

Antioch City Council Chambers
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2006

**CITY OF ANITCOH
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Acting Chairperson Lieder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday December 14, 2006.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Present: Commissioners Lieder, Borrego, Hayes, Davis

Absent: Commissioner Scoble

Staff Present: Frank Palmeri, Parks Superintendent
Dave Sanderson, Deputy Director of Leisure Services

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Case, representing Kiwanis of the Delta, spoke to the need for Antioch to re-establish a community garden. He noted their organization would be willing to maintain and manage the garden. He requested the Parks and Recreation Commission consider looking for land opportunities within the city limits. He noted they would need a source of water.

Commissioner Borrego suggested Mr. Case collaborate with the Antioch Unified School District to involve children in the community garden project.

Park Superintendent Palmeri suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission look at opportunities in the future for the community garden and consider the possibility of using the Water Park or the future retention basins.

Mr. Case provided contact information for anyone wishing to receive additional information.

Mr. Davis suggested contacting other communities with community gardens to gather information for the guidelines.

Following discussion the Parks and Recreation Commission agreed they would like to explore opportunities to re-establish the community garden and requested Mr. Case develop a proposal for the garden and the formation of a subcommittee for Commission consideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (November 9, 2006)

On motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hayes, the Parks and Recreation Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of November 9, 2006 as presented.

BUSINESS

A. CHAIR PERSON ELECTIONS

Following discussion the Parks and Recreation Commission members present unanimously appointed Commissioner Lieder as Chair and Commissioner Davis as Vice Chair.

B. LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPE DISTRICT STATUS REPORT – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION - F. PALMERI

Park Superintendent Palmeri gave a brief overview of the lighting and landscape district status report recommending the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

In response to Commissioner Davis, Park Superintendent Palmeri clarified it is within the purview of the Parks and Recreation Commission to make recommendations to the City Council regarding level of maintenance and staffing for parks.

Deputy Director of Leisure Services Sanderson gave a brief overview of the midyear and annual budget review process as it relates to Parks and Recreation funding.

C. TEEN PROGRAM FROM QUALITY OF LIFE FORUM – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION, D. SANDERSON

Deputy Director of Leisure Services Sanderson gave a brief overview of the city's youth and teen programs recommending the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

Commissioner Davis and Chairperson Lieder agreed there are many program opportunities available for the youth in Antioch and thanked Mr. Sanderson for the report.

D. ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND UPDATE TO COMMISSIONER PACKETS – D. SANDERSON

Deputy director of Leisure Services Sanderson presented the staff report recommending the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

He encouraged Commissioners who have not taken the Ethics Training to do so, on the website provided in the staff report presented this evening. He noted there is a computer available for use at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center.

COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

Chairperson Lieder reported he attended the Veteran's Day ceremony at the VFW Hall on November 11, 2006 and the Community Forum. He stated he feels the 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission park tour should be held after April and following the filling of the two vacant Commission terms.

Commissioner Borrego reported she had visited a few parks and she thanked Park Superintendent Palmeri for repairing the bathroom lights.

In response to Commissioner Borrego, Deputy Director of Leisure Services Sanderson clarified the hockey arena adjacent to Aladino's Pizza is a commercial operation and with regards to the Prewett Park master plan, he anticipates the Parks and Recreation Commission participating in the process through the subcommittee process. In addition, he noted the middle schools have impacted the city's ability to have successful girls basketball leagues.

Commissioner Hayes spoke to the increased pricing for evening classes through Leisure Services and suggested it may be impossible for the children of working single parents to participate.

Deputy Director of Leisure Services Sanderson clarified the class rates were adjusted to encourage afternoon usage freeing up space for those who can only participate during the evening hours. In addition, he noted classes are fee based.

Commissioner Hayes spoke in support of the General Fund contributing to Leisure Services to reduce costs and serve all members of the community.

Deputy Director of Leisure Services Sanderson stated he anticipates having factual information related to the budget for the Parks and Recreation Commission to review so they can make a recommendation to the City Council on community programming funding.

Commissioner Hayes stated that while she does not think the programs are overpriced, there is an income level that does not fall under the federal guidelines for poverty who can not pay for programming.

Park Superintendent Palmeri suggested the possibility of forming a Parks and Recreation Commission subcommittee to consider alternative funding sources and reviewed the grant writing process.

Deputy Director of Leisure Services Sanderson suggested Ms. Hayes develop guidelines to address alternative funding for programming.

Commissioner Davis reported there is a rotted and loose telephone posts at the entrance to Chichibu park.

Deputy Director of Leisure Services Sanderson offered to give tours of Prewett Park and the city's recreation facilities.

Following discussion, the Parks and Recreation Commission agreed to schedule the park tour at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in April.

Commissioner Hayes volunteered to attend the Youth Council meetings.

Deputy Director of Leisure Services Sanderson suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission look at goals, objectives and action committees in the March/April timeframe. He stated they could make a recommendation to the Youth Council, that a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission attend their meetings as a liaison.

2. Staff

Park Superintendent Palmeri reviewed a memorandum from Capital Improvement Director Scudero on the dais for the Parks and Recreation Commission and recommending input from the Commission for capital projects be sent staff. He reported the Holiday De-lights celebration was a successful event and he wished everyone a happy holiday.

Deputy Director of Leisure Services Sanderson reported they have installed a heater at the plunge at Prewett Park.

In response to Deputy Director of Leisure Services Sanderson, the Parks and Recreation Commission agreed to participate in the Child Safety and Emergency Preparedness Program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, stand adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Eiden

