

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

**Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m.**

**November 9, 2006
Council Chambers**

5:30 p.m. – New Commissioner’s Orientation

Mayor Freitas called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2006 in the City Council Chambers.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Menasco, Lieder, Steffen and Hatch
Absent: Commissioner Scoble
Staff: Park Superintendent Palmeri
Deputy Director Leisure Services Sanderson
Minutes Clerk Lawson

Mayor Freitas welcomed new Commissioners Davis, Daniels-Hayes and Borrego to the Park & Recreation Commission and noted that two new vacancies were still left to fill and that he would be working on this process to fill these vacancies. He stated that he wanted the Commission to work together and hold discussions regarding all issues that come before them. He felt that the Park & Recreation Commission should be the most robust Commission in the City and encouraged the Commission to bring forward new philosophies and ideas for future discussions. Furthermore, he expressed hope that the Commission takes a more proactive approach, rather than a reactive approach, and that all issues are taken on as a challenge, as well as reviewing what changes can be made.

Mayor Freitas wanted the Commission to review funding mechanisms, in terms of encouraging changes within the community, and to also review what types of programs can be expanded with the aid of additional subsidies. He also encouraged the Commission to bring forward new ideas to the City Council and that they also work on their relationships with the private sector, in terms of different organizations that exist within the community.

Parks Superintendent Palmeri provided a standard handbook to the new Commissioners and verbally explained the contents of the binder. He distributed and provided a brief overview of a map of the City’s park and trail system.

Deputy Director Leisure Services (DDLS) Sanderson spoke to past projects that were approved by the Park & Recreation Commission and further spoke to the operational and maintenance aspects of the parks throughout the community. In referring to the handbook that was distributed to the Commissioners, he noted that additional corrections and additions are currently being reviewed and approved and will be distributed in the near future. It was also noted that the Park & Recreation Budget would be coming before the Commission in the near future for review and comment.

II. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks & Recreation Orientation was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

7:00 p.m. – Regular Commission Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2006 in the Council Chambers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **May 11, 2006**
 August 10, 2006
 October 12, 2006

Minutes of May 11, 2006:

Commissioner Steffen requested that a change be made on page 2, under "Communications", third paragraph, changing the word "doom" to "dome".

On motion by Commissioner Steffen and seconded by Commissioner Lieder, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the Minutes of May 11, 2006 with the amended change as written.

AYES: Steffen, Lieder and Menasco

ABSTENTION: Hatch

ABSENT: Scoble and Rodriguez

Minutes of August 10, 2006:

Commissioner Lieder requested a change on the Roll Call, stating that he was absent and not present.

On motion by Commissioner Steffen and seconded by Commissioner Menasco, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the Minutes of August 10, 2006 with the amended change as written.

AYES: Steffen and Menasco

ABSTENTION: Hatch and Lieder

ABSENT: Scoble and Rodriguez

Minutes of October 12, 2006:

On motion by Commissioner Lieder and seconded by Commissioner Steffen, the Park & Recreation Commission approved the Minutes of October 12, 2006 as written.

AYES: Lieder and Steffen

ABSTENTION: Menasco and Hatch

ABSENT: Scoble and Rodriguez

DDSL Sanderson presented a plaque to past Commissioners Menasco, Steffen and Hatch for their time served on the Park & Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Steffen welcomed the new Commissioners and expressed his appreciation to Staff for his time served on the Commission.

Commissioner Menasco welcomed the new Commissioners and expressed his appreciation to Staff for his time served on the Commission.

Chairman Hatch welcomed the new Commissioners and expressed his appreciation to the staff and the Commission for his time served on the Commission. He handed the Chair responsibilities over to the new Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, Chairman Lieder.

VI. BUSINESS

**A. DRAFT PROPOSAL OF ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR MEMORIAL PARK –
VERBAL REPORT, D. SANDERSON**

DDSL Sanderson provided a summary of the Staff Report dated November 9, 2006 and referred to the attachments that consisted of the turf field cost information and field lighting costs and equipment information.

Jim Tarabini, Delta Youth Soccer League, elaborated on the features of the conceptual plan for the proposed park, as well as the turf materials that are being proposed. He also referenced the aerial photograph that depicted the measurements and site plan of the project.

Per the request of Commissioner Daniels-Hayes, Mr. Tarabini explained the make-up of the FieldTurf synthetic grass, in terms of improved safety features, and noted that it would need to be replaced approximately every 10 years with a regular maintenance check twice a year.

In responding to Chairman Lieder's concern regarding vandalism, Mr. Tarabini explained that a fence was being proposed for the field. DDSL Sanderson interjected that if vandalism becomes a concern, a mechanism will be put into place to monitor this issue.

DDSL Sanderson stated that this item would be brought back to the Commission in the near future with a closer dollar figure, as well as a full proposal.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

• COMMISSION

Commissioner Daniel-Hayes expressed concern to benches disappearing at Chichibu Park.

Commissioner Davis requested that Staff follow-up on the following items at Chichibu Park:

- An approximate 20 foot piece of fence located on Longview Drive is loose
- Is there a possibility to construct easier pedestrian access to the picnic tables
- Additional trees need to be planted in the areas where trees used to exist

Per the request of Commissioner Borrego, Park Superintendent Palmeri explained the design aspects of the City Park renovation and the status of its current renovation plans.

Chairman Lieder stated that if any Commissioners would like to volunteer in the renovation of the City Park to please contact former Park & Recreation Commissioner Wayne Steffen.

• STAFF

DDSL Sanderson reported on past events:

- Dance recitals were recently held for a local dance company at the El Campanil
- Prewett Fall Fest
- Prewett Family Park is now open for parties, swim lessons and various classes

Upcoming events:

- City Council Community Forum on November 18 at the El Campanil

Park Superintendent Palmeri reported that the issue of Landscaping and Lighting would be placed on the next agenda and that additional information would be provided to the Commission. He reported on upcoming events that included a Veteran's Day event to be held November 11 at the Marina or the Veteran's Hall, the location is yet to be

announced, and a Holiday Delights event will be held on December 2. Mr. Palmeri further provided information regarding the past Coastal Cleanup.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Park & Recreation Commission adjourned at 8:09 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 14, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Lawson
Minutes Clerk