

Adjourned Regular Meeting
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission
January 21, 2014
Martinez, CA
APPROVED February 19, 2014

Chair Dylan Radke called the Regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Martinez Senior Center, 818 Green Street, Martinez, California.

I. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair, Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner, Ingemar Olsson (arrived shortly after roll call), Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Commissioner and Chair Dylan Radke

EXCUSED: Commissioner Gay Gerlack

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick, Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin, Rankin Aquatic Swim Center Pool Manager Sierra Elsken and Minutes Clerk Robin Agostino.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no speakers.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Minutes to the November 19, 2013 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Patchin asked for clarification on page 4 paragraph 1 “Mr. Tucker said that with the slope of the overpass to meet ADA requirements, the distance would be the same.” Staff will get back to Commissioner Patchin. On motion by Commissioner Karen Bell-Patten, seconded by Commissioner Donald Pallotta, to approve the Minutes of November 19, 2013, Motion unanimously passed 7 – 0 by the following vote: Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Chair Dylan Radke, Yes; Excused, Commissioner Gay Gerlack.

b. Minutes to the December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Fuller indicated that he would be abstaining from the vote, since he did not attend the December 17th meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Don Pallotta, seconded by Commissioner Richard Patchin, to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2013. Motion passed 5 – 0 by the following vote: Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Chair Dylan Radke, Yes; Commission John Fuller, Abstained; Commissioner Gerlack, Excused.

c. Recreation Staff: Report No comments

d. Parks Maintenance: Update No Comments

- e. Special Requests for Uses in Parks: None

Chair Radke opened public comment on the consent calendar with no one coming forward.

IV. PRMCC SUB -COMMITTEE REPORTS (taken out of order) Measure H update 1-16-2014

Recreation Supervisor Lorick reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony for Cappy Ricks Park and Nancy Boyd Park will be on February 18, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at Cappy Ricks and 6:00 p.m. at Nancy Boyd followed by refreshments, and further followed by a meeting of the PRMCC in the Nancy Boyd Recreation Room at 7:00 p.m. 90 Church Street, Martinez.

Chair Radke opened public comment on the item.

Greg Staffelbach had concerns about the discarded construction material at the Hidden Valley Park work site; it was noted that staff would contact City Engineer Tim Tucker. He also asked if a date had been set for the Waterfront Subcommittee meeting, Chair Radke stated it was not. Mr. Staffelbach thanked city staff for the doggie bags at Hidden Valley Park; he requested a garbage can be placed next to the doggie bags stand.

a. Rankin Aquatic Swim Center 2013 Report

Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick presented a PowerPoint on the Rankin Aquatic Swim Center 2013 Season Report. She explained for the calendar year 2013 expenses were \$242,452 and revenue was \$201,774; for the calendar year 2012 expenses were \$225,079 and revenue was \$187,893. The loss for 2013 was \$40,675 and for 2012 was \$37,186. Ms. Lorick explained that expenses covered wages, chemicals, supplies, utilities, maintenance and repairs, health department permit, insurance training and membership and contract instructor payments. She went on to explain revenue includes, admissions, adult lap swimming, pool parties, lifeguard training classes, swim lessons, Martinez Community Swim Team use fees and water aerobics. Ms. Lorick shared with the commission the pool yearly calendar, starting in January, training the lifeguard staff to State Mandate for Public Safety Personal Title 22 to the September pool staffing challenge. Commissioners discussed Ms. Lorick's report and thanked her for all of her work.

Commissioner Fuller noted that he would like to have the pool open the entire year.

Commissioner Bell-Patten said that it was never expected that the pool would not be running at a loss. Commissioner Pallotta commented it is just up to city council to determine how much loss they are willing to support.

Chair Radke opened public comment on the item with no one coming forward.

b. Hidden Valley and Nancy Boyd Picnic Fees

Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick presented the proposed increase of fees for new picnic areas for Hidden Valley and Nancy Boyd. The formula for the fees is the same formula as the fee increase for the newly renovated Rankin Park. The fee increase is \$1.50 /per person Martinez resident, \$2.00 /per person non-resident and \$2.50 per person/corporate rate. Ms. Lorick went

on to explain the new city policy for not requiring a deposit. She explained that is too costly in staff time and the fees paid to credit card companies to process deposits. Commission Karen Bell-Patten requested a caveat in revisiting the fees after the 2014 picnic season.

On motion by Commissioner John Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Don Pallotta, to recommend to the City Council an increase in fees and staff's recommendation regarding the elimination of security deposits, in lieu of renters being required to show evidence of the condition of the facility after use. Unanimously passed 7 – 0 by the following vote: Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Chair Dylan Radke, Yes; Excused, Commissioner Gay Gerlack.

