

Regular Meeting
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission
April 15, 2014
Martinez, CA

APPROVED May 20, 2014

Chair Dylan Radke called the Regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission to order at 7:04 p.m., Council Chambers 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA,

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Commissioner John Fuller arrived at 7:09pm, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Chair Dylan Radke

EXCUSED: Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten ABSENT: None

Staff present: City of Martinez Senior Management Analyst Michael Chandler, Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin, and Minutes Clerk Robin Agostino.

2. PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Presentation made by Helen Heathcoat, Main Street Martinez. Ms. Heathcoat provided information regarding a mural on the creek wall at Main Street Plaza on the east side of the creek. Ms. Heathcoat shared pictures of the creek and the proposed mural.

Chairperson Radke opened and closed Public Comment with no speakers coming forward.

Commissioner Pallotta expressed his concern over safety of the artist on ladders and said that there is a need for scaffolding. Commissioner Gerlack asked about the height of the wall and a liability release from the City. Chair Radke asked if there is an associated cost to the City. Ms. Heathcoat said there will be no cost to the City. She explained that the mural will need be repainted in five years. The Commission asked Ms. Heathcoat for a drawing scaled to size of the mural for a better idea of this project. This item will be agenzized for the May PRMCC meeting.

- b. Martinez Bocce Federation presented the Annual Report made by President Gene Rittburg

Chairperson Radke opened and closed Public Comment with no speakers coming forward.

Commissioner Comments concerning the presentation: Commissioner Patchin asked for a clarification of the season dates, Mr. Rittburg explained the season is April to September which includes byes, playoffs and finals. Commissioner Gerlack noted that the restrooms adjacent to the bocce courts are scheduled to be completed by the end of April. Mr. Rittburg asked if the present port a potties have a timed lock. Commissioner Pallotta asked Mr. Rittburg to get in touch with Public Works Superintendent Bob Cellini about restroom security. The Commission thanked Mr. Rittburg for his report.

Presentation made to the PRMCC by Phillip Ciaramintaro Community Initiatives of Martinez: Presentation concerning historic overview of Joe DiMaggio and the Joltin Joe Boathouse. Phillip Ciaramintaro requested that a subcommittee be formed to discuss a location for the boat named the Joltin Joe, once owned by Martinez native Joe DiMaggio. Mr. Ciaramintaro would like to see the Joltin' Joe in the front of the Italian Fisherman monument and he is opposed to the idea of housing the boat in the old train station.

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Commissioner Gerlack said Martinez could become a destination with the Joltin' Joe and with the hopes of a future semipro baseball team coming to Martinez. This item will be agenzized for the May PRMCC meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Staffelbach was concerned that Hidden Valley had only one drinking fountain. Phillip Ciaramintaro told the Commission that he, Joe Weise from Vallejo CS Marine and City Engineer Tim Tucker visited the Martinez Fishing Pier. He noted that there is need for underpinning supports for the pier. Cost estimate is under \$200,000. He said that a grant through Coastal Conservancy may be an option. He further noted that a restroom on the pier could be installed and pumped out via the same method as boats are pumped out. He went on to say the Friends of the Fishing Pier will have enough money to have a water fountain on the pier for the City to install. He recommended that a high school or a Boy Scout project could be a new fish cleaning station. Mr. Ciaramintaro recommended a Fishing Pier subcommittee created.

Chairperson Radke opened and closed Public Comment with no speakers coming forward.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2014 by Commissioner Pallotta seconded by Commissioner Eychner, Motion unanimously passed 5 – 0 by the following vote: Chair Radke, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Patchin, Commissioner Pallotta, Commissioner Gerlack. Yes; Commissioner Fuller abstention, Excused, Commissioner Karen Bell-Patten and Commissioner Ingmar Olsson

5. ACTION ITEM (S) FOR REQUEST NONE

6. SUBCOMMITTEE(S) REPORTS

- a. Commissioner Gerlack reported that the restroom in Waterfront Park, next to the bocce courts will be completed by the end of this month. Chair Radke reported the next meeting of Waterfront Park Workshop is scheduled for April 21, 2014. This will be the final workshop and will include a report from a light and sound consultant with additional information on the impact of the lights and sound on the neighborhood. Chair Radke said the Park Subcommittee will make a recommendation for general plan approval by PRMCC at the May meeting. Chair Radke reported that plans for the Mt. View Park include new play equipment and picnic areas. Susana Park will include historical features to identify Susana Martinez. The restrooms at Hidden Valley Park will soon be completed and the Waterfront restrooms will be completed by the end of April.
- b. Parking gate at Hidden Valley Park: Mt. Diablo School District Director of Maintenance Jeff McDaniel will be meeting with MDUSD Risk Management in order to see if a key

for the gate can be given to the City. Mr. Chandler is hopeful for a good outcome for overflow and ADA parking.

