

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

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

**April 9, 2009  
City Council Chambers**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Immekus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2009 in the City Council Chambers.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Scoble, Lieder, Davis, Vice Chairman Bonwell and Chairman Immekus  
Absent: Commissioners Hayes and Flores  
Staff: Deputy Director Recreation Department Sanderson  
Recreation Supervisor Pfeifer  
Minutes Clerk Lawson

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 12, 2009**

Commissioner Lieder pulled the Minutes and requested a change on page 1, under the "Approval of Minutes" changing the vote to read: *"On motion by Commissioner Scoble and seconded by Commissioner Davis, the **Park & Recreation Commission** approved the Minutes of February 19, 2009, as written."*

***On motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Scoble, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the Minutes with the amended change.***

***AYES: Davis, Scoble, Bonwell, Lieder and Immekus***

***ABSENT: Hayes and Flores***

**6. BUSINESS**

**A. WW East Bay Regional Parks District Proposed Grant Projects**

Deputy Director Recreation Department (DDRD) Sanderson provided an overview of the Staff Report, dated April 2, 2009, and further elaborated on the attached list of East Bay Regional Park District Bond projects and requested a recommendation from the

Commission as to the priority of the projects. Per page 2 of the list of projects, DDRD Sanderson stated that he would get back to the Commission regarding what playgrounds were in need of repair.

Per a request of Chairman Immekus, DDDR Sanderson suggested that the Commission choose the top five priorities, per the list, and not necessarily in the order in which they were presented.

Chairman Immekus suggested that in order, the following projects should be recommended to the City Council:

- 1) Public Works: Fishing Pier
- 2) Public Works: West Bank of the Marina
- 3) Recreation Department: Community lighting at James Donlon east of the baseball facilities

***On motion by Commissioner Bonwell and seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Park & Recreation approved for recommendation to the City Council the following top two priority projects for priority funding:***

- 1) ***Fishing Pier: Demolish facility and do not relocate. It is necessary to eliminate potential of sewage overflow or backup into sensitive Delta environment, reducing the liability of associated claims and third party lawsuits, as well as reducing penalties and fines related to sewer overflows imposed by regulatory agencies. Cost to demolish existing facility: \$32,500.***
- 2) ***The West Bank of the marina main channel is sliding and needs to be reinforced with a retaining wall (sheet piling). The sliding is causing the trail along the western side of the marina to become impassable at high tides. Approximately 800 linear feet of sheet pile must be installed to shore up the slope and facilitate the trail placed on top of the shored up land. Estimated cost \$1,800/linear foot: \$1,500,000.***
- 3) ***James Donlon/East of Baseball Facilities: This project will meet public needs for year round lighted sports programming and enhance revenue produced at this site. With artificial turf there will also be a reduction in water usage: \$2,500,000.***

***AYES: Bonwell, Davis, Lieder and Immekus***

***NOES: Scoble***

***ABSENT: Hayes and Flores***

Commissioner Scoble stated for the record that he felt that per the previous vote, those two items might not be the top priority of the Public Works Department, and felt that from a revenue perspective, the lighting at the driving range at the Lone Tree Golf Course would take a higher priority than the sports fields.

Per the request of DDRD Sanderson, Chairman Immekus felt that the Commission should further vote on additional projects and put another motion forward with additional priority projects.

Commissioner Lieder felt that the two playgrounds to be updated were of high priority, as well as the concession stand at the City Park.

Commissioner Scoble stated that per the last two pages of the proposed projects, he felt that these were conceptual ideas and due to the recent citywide water conservation issue and he wanted to be sure that these proposed projects were not placed on hold. DDRD Sanderson stated that funding could possibly be found at a later date if other projects come under budget. Furthermore, he was unsure on their priority status. Commissioner Scoble felt that the right financial choice would be made by City Staff.

***On motion by Commissioner Lieder and seconded by Commissioner Scoble, the Park & Recreation approved the following projects in priority, following the previous vote:***

- 4) Driving Range at Lone Tree Golf Course: This project was identified in an operation audit of the course and recommended to the City Council, to improve public access and also enhance the revenue produced on this site. This site is a city-owned facility operated by a non-profit corporation.***
- 5) Concession Stand at City Park: Revenue producer. Note: Shell exists, internal building needs to be completed, additional funding possible from PG&E grant.***
- 6) City Playground (location unknown): Existing playground equipment is made of wood and has deteriorated past repair. Needs to be replaced with fiberglass play structure and poured in place rubber matting.***
- 7) City Playground (location unknown): Existing playground equipment is made of wood and has deteriorated past repair. Needs to be replaced with fiberglass play structure and poured in place rubber matting.***

***Any remaining projects will be left to City Staff.***

***AYES: Scoble, Davis, Lieder and Immekus***

***ABSENT: Hayes and Flores***

## **B. Strategic Plan Update**

Recreation Supervisor Pfeifer distributed a handout entitled "Strategic Plan 2009-2011 – Community Survey Results". He noted that this survey was sent out to approximately 600 community residents and provided an overview of the results.

DDRD Sanderson stated that Staff is moving forward with various other aspects that relate to the Strategic Plan for its completion.

## **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. COMMISSION**

Commissioners Bonwell, Lieder and Scoble all stated that they had attended the groundbreaking event for new Community Center.

Chairman Immekus stated his appreciation to Commissioner Lieder for his past service as Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Scoble suggested that the Park & Recreation Department form a golf group for the upcoming Mayor's Golf Tournament on June 7.

**B. STAFF**

DDRD Sanderson read into the record an e-mail sent from Commissioner Flores. He also spoke to:

- Upcoming events
- Prewett Water Park maintenance issues
- Partnering with City of Pittsburg for Pittsburg residents to use Prewett Water Park
- City economic issues
- Brief update on summer recreation programs

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Immekus adjourned the Park & Recreation Commission at 8:45 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Lawson  
Minute Clerk

***Minutes Approved 07/09/09***