V. NEW BUSINESS (Taken out of order)

a. Disc Golf

Stavros Kalogirou and the Martinez Disc Golf Club presented a power point presentation on a possible use of Hidden Lakes for a Disc Golf Course. Mr. Kalogirou explained the game of disc golf. Disc golf (aka Frisbee golf) is a fun, inexpensive, healthy, and environmentally friendly game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. It is played much like traditional golf, except instead of hitting a ball into a hole you throw a disc into an elevated metal basket.

Mr. Kalogirou stated that Disc golf is well-suited to Hidden Lakes Park because of the multi-uses, it would integrate well with all the sports activities. He further explained that the Martinez Disc Golf Club will cover all costs for the installation and regular maintenance of the course. The total cost of the baskets, tee pads, signage, and other materials for the course would be \$15,000-\$25,000, depending on the number of holes, type of tee pads, signage, minor drainage work around tees and baskets, signage, and other details. They did express assistance with any surplus materials to help with the installation, e.g., river rock and dirt fill.

Mr. Kalogirou spoke about scheduling The Hidden Lakes course, as it would be free to the public. He noted that the club may run casual weekly or monthly leagues, and would have formal events, once or twice a year; and may wish to host a sanctioned competition for one or two days. These would be the only times when the general public would not have access to the course. If there are other major events such as high school cross country meets, the club will be responsible for removing baskets, if necessary to prevent conflicts.

Mr. Kalogirou said that they look forward to working with city staff to ensure the successful planning, installation, and maintenance of a new disc golf course.

The commission asked Mr. Kalogirou about congestion on the park paths, erosion, and if the disc golf baskets can be removed. He responded that there are three to four players per disc golf baskets and the players are dispersed throughout the course at one time. As for the erosion, the disc golf baskets can be removed to restore land if damaged.

The commission asked about the design of the course, which Mr. Leonard Muise, Martinez Disc Golf Club Designed Group, responded that they did not want to get ahead of themselves, until there is approval to move forward with the project.

The commission recommended the Disc Golf group research the open space issue with other towns as in Benicia and Disc Golf be added to the Park Subcommittee.

Chair Radke opened public comment on the item.

Mr. Staffelbach was opposed to the idea of the Disc Golf in Hidden Valley Park and asked how many people from the Disc Golf are from Martinez. The commission said that is not an issue and the park is not just for the citizens of Martinez.

b. Revision to the Brown Act:

Chair Radke explained the changes of the Brown Act, in reference to voting, and how it would affect the commission.

c. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

On motion by Commissioner Richard Patchin, Commissioner, seconded by Karen Bell-Patten, Commission moved to appoint Dylan Rake for Chair of the Park, Recreation Marina, and Cultural Commission. Motion unanimously passed 6 – 0 by the following vote: Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Yes; Chair Dylan Radke, Abstained; Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Excused.

On motion by Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Richard Patchin, Commission moved to appoint Karen Bell-Patten for Vice Chair of the Park, Recreation Marina, and Cultural Commission. Motion unanimously passed 6 – 0 by the following vote: Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Chair Dylan Radke, Yes; Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Abstained, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Excused.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

- V. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Commissioner Bell-Patten requested the Policy to notice to the neighbors for pertaining to the rental of Ignacio Plaza and Susana Park.**
- a. City Council and PRMCC Joint meeting
 - b. Relocating entrance to Skateboard Park (park subcommittee)
 - c. Marina Improvements
 - d. Park Maintenance Overview and Goals
 - e. Park Master Plan review
 - f. Waterfront Planning
 - g. Ferry point restrooms
 - h. Mural maintenance
 - i. Consultant for the John Muir Amphitheater
 - j. Future Agenda Plan
 - k. Feasibility Study

VI. COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Eychner would like to know if there is a plan in place regarding watering the lawns in city parks.

CORRESPONDENCE : Email from Contra Costa Librarian Lea Stone as to Candy Cane Lane at the library for the December 6, 2014 Holiday Frolic which was a great event. She reported that she and he staff quit counting at 190 people, and thanked city staff for their help and assistance.

Email from John Cuff thanking city staff for the grooming of the walking paths through the open space in Hidden Valley Park.

NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:45 pm to an Adjourned Regular meeting on February 18, 2014, at the Nancy Boyd Recreation Room, 90 Church Street, Martinez. On motion by Commissioner Richard Patchin, seconded by Commissioner Brian Eychner, the Commission moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously passed 7 – 0 by the following vote: Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Chair Dylan Radke, Yes; Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Excused.