- c. **Disc Golf update:** Hidden Lakes Park Open Space has been considered for a creation of 9 to 18 hole Disc Golf course. Disc Golf spokesman Stavros Kalogirou spoke on the parking at Hidden Lakes and said that there is plenty of room for Disc Golf players. Commissioner Patchin thanked Mr. Kalogirou for the information on Disc Golf and making the sport understandable. Commissioner Gerlack said when she was on vacation she and her family all played Disc Golf and all enjoyed the game. Chair Radke informed that Disc Golf will go back to the subcommittee, for further discussion and study of the use of open space. The subcommittee will bring the idea to the PRMCC with a recommendation for approval or denial.

Chair Radke opened Public Comment on Disc Golf: Darrin Roster supported the idea of using open space for Disc Golf in Hidden Lakes Park. Leonard Muise, a professional Disc Golf Course designer, is at the Commission's disposal at any time. Greg Staffelbach stated that he was not in favor of the Disc Golf Course and feels the park is better suited for a dog park. Ichien James Chen was against the idea of a Disc Golf Course and would like to see a traffic and Eco System study done. He noted that the park is full of wildlife and shared his photo book wildlife in Valley and Hidden Lakes Parks. Mr. Chen recommended Disc Golf Course be placed at Waterfront Park.

7. PUBLIC HEARING(S) NONE

8. CITY STAFF COMMENTS

- a. **Maintenance Update:** Commissioner Patchin asked for clarification of vehicle damage to the turf at Hidden Valley Park, the tree destroyed on Highway 4 and what shed was broken into at Morello Park. Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin explained the shed might belong to Little League. Chair Radke was concerned about the repair needed to the Geo Dome at Hidden Valley Park. Commissioner Pallotta wanted to know more about the relationship and the communication between the Police Department and City Park Crew concerning vandalism. Mr. Chandler will speak to staff to provide more information in the staff reports for the commission.
- b. **Recycling in the parks:** Mr. Chandler presented a Power Point presentation on Recycling receptacles options for the City parks. The commission discussed Mr. Chandlers report and preferred options to convert some existing "cube" trash receptacles to recycling receptacles at Measure H Parks by means of labeling and painting, and to procure and install additional cube recyclers where feasible. The commission was in favor of the idea to create side by side trash and recycling cubes such as the receptacles in Nancy Boyd Park. Mr. Chandler said that there is a need to provide additional dual bin trash/recycling stations in City parks in areas like those at the Marina. He went on to say it will be feasible to designate recycling infrastructure as "bottles/cans only" to reduce contamination. Commissioner Pallotta was concerned with the existing drop on plastic lids on the containers. Mr. Chandler said that he is working with Park Supervisor Dave Lusty develop a solution to the tops of the containers. Mr. Chandler will be using these guidelines for staff to sketch out some possibilities for the parks and prepare a budget for FY 14-15 through the Recycle Fund. Commissioner Pallotta said if the containers are available the public will do the right thing and recycle. Mr. Chandler has been working with the Sea Scouts for recycling for big City events, and they will need to

come up with ideas on how to secure the lids. Mr. Chandler has applied for a Coke Recycling Grant. He will report back to the commission.

Chair Radke opened Public Comment: Gene Rittberg explained to the commission the receptacles at the bocce courts have been taken from the courts and the after bocce games the garbage is removed by the bocce players. Douglas Van Raam asked if it is possible to have a well-marked container in the parking lot for recyclables for the Sea Scouts and only the Sea Scouts should have a key.

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Pallotta conveyed the paving job at Ferry Street Park is great, and he would like to see the traffic direction arrows repainted on the pavement. He congratulated Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick on the fee schedule passage by City Council. He noted that after watching the City Council meeting on television, he questioned why a particular local business was not included in the Chamber of Commerce King of County Barbeque, and is it the role of the PRMCC to scrutinize who participates in this event for next year's Chambers request. Commissioner Gerlack answered Commissioner Pallotta's question about the Chamber of Commerce King of County Barbeque. They are looking into changing the rules for next year.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:05pm to a Regular PRMCC Meeting on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez California.

Respectfully submitted by

Robin Agostino