

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

**Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

**February 19, 2009
City Council Chambers**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lieder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2009 in the City Council Chambers.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bonwell, Scoble, Flores, Vice Chairman Davis and Chairman Lieder
Absent: Commissioners Hayes and Immekus
Staff: Deputy Director Recreation Department Sanderson
Director of Public Works Bernal
Interim Superintendent Parks Bechtholdt
Minutes Clerk Lawson

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 11, 2008

On motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the Minutes of December 11, 2008.

AYES: Davis, Flores, Bonwell, Scoble and Lieder

ABSENT: Hayes and Immekus

6. BUSINESS

A. INTERIM RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

Deputy Director Recreation Department (DDRD) Sanderson introduced newly appointed Director of Public Works Ron Bernal and Interim Superintendent Parks Mike Bechtholdt.

Director of Public Works (DPW) Bernal introduced himself and explained his duties. He added that there is now a Public Works link on the City's website for the public to address any concerns or comments.

Interim Superintendent Parks (ISP) Bechtholdt introduced himself and explained his duties.

Commissioner Scoble requested an updated trail map, wherein PWD Bernal stated that he would provide the Commission with some type of updated trail map at the next meeting.

Discussions ensued amongst the Commission and Staff regarding street maintenance, water rationing, landscaping and funding issues.

B. CITY PARK DREAM BUILDER PLAYGROUND SPRING CLEANUP

DDR D Sanderson provided a synopsis of the Staff Report dated February 19, 2009.

Through discussions, Commissioner Bonwell suggested that the Spring Cleanup Day be scheduled for the same day as the opening of the soccer field.

Chairman Lieder requested that ISP Bechtholdt evaluate the children's park area and compile a list of what would need to be fixed and/or maintained for the cleanup event. Chairman Lieder noted that he would e-mail the original volunteers who built the playground and ask if they would participate in this event. DDR D Sanderson interjected that he would return to the Commission with a date for the Spring Cleanup event.

C. ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CENTER GROUND BREAKING

DDR D Sanderson distributed a draft of the invitation that is scheduled for March 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. that will be held at the Prewett Park Site. He further explained the event and the construction aspects of the Center and noted it has a projected opening for the fall of 2010.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMISSION

Chairman Lieder stated that he had attended Frank Palmeri's retirement event.

Commissioner Bonwell reported that he had attended a Delta Youth Soccer League (DYSL) meeting, in which the City was involved.

B. STAFF

DDR D Sanderson spoke to park projects, the possible renovation or rebuilding of the Hard House, the Martin Luther King Day event and public art projects. He further noted that the Strategic Plan was moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Lieder adjourned the Park & Recreation Commission at 8:05 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 12, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Lawson
Minute Clerk

Minutes Approved 03/12/09