

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

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

**April 20, 2006  
Council Chambers**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2006 in the Council Chambers.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Menasco (arrived at 7:27 p.m.) Steffen, Scoble,  
Lieder, Rodriguez, and Chairman Hatch  
Staff: Park Superintendent Palmeri  
Capital Improvement Director Scudero  
Deputy Director Leisure Services Sanderson  
Minutes Clerk Lawson

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 12, 2006**

Commissioner Scoble requested a change on page 2, under "Staff Comments", line 4, changing the word "Counter" to "Calendar".

Chairman Hatch requested a change on page 2, under "Commission Comments", second paragraph, line 3, to change the word "Commission" to "Subcommittee".

***On motion by Commissioner Steffen and seconded by Commissioner Lieder, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the Minutes with the amended changes.***

***AYES: Commissioners Steffen, Lieder, Rodriguez and Chairman Hatch***

***ABSTENTION: Scoble***

***ABSENT: Menasco***

## **VI. BUSINESS**

### **A. IDENTIFICATION OF PUBLIC ART SITE LOCATIONS FOR THE HILLCREST AVENUE AND LONE TREE WAY ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS – Diane Gibson Gray – Executive Director Arts & Cultural Foundation of Antioch**

Joel Summerhill, President of the Board of the Directors of the Arts & Cultural Foundation of Antioch, provided an overview of the Staff Report dated April 5, 2006.

Mr. Summerhill further explained the proposed site locations where the public art would be placed. Per Commission Steffen's comments, Mr. Summerhill noted that he had met with EBMUD and that they were receptive to the sites, but that there were stringent stipulations that they could not be built over the aqueducts running through the right-of-way and the art would have to be placed off to the side of the aqueducts.

Chairman Hatch asked if there were any contingencies for maintenance costs, in terms of graffiti. Park Superintendent Palmeri stated that no funds exist for damaged art work and when graffiti is found it is usually painted over. Mr. Summerhill interjected that under the selection criteria for the art work, vandalism is always a possibility and the Foundation is attempting to minimize the maintenance requirements and the resistance to vandalism, in terms of the materials to be used. He also noted that there is a problem with ongoing maintenance funds for works of art that need to be addressed.

Mr. Summerhill stated that any final decision would be brought before the City Council for final approval. Deputy Director Leisure Services (DDLS) Sanderson added that this item was originally a recommendation to approve the location, but until further input is given, this item tonight is to be received and filed. For the record, Commissioner Scoble noted that this should be changed on the Agenda.

Commissioner Menasco arrived at 7:27 p.m.

### **B. LEISURE SERVICES PREWETT FAMILY PARK ANNUAL WATER PARK SUMMARY REPORT – Larry Montoya Recreation Supervisor**

Larry Montoya, Recreation Supervisor, provided an overview of the Staff Reported dated April 3, 2006.

Commissioner Steffen asked if any major replacement items needed repair. DDLS Sanderson stated that he was working with the City's Finance Director and the City Manager on a plan for this issue. He noted that the maintenance issues will include the pumps and other equipment related items.

Further discussions ensued regarding admission prices and operational costs and related issues.

**C. SUBMISSION OF THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PARK AND TRAILS ELEMENTS FOR THE 2006-07 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND 2006-11 FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PW 15-06)**

Capital Improvements Director Scudero provided an overview of the Staff Report dated April 3, 2006.

Commissioner Steffen felt that funding should be recommended to be earmarked for Project No. 7600, Prewett Water Park – Equipment Replacement for future maintenance issues.

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

• **COMMISSION**

Chairman Hatch noted that a memo was distributed to the Commission regarding “New State Ethics Law: Assembly Bill 1234 Requiring Ethics Training”. DDLS Sanderson felt that all Boards and Commissions should participate in this training and stated that he would e-mail additional information to the Commission at a future date.

In responding to Chairman Hatch, DDLS Sanderson stated that additional advertising has been placed for a Commission seat on the Park & Recreation Commission with a deadline of June 9, wherein interviews will then follow.

Chairman Hatch extended his invitation for additional players for the upcoming Mayor’s Golf Tournament to be held on June 4.

Commissioner Menasco stated his apologies for arriving late and stated that he had attended a Historical Society Annual Membership Dinner earlier tonight. He also noted that he is involved with a startup of a new program called the Antioch Sports Legend’s Program which consists of past, present and future sports history. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City’s Museum.

Commissioner Steffen distributed a written update on the City Park Playground and further spoke to its contents.

Commissioner Rodriguez requested information of what other cities allocated for their Parks & Recreation Departments and requested that this be forwarded to the City’s Finance Director. In regards to the Prewett Water Park Equipment Replacement fund, he felt that this should be continually addressed or a recommendation should be made to the City Council to ensure that monies are allocated on an annual basis.

Commissioner Lieder reported that he had attended the Safety Faire on February 4. He noted that he had collected information and questions relative to the City’s parks and felt there was a large amount of interest on the part of the public.

- **STAFF**

Park Superintendent Palmeri reported on the maintenance of parks and streetscapes and reported on the following upcoming events:

- Arbor Day at Williamson Ranch Park on April 28
- Children's Memorial Day on April 28
- Memorial Day ceremony on May 29

Commissioner Scoble requested that the issue of Park Vandalism be placed on the next agenda.

DDLS Sanderson reported on:

- New City Staff changes
- City Council support to develop new signage for the theatre at the Nick Rodriguez Center
- The upcoming Regional High School Baseball Tournament
- Opening of the Water Park on Memorial Day weekend

Chairman Hatch noted that he would not be able to attend the next meeting and Vice Chairman Scoble would serve as Interim Chair.

Chairman Hatch presented Commissioner Steffen with a plaque recognizing his past work on the Park & Recreation Commission.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Park & Recreation Commission adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 11, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Lawson  
Minutes Clerk