid less than \$40k per month for park maintenance, for thirty-three (33) parks.

Ms. Jackson suggested if basketball court were not feasible, perhaps another soccer field could be added in the tennis court area at Contra Loma Park.

Commissioner J. Farr agreed that basketball courts would be utilized by youth in the Contra Loma Park area. She announced the first Saturday cleanup events were held every month and there was a citizen's group who were also active in

cleaning up parks. She stated more of a presence in the parks would deter vandalism and bad behavior issues.

Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt added that the Antioch Police Department had indicated the best deterrent of bad behavior was presence in the parks. He stated he would discuss the issue of park inspections with City Attorney Nerland. He announced the date of the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting would be determined at a later date.

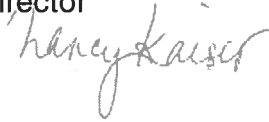
8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, stand adjourned at 7:43 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Eiden

**STAFF REPORT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

Prepared by: Lonnie Karste, Project Manager, Karste Consulting Inc.
Reviewed by: Nancy Kaiser, Parks and Recreation Director
Date: November 12, 2014
Subject: Review and Recommend to the Antioch City Council Final Phase Development Project(s) to Consider for Prewett Community Park



RECOMMENDATION

- 1) To review and discuss potential project(s) for the Prewett Community Park based upon the information and feedback developed by Community Stakeholder Interviews and Community Focus Groups, and the Park Master Plan.
- 2) To recommend to the Antioch City Council a list of project priorities to consider for development at the Prewett Community Park.

Background

The Antioch City Council entered into an agreement with Karste Consulting Inc. to begin the development process for the final project phase of the Prewett Community Park in September of 2014.

The Prewett Community Park is a 100 acre community amenity located on Deer Valley Road and Lone Tree Way. This park was master planned in 1988/89. The original park funding allocation was \$50 million dollars, and development is funded through the CFD 89-1 (Mello Roos). The balance of the remaining project funding is approximately \$2.0 million dollars. This fund collection ceases in the 2015/16 tax year with the final pay off set for August 2016. This park site currently hosts the Antioch Community Center and the Antioch Water Park, Amphitheater, Grand Plaza, Nature Area and Skateboard Park. All of these facilities are operated by the City of Antioch's recreation department.

As part of the project design review and development process Karste Consulting Inc. reviewed the original master plan elements (Attachment A), completed fourteen key stakeholder interviews, and hosted three community focus group meetings. Meeting participants were actively engaged in conversation, and provided valuable input towards final projects that may be added to the current developed area.

The original master plan elements were presented to all meeting participants for their use in providing feedback and comments. The community input process also invited group discussion about the opportunity for alternative projects. The ideas and suggestions resulting from the community meetings are included in Attachment B.

Discussion

The discussion during the community meetings focused on creating new opportunities for the community and/or water park, as well as enhancing the current features. There were no constraints or criteria included in the conversations. Final development considerations for the new amenities, added into the final phase, will likely match several criteria such as the topography of the selected location, the final cost, long term maintenance and more. Staff recommends that future discussion and consideration for new development includes criteria that will ensure the community receives new park features at the highest value possible. Common criteria used in development projects are included here.

Suggested criteria:

1. Security of the asset.
2. Sustainable maintenance practices.
3. Additional cost of maintenance to any new asset developed.
4. Revenue enhancement for this facility and the City's Parks and Recreation Department.
5. Investment in current assets as oppose to the development of new assets.
6. Legislation – ADA changes, risk management analysis and audits.
7. Additional program vitality / development.

In addition to creating a list of new and exciting features for the park, the meeting participants worked collectively to identify the top five recommendations for consideration. The consolidated priorities are included in this report, along with other considerations that earned mention.

