

Antioch City Hall
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2003

**CITY OF ANITCOH
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Chairperson Steffen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday February 13, 2003.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Present: Commissioners Steffen, Duarte, Faraji, Menasco, Lieder, and Scoble

Absent: Commissioner Kennamore (arrived at 7:12 p.m.)

Staff Present: Frank Palmeri, Parks Superintendent
Dave Wetmore, Deputy Director Leisure Services
Dave Sanderson, Recreation Services Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Steffen welcomed Robert Scoble to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (January 9, 2003)

Chairperson Steffen amended the minutes of January 9, 2003, page 4, paragraph 11 to read: "Chairperson Steffen voiced his support for the revised placement of the library toward the frontage of Lone Tree Way and providing safe pedestrian access to the property."

On motion by Commissioner Lieder, seconded by Commissioner Duarte, the Parks and Recreation Commission members approved the minutes as amended. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Steffen, Duarte, Menasco, Lieder, Faraji

Absent: Kennamore

Abstain: Scoble

BUSINESS

A. FUTURE PLANNING – COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

Commissioner Duarte reported the Mayor has requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss and develop a list of five to ten items, with project cost estimates that could be presented to residential developers as possible future enhancements within the City of Antioch.

Commissioner Kennamore arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Chairperson Steffen reported the Commission developed a list at their June 2002 meeting of 8 key projects for the city and requested that the list be reviewed and revised for consideration as key projects for possible future enhancements. He noted the June 2002 list consisted of the following:

New Feature at Antioch Water Park
Lighted Tennis Courts
Revitalization of City Park

Sponsor a Community Pride Day
Consideration of a Plan and Funding for Roger's Point
Community Built Playground Effort
Commissioner Training
Funding through Grants, Donations and Fundraising

Following discussion the Parks and Recreation Commission voiced their support for the following projects as possible enhancements:

Prewett Water Park Feature
Three Season Sports Facility
Gymnasium
Community Center at Prewett Park
Tennis Complex
Resurface Tennis Courts
Lighted Tennis Courts
AYSCC Development
Playground at AYSCC
Park Playgrounds
Dog Park
BMX
Resurface Trails
New Trail to Downtown
New Irrigation and Landscape Lone Tree Way
NRCC Theater Renovation
Pedestrian Overpass at Prewett/Deer Valley and Walde Plaza at the Pier
Par course

Following discussion the Parks and Recreation forwarded the following list of projects as possible enhancements for the Residential Development Allocation committee to staff for the development of cost estimates.

Prewett Water Park Feature
Three Season Sports Facility
Gymnasium
Community Center at Prewett Park
Tennis Complex
Lighted Tennis Courts
Park Playgrounds
Resurface Trails
New Irrigation and Landscape Lone Tree Way

B. WORKSHOP OF JOINT MEETING WITH ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Freitas requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission determine if joint meeting with City Council should still be pursued.

Following discussion the Parks and Recreation Commission members agreed that while they would welcome the opportunity for a joint meeting with the City Council, they did not feel it was a priority at this time. Chairperson Steffen stated he supports the Boards and Commissions dinner in a format in which they could share ideas and provide input.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Steffen stated he would provide the Commission members with a report with pertaining to the trails meeting he attended in Brentwood. He reported he participate in the Safety Fair.

Commissioner Faraji reported she ushered for the play Marvin's Room at the theater. She apologized to Commissioner Lieder for not attending the Safety Fair.

Commission Menasco reported he attended the annual calendaring committee meeting and it went very well. He complimented staff and Commission members who put together the Commission packets noting they are nicely done.

Commissioner Duarte reported she participated in the Safety Fair and attended the Mayor's breakfast. She stated there was a request from Mayor Freitas for all Commissions to sponsor a team for the Relay for Life in June.

Commissioner Kennamore stated he enjoyed the Safety Fair and reported the residents have expressed concern regarding the vandalism in the parks.

Commissioner Leider reported he attended the Shaping Our Future event, Joint Work Session with the City Council and Antioch Unified School District and the Safety Fair, which were all very interesting events. He reported that several residents at the Safety Fair expressed concern regarding park vandalism and suggested the Commission attempt to address those concerns. He reported the blacktop pathways are in need of repair at Village East Park.

Park Superintendent Palmeri noted that they are developing estimates for pathways and parking lot for future repairs.

Commissioner Leider reported there is a lot of trash on the west side of the park in the riverbed.

