

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

Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

September 9, 2004
City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lieder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2004 in the City Council Chambers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLE CALL

Present: Commissioners Menasco, Hatch, Rodriguez, Scoble, Steffen and
Chairman Lieder
Absent: Commissioner Duarte
Staff: Acting Deputy Director Leisure Services Sanderson
Park Superintendent Palmeri
Capital Improvement Director Scudero
Minutes Clerk Debra Lawson

Chairman Lieder announced that Commissioner Duarte had an excused absence.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Commissioner Steffen arrived at 7:05 p.m.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 10, 2004

Commissioner Hatch requested a change on page 1, last paragraph, first line, that Chairperson Lieder be changed to read: "*In response to Commissioner Hatch*".

Chairperson Lieder requested changes on:

- Page 1, line 1, to change the name Chairperson Steffen to "*Chairperson Lieder*".
- Page 2, third paragraph, line 1, that Chairperson Scoble be changed to "*Commissioner Scoble*".
- Page 2, No. A., that Diablo Vista is changed to "*Diablo West*".
- Page 4, No. A, that Diablo Vista is changed to "*Diablo West*".

On motion by Commissioner Rodriguez and seconded by Commissioner Menasco, the Park and Recreation Commission approved the Minutes of August 10, 2004 with the amended changes.

AYES: Rodriguez, Menasco, Hatch, and Lieder

ABSENT: Duarte, and Scoble

ABSTENTION: Steffen

VI. BUSINESS

A. REPORT ON CONTRA LOMA ESTATES PARK – F. PALMERI

Park Superintendent Palmeri provided an overview of the Staff Report dated August 25, 2004 and reviewed the recommendations by Staff with the attached findings.

Chairman Leider commented on the attached written comments by Councilmember Simonsen and asked if "lighting" should be addressed at the Contra Loma Park in the near future. Park Superintendent Palmeri responded that if this issue was an interest to the Commission he suggested that a public meeting be agendized with notification being sent to all nearby residents. He further noted that the park was not completely dark at night, there were nearby street lights and in the last eight years this was the first time lighting had become an issue. Commissioner Hatch interjected that lighting would more than likely address safety concerns on the part of the nearby residents. Commissioner Menasco suggested that the Commission drive by after dark to survey the park regarding these concerns.

Commissioner Scoble arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Commissioner Steffen suggested that rather than focus solely on Contra Loma Park, he felt that most of the items listed within the Staff Report were applicable to many of the parks throughout the community. He stated that he preferred to take a broader approach to evaluating the City's Parks greatest needs in order that the Commission not be re-active, but pro-active, in order to get more accomplished. He also felt that more residents should be encouraged to speak out regarding any concerns relating to parks and that a possible plan be devised with Staff on how to evaluate a better way to address the needs of parks.

Commissioner Scoble agreed with previous comments and felt that issues should be addressed in a prompt manner by the Commission and Staff.

Commissioner Rodriguez recommended that an annual review or survey be conducted of each park, with some type of evaluation system attached that would be universal, in terms of lighting, park space, playground equipment and things of this nature. It could then be evaluated and brought back for review by the Commission for any necessary action. He felt the Commission could then prioritize the needs of each park as well as create a database of needs that could be used for future grant writing.

Commissioner Steffen encouraged that the new Commission members visit the parks in order that they become familiar with each park's surroundings, and that this would also help when specific issues came before the Commission.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Commission

Capital Improvement Director Scudero spoke to the Capital Improvement booklet that was distributed to each Commissioner and welcomed their comments.

Chairman Leider reported that he had recently attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the Highway 4 Bypass on August 14. He also noted that Faradi Farajdi would be recognized by the City Council on September 14 for her time served on the Parks & Recreation Commission for the last eight years.

Commissioner Steffen reported that he also had attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Highway 4 Bypass on August 14, and announced that information was distributed to each Commissioner regarding the Rivertown Jamboree.

Commissioner Hatch reported that he had recently attended a summer concert at the Prewett Family Park and the City of Antioch's Blue's Festival.

2. Staff

Acting Deputy Director Leisure Services Sanderson reported that he had attended the City's Blue's Festival, and announced that upcoming events were the Rivertown Jamboree to be held on September 25 and 26, the Fall Fest to be held on October 9, and the 9th Annual Golf Tournament for Antioch School's Education Foundation on September 24. Mr. Sanderson also reported that this summer's attendance at the Prewett Family Water Park was good and stated that he would provide attendance figures to the Commission in the future. He further spoke to security issues.

Park Superintendent Palmeri distributed an agenda for next month's Park Tour, and reported that the Heidorn Park Dedication would be held on September 25, and that the Coastal Clean Up would be held on September 18. Mr. Palmeri invited the Commission for a final walk through of the first lighting of the "Lights of Rivertown" project that would take place immediately after tonight's meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Lieder adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. to Special Meeting of the Park Tour meeting at the City Hall on Thursday, October 14, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Lawson
Minutes Clerk