

**CITY OF ANTIOCH
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

January 11, 2007
Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lieder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2007 in the Council Chambers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Borrego (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Scoble, Hayes,
Davis and Chairman Lieder
Staff: Park Superintendent Palmeri
Deputy Director Leisure Services Sanderson
Minutes Clerk Lawson

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 14, 2006

On motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Hayes, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the Minutes of December 14, 2006.

AYES: Davis, Hayes and Lieder

ABSTENTION: Scoble

ABSENT: Borrego

VI. BUSINESS

**A. ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND ARBORETUM
- F. PALMER**

Park Superintendent Palmeri provided an overview of the Staff Report dated December 28, 2006. He further noted that he had spoken with the City of Brentwood's Park Superintendent DeSilva, who is a citizen of Antioch, and stated that he was willing to serve on a subcommittee to look into the establishment of a community garden. Mr. Palmeri felt that Mr. DeSilva's participation could have a positive impact on the project, as well as making it a regional effort.

Through discussions, Chairman Lieder suggested that a subcommittee be formed tonight, in order that this proposal can move forward, and felt that the attached letter to the Staff Report from Mr. Case could be used as a basis for the start of a subcommittee. Deputy Director Leisure Services (DDL) Sanderson interjected that the letter from Mr. Case would be a good outline for the subcommittee.

Opened Public Comment

John Case, representing the Kiwanis of the Delta, stated his recommendation of a formation of a subcommittee and provided a brief review of his letter labeled Attachment A. He felt that this project would benefit the community, as well as the region, and suggested that the project start with the community garden which would require the least amount of planning. Mr. Case stated that he had received positive feedback from corporate and individual/volunteer interest, since presenting this to the Commission in December.

Commissioner Borrego arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Closed Public Comment

Chairman Lieder suggested the formation of a subcommittee consisting of two Commissioners and one alternate Commissioner. Furthermore, the subcommittee would work with other agencies.

On motion of Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Scoble, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the formation of a subcommittee.

Before the motion was moved, further discussion ensued regarding the concept of the proposal, as well as the formation of a subcommittee or task force.

On motion of Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Hayes, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the formation of a subcommittee consisting of two Commissioners and one alternate Commissioner.

AYES: Davis, Scoble, Borrego, Hayes and Lieder

Commissioners Borrego and Hayes volunteered to serve on the subcommittee, with the alternate subcommittee member being Commissioner Davis.

**B. 2006-07 BUDGET OVERVIEW; PREPARATION FOR MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW
- D. SANDERSON**

Deputy Director Leisure Services (DDLs) Sanderson provided an overview of the Staff Report dated January 11, 2007 and reviewed the attached Leisure Services Budget Summary, labeled Attachment A. He stated that Staff was still in the process of collecting and evaluating the information of the revenues and expenditures, and would bring back to the Commission the individual divisions and break outs, as well as provide an outline of any major impacts, if any. He further spoke to various types of funding sources.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

- **COMMISSION**

Commissioner Lieder stated that he would be attending the Safety Fair on February 3 at Somersville Towne Center.

Commissioner Davis expressed his appreciation to Park Superintendent Palmeri for repairs that were completed at Chi Chi Bu Park.

Commissioner Hayes reported that she had visited the Skate Park and expressed a concern to vehicles driving up the skating area.

Commissioner Scoble reported that he had recently visited other Arboretum's and felt they were an enhancement to the community.

- **STAFF**

DDL Sanderson provided an update on the new Community Center site and noted that he would keep the Commission updated. Furthermore, the Leisure Services Spring Brochures would be coming out in the near future, and noted that a Calendar Committee Meeting for Youth Organizations will be held on January 24 and further spoke to the youth activities that took place in the community parks.

Park Superintendent Palmeri reported that:

- A Park Rules Sign for the Skate Park would soon be available
- Markley Creek Park will be open in the summer of 2007
- A missing plaque in Chi Chi Bu Park has been replaced
- The "F" Street Carnegie Library Improvements are moving forward.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Park & Recreation Commission adjourned at 8:53 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 8, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Lawson
Minutes Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED 02/08/07