Park Superintendent Palmeri stated that area is part of the storm drain system and he would pass the information onto them.

Commissioner Leider reported the roof on the restroom at Gentrytown Park is in need of repair and the tennis courts need resurfacing. He stated there is trash on the field east of the playground at Chichibu Park.

Recreation Services Director Sanderson responded that area is School District property and the issue is that there are groups of adult soccer teams who play without permits. He stated that they have been attempting to work with the teams and get them involved with a league.

Commissioner Scoble stated that this Commission is his first adventure into public service and thanked everyone for the welcome.

Commissioner Duarte reported she received her new leisure services guide and it looks great. She noted she feels the parks page needs updating.

Recreation Services Director Sanderson stated that the employee who has been responsible for the Leisure Service Guide has been out on medical leave and a part time employee put the brochure together. He noted if there are any changes to the brochure the Commission members would like to see that they notify him and he would make adjustments on the master document.

Chairperson Steffen reported that a resident involved in a mom's group has expressed interest in adopting a park and he gave her Park Superintendent Palmeri's contact information. He noted he was contacted by Janet Wilson with the Antioch Tennis Association who indicated that the groups priorities for refurbishing the tennis courts would be Chichibu, Hillcrest, Marchetti and they suggested turning Contra Loma into a roller hockey park.

In response to Chairperson Steffen, Park Superintendent Palmeri noted that the net has been repaired at Almondridge and has probably been damaged again.

Chairperson Steffen requested the Commission members review the phone roster in their packets and provide any changes. He stated that two Commissioners terms expire in 2004 and five expire in 2006, which seems unbalanced. He suggested that if some of the 2006 terms resign from the Commission prior to terming out, the replacements terms be adjusted to balance out more efficiently. Chairperson Steffen announced Commission Scoble has volunteered to park watch for Marchetti and Community Parks. He noted park reassignments and reelection of Chairperson would be considered at the April Parks and Recreation meeting. He noted May is normally the parks tour and suggested the Commission consider scheduling the event.

Commission Menasco suggested that the Commission send a letter to the Police Chief, Police Department and Police Crime Prevention Commission commending them on the Safety Fair and supporting continuation of the event.

The Commission members welcomed Commission Scoble to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Park Superintendent Palmeri reported that the City Council has authorized the extension of the park maintenance contract for 3 years including daily restroom cleaning, infill material for the softball fields, maintenance of the Children's Memorial Treegrove Park and included an estimate for Hansen Park. He announced that Hansen and Chapparral Parks should be online by the end of summer. He provided the Commission with a catalog of playground equipment and requested their input on what they would like to see provided. He reported the playground at Village East should be completed this summer and Marchetti Park was completed. He noted that he has proposals for Fairview, Knoll and Hillcrest Parks with funds yet to be determined.

Deputy Director of Leisure Services Wetmore thanked the Commissioners for participating at the Safety Fair and reported that Lonnie Karste has expressed his appreciation for the Commissions participation. He reviewed the contents of the Parks and Recreation Commission packets.

Recreation Services Director Sanderson reported 15-18 individual organizations participated in the calendaring committee meeting. He noted there is a potential for three school sites to come on for next year and the School District will be implementing similar fees for maintenance. He further noted they have spoken with the Latin soccer groups and have been gathering resources for the improvements needed at City Park for a soccer field. He announced the Mayor's Golf Tournament would be held on June 1, 2003 and noted that they are looking for volunteers for the event. He reported that they are currently demolishing the clubhouse at the golf course for their new expansion and development, which is estimated to be complete in October and November. He announced there is a meeting regarding the renovation of the Campenell Theater on February 19, 2003 at the Arts Center and Nordyn Anderson has requested that any Parks and Recreation Commission members available attend and provide input. He noted the city would be receiving \$500,000 from Calpine to purchase the facility. He announced that they are upgrading the software program for online registration and staff has been trained. He noted registration would begin on February 24, 2003 for spring.

Chairperson Steffen stated that he has spoken to individuals who have expressed interest in renting City Park for softball practices and he provided them contact information. He thanked the Commissioners who attended the Safety Fair. He expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Faraji for her assistance as well as Deputy Director of Leisure Services Wetmore in assembling the Commissioner packets.

Commissioner Faraji suggested that Commissioners in charge of events send reminders two days before to the Commissioners who have volunteered.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, stand adjourned at 9:35 p.m. until March 13, 2003 in Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Eiden