Teens

- Priorities:
 - Café- coffee
 - Recording studio
 - Outdoor lighted basketball courts
 - Multi-use athletic field with a track
 - Enlarged Library space
- Other considerations:
 - Security cameras
 - Marquee signage
 - Miniature golf course
 - Information Kiosk

Pre-School Parents

- Priorities:
 - Open access water spray park
 - Lazy river/ wave pool

- Shade at the skate park
- All access/ abilities playground
- Security cameras
- Other considerations
 - Solar panels. on shade structures in the water park
 - Bleachers lap pool
 - Waterslide for older children

General Community Group

- Priorities:
 - Splash park –outside of the water park
 - Wave rider – older kids
 - Enclose Skate park, water park, add shade and picnic areas
 - All abilities playground
 - Futsal courts
 - Disc golf
 - All abilities water splash area /Tad pool
 - Group picnic areas , shade , BBQ area (outside of the water park)
- Other considerations
 - Indoor coffee / café- ACC

Key Stakeholder Interviews

- City Council / P&R Commission
 - All abilities Splash park
 - Group picnic areas, shaded, BBQ's
 - Security cameras
 - Energy efficiency – solar
 - Shade areas in the water park
 - Park technology – Informational Kiosks
 - Disc golf
 - Marquee Signage
 - Outdoor sport courts – lighted
 - All abilities playground
 - Larger waterslides, Wave rider – older children priorities

Summary of Recreation Staff Input

- Community center storage
- Performing Arts space
- Marquee Signage
- Security–fences , cameras
- Revenue improving producing amenity-all abilities Splash park, Shade, Bleachers
- Risk management–Tad pool repairs

Findings:

There are several key themes that emerged from the community meetings and discussion. The commonality results from a high desire to improve the quality of life for youth, teens and families. Participants expressed pride in Prewett Community Park and would like to see all residents enjoy the benefits of healthy play. The primary themes include:

1. A need for a new amenity in the water park to enhance revenue,
2. Enhancing programs and facilities for older children,
3. Access to facilities that have no fee for use, but could provide a community benefit,
4. Enhancing existing facilities for community use, and
5. Security and safety.

The input provided by the meeting participants is also valuable feedback for developing new programs and services for youth, teens and families. Staff has the capacity to create the experiences and social interaction that was expressed by residents. The current amenities in the Water Park and Community Center can support innovative and flexible uses throughout the year.

The Antioch Water Park is a premier asset for the community. It provides health and fitness opportunities, quality family gatherings, and active recreation for teens. The park is also the primary youth employment opportunity in the community and develops future leaders and employees. New features added to the community park and/or the water park should represent a sustainable investment at a fair value. Based upon community input and the criteria for development, the improvements that best meet these needs are likely to be:

- Children's playground (all access)
- Group picnic/use additions
- Information kiosk/technology
- Outside sport court (basketball, handball, etc., lighted)
- Security enhancements
- Shade structures inside water park (large, group accommodation)
- Splash features for 0-3 age group
- Zero depth entry/all abilities pool and play features inside water park

Recommendation

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Attachments

A – Original Master Plan Elements

B – Community Focus Group Feedback and Comments

Original Prewett Park Master Plan Amenities

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| • Aquatics center - | complete |
| • Community center- | complete |
| • Nature area- | complete |
| • Amphitheater - | complete |
| • Walking paths - | complete |
| • Center plaza - | complete |
| • Western parking lot - | complete |
| | |
| • Formal gardens- | future |
| • Children's Playground area- | future |
| • Main Library(not in original plan) | future |
| • Maintenance center- | future |
| • Play courts – (Basketball , volleyball) | future |
| • Large open meadow - | future |
| • Group picnic areas - | future |
| • Park restroom facilities - | future |
| • Water feature - | future |
| • Pond /lagoon - | future |

Additions NIC in the original master plan

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| • Police service center- | complete |
| • Library annex- | complete |
| • Skate board park- | complete |
| • Outdoor picnic areas / aquatic area | complete |

Attachment B

Review and Recommend to the Antioch City Council
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