

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

Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

March 8, 2007
Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lieder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2007 in the Council Chambers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Scoble, Hayes, Davis and Chairman Lieder
Absent: Commissioner Borrego
Staff: Park Superintendent Palmeri
Deputy Director Leisure Services Sanderson
Minutes Clerk Lawson

Chairman Lieder stated that the Public Comments period would be placed at the end of the agenda, wherein the Commission concurred.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 8, 2007

On motion by Commissioner Scoble and seconded by Commissioner Hayes, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the Minutes of February 8, 2007.

AYES: Scoble, Hayes and Lieder

ABSTENTION: Davis

ABSENT: Borrego

VI. BUSINESS

A. SOCCER FIELD MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES - VERBAL UPDATE - F. PALMERI

Park Superintendent Palmeri stated that this issue was placed on the agenda stemming from concerns from students regarding the present condition of the City's playfields. Presently all playfields are reviewed monthly by City Staff and a report was recently submitted to the City Council. Recently there has been damage from adult leagues and Staff has inspected and is working on repairing the fields. The infields should be repaired by March 21 and he requested that the Commission report any damaged fields to Staff.

B. IMPACTS OF MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES - STAFF REPORT - D. SANDERSON

Deputy Director of Leisure Services (DDLS) Sanderson distributed and reviewed a handout entitled "Minimum Wage Increase Total Visits Impacts" and further elaborated on the Staff Report dated March 2, 2007. He noted that he would return to the Commission in October with a fee impact proposal, as well as what the impacts would be to operate the Water Park at its current level.

VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT UPDATE – COMMUNITY GARDEN

Commissioner Hayes stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

DDL S Sanderson reported that this subcommittee would be placed on the Agenda each month and noted that Commissioner Borrego would be withdrawing from this subcommittee and Commissioner Davis would be replacing her.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Case, Brentwood resident, provided an update on the proposed Delta Botanical Garden project and stated that he has spoken with individuals, as well as organizations, which are willing to lend their support. He noted that he was looking forward to meeting with the subcommittee in the near future and discussing the details of the project.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

• COMMISSION

Chairman Lieder reported that four individuals were interviewed, whereby two will be chosen and announced by the Mayor at the March 13 City Council meeting. Furthermore, the Mayor has requested that the Leisure Guide's name be changed and Chairman Lieder requested that the Commission submit their feedback and/or comments.

• STAFF

Park Superintendent Palmeri announced the following events:

- Arbor Day on April 27 at Fairview Park
- Children's Memorial Day on April 27 in the morning at Prewett Water Park
- Public Works Week is starting on May 16

DDL S Sanderson reported on the following:

- The Sports Legend Museum had received a \$60K allocation from the City Council to help complete the remodeling at the museum
- Staff is currently attending the Parks & Recreation Society Conference being held this week in Sacramento
- A Community Center update will be coming to the Commission in the near future
- The swimming pool dome will come down in mid-April

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Wayne Steffen, Project Manager for the City Park Community Built Playground, introduced the volunteers that were in the audience and provided a brief introduction of the construction process of the playground.

Michael Cohen, Leather and Associates, Inc., provided a power point presentation that depicted the conceptual design of the Community Playground at City Park.

Through discussions, it was the consensus of the Commission to add two additional benches in the older section of the park. Mr. Steffen requested that the Commission support a Children's Committee to name the playground, and it was the consensus of the Commission to proceed with a contest and support a committee of the same.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Park & Recreation Commission adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 12, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Lawson
Minutes Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED 04/12/07