

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

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

**April 12, 2007  
Council Chambers**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Lieder called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2007 in the Council Chambers.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 8, 2007**

*On motion by Commissioner Scoble and seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the Minutes of March 8, 2007.*

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

**ABSENT:** Bonwell and Borrego

**ABSTENTION:** Immekus

**VI. BUSINESS**

**A. PARK TOUR - REVIEW CALENDARS FOR A TOUR DATE - VERBAL -  
F. PALMERI**

Through discussions, Park Superintendent Palmeri requested that this item be continued to August. The Commission concurred.

**B. COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT UPDATE - VERBAL  
D. SANDERSON**

Deputy Director Leisure Services (DDL) Sanderson distributed a handout that depicted Potential Program Space and Annual Financial Analysis information for projected allocations. He provided an overview of the handout and noted that a presentation and full update would be presented to the Commission in May.

DDLS Sanderson stated that in planning this facility he wanted to gather input on various philosophies from the Commission. He then explained the process to hire architects for this project and stated that he felt the clearer he could make the vision for the facility; the clearer ideas could be gathered through the interview process with the architects. He also stated that he had toured other City facilities and gathered photographs and information to present to the architects during the interview and presentation process.

Commissioner Davis questioned if the restrooms could be larger, due to large crowds that will be attending specific events. He requested that thought be given to this issue.

**NO PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE TAKEN**

Chairman Lieder stated that he favored an Ad-Hoc Committee and volunteered to participate. DDLS Sanderson stated that several Ad-Hoc Committees could be formed with specific duties, in terms of programs that would match the needs of the community and cost operations.

Commissioners Immekus, Davis and Scoble expressed their interest in participating.

DDSL Sanderson stated that there was not a major time reference for commitments for an Ad-Hoc Committee at this time, but he did want to put a plan together before the architects were hired. Furthermore, additional information will be forwarded to the Commission via e-mail.

**VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT UPDATE – COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Commissioner Davis stated that the subcommittee had recently met and discussions centered on the steps to take in order to decide on the feasibility of the community garden. This led the subcommittee to a consensus that the first step in this process would be to ascertain as to whether or not there is land available for this project within the community. A desired amount of land would be a plus or minus 40 acres that would hold the community garden, followed by a botanical garden, arboretum and conservatory. It is the subcommittee's request of the Commission to direct DDSL Sanderson to perform a search as to what land is available within the community for this project. It is the subcommittee's desire to receive some type of feedback by May, in order that the subcommittee can then form a plan as to what direction it should take on this issue.

**Public Comment Opened**

John Case, subcommittee member, stated that issues discussed at the meeting were terms and school programs. He further encouraged that a survey be conducted regarding land availability.

**Public Comment Closed**

Parks Superintendent Palmeri felt that additional information needs to be gathered before the subcommittee starts to review any type of acreage, and felt that a 40 acre community garden would be rather hard to find in one area. He felt that before Staff would get involved in any type of survey that the subcommittee should submit to the City a plan that would further explain the concept of the garden.

Commissioner Hayes stated that the subcommittee would like to inquire as to whether or not there is a 40 acres site available, and if 40 acres is not available, what is available overall. It is the subcommittee's desire to have the garden located in one area. She requested that Staff bring back to the subcommittee a list of areas that are available that would meet this criteria, as well as areas that are available with a maximum acreage.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Taken at the beginning of the meeting.

#### **VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

- **COMMISSION**

Chairman Lieder reported that the City Park Community Built Playground project would be held the week of May 16.

Commissioner Hayes reported that she had recently visited Dallas Ranch Park and was pleased with its design.

In responding to Commissioner Scoble, Park Superintendent Palmeri stated that Markley Creek Dog Park would be completed in approximately 4-6 months and further explained the design aspects of the park. Commissioner Scoble further spoke to the upcoming City Park Community Built Playground project.

Commissioner Immekus introduced himself as a new Commissioner and provided his background information.

- **STAFF**

DDSL Sanderson reported on the Eggtravaganza that was recently held at Prewett Water Park and the opening season of the Prewett Water Park.

Park Superintendent Palmeri reported that Arbor Day would be held on April 27, followed with a Proclamation to be given to the Children's Memorial Tree Grove by the City Council, and that Public Works Week will be held the week of May 23.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Park & Recreation Commission adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Lawson  
Minutes Clerk

*Minutes approved 05/10/07*