

Antioch City Hall
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2010

**CITY OF ANITCOH
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Chairperson Immekus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday January 14, 2010.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Present: Commissioners Immekus, Bonwell, Lieder, Davis and Hayes

Absent: Commissioner Flores, Scoble

Staff Present: Tina Wehrmeister, Director of Community Development
Lonnie Karste, Interim Director Recreation Department
Kitty Eiden, Minutes Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Sanderson reported the city is subleasing Antioch Community Park through the East Bay Regional Park, from the Bureau of Reclamation and the lease is coming due December 2010. He announced the Bureau of Reclamation is conducting a public forum on February 8, 2010 at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center at 6:00 PM. He noted the city needs to start making arrangements for extending the agreement and expressing the desire for expansion of the property as well as their interest in getting the property turned over to the city, in total. He stated he would be providing updates on the process as it develops.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (October 8, 2009)

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

Ayes: Immekus, Bonwell, Davis, Lieder

Abstain: Hayes

Absent : Scoble, Flores

BUSINESS

A. RECREATION DEPARTMENT TRANSITION – Staff Report – LONNIE KARSTE

Interim Director Recreation Department Karste presented the staff report dated January 5, 2010 recommending the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

Director of Community Development Wehrmeister introduced herself and stated she looks forward to working with the Commission and recreation staff. Contact information was given.

B. COMMISSION MEMBER MEETING WITH INTERIM DIRECTOR – Oral Report – LONNIE KARSTE

Interim Director Recreation Department Karste announced he would be meeting with each Commissioner individually to seek input on their vision for the Recreation and Parks department.

C. UPDATE ON NEW COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT – PowerPoint Presentation – LONNIE KARSTE

Interim Director Recreation Department Karste presented a brief overhead presentation of the New Community Center Project. He reported there would be a sneak peek fundraiser held on March 13, 2010 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM which will serve to educate the public on the project and generate funds for the Gateway Centers for Learning. He noted as part of the budget process, staff is discussing how to build programming to cover operations and maintenance of the Community Center.

D. MEASURE WW GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE – Staff Report – LONNIE KARSTE

Interim Director Recreation Department Karste presented the staff report dated January 5, 2010 recommending the Commission receive and file the report. He discussed approximate timelines for funding, bidding and construction of the WW grant projects.

E. COMMISSION VACANCIES – Applications – LONNIE KARSTE

Interim Director Recreation Department Karste announced the Commission term expirations for March 2010 and noted the city is soliciting applications for the positions with the deadline for accepting applications, January 28, 2010.

He stated in an effort to be more time efficient and effective, he would be bringing to the Parks and Recreation Commission a recommendation to meet every other month (6 times per year).

COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

Chairperson Immekus reported he had discussed with Interim Director of Recreation Karste the need for the Commission to become more engaged in the process and understand the effectiveness of the Recreation Department. He suggested redesigning the city's website to show parks by amenities. He encouraged Commissioners to send their ideas to him so that he may work more closely with staff to address issues and serve the community more effectively.

Vice Chairperson Bonwell agreed with Chairperson Immekus and encouraged the Commission to develop creative ideas and seek input from residents in the community.

Commissioner Davis stated he feels it would be better for the Commission to have a more active role and be more proactive.

Commissioner Hayes suggested staff conduct exit interviews from Commissioners who are terming out of their appointments. She discussed the importance of public outreach and stated she feels the Parks and Recreation Commission should be more involved in the process. She agreed the city's website, as it relates to Parks and Leisure Services, is in desperate need of redesign.

Commissioner Lieder agreed with comments regarding the Commissions role to become more proactive in the community.

Commissioner Bonwell suggested the city conduct a usability study of the website.

Interim Director Recreation Department Karste thanked the Commission members for their input this evening and spoke to the quality of current staff. He stated staff is looking for agenda items for the February meeting and requested Commission members send him their suggestions. He reported February 11, 2010 is a holiday for the city therefore they are considering rescheduling the Parks and Recreation meeting for February 18, 2010. He noted once he receives confirmation of the date, he will be informing all Commission members.

Following discussion, the Commission members agreed electronic agenda packets are acceptable and scheduled a Community Center Project tour for January 30, 2010 at 9:00 AM at Prewett Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, stand adjourned at 8:10 p.m. until - date to be determined, at Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Eiden

Minutes Approved 02/18/10.