

Regular Meeting
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission
February 17, 2015
Martinez, CA

APPROVED MARCH 17, 2015

Chair Dylan Radke called the Regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission to order at 7:00 pm, in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Dylan Radke, Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner Brian Eychner, and Commissioner Gay Gerlack.
Excused: Commissioner Ingmar Olsson and Commissioner John Fuller.

Staff present: City of Martinez Senior Civil Engineer Joe Enke, Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick, Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin and Minutes Clerk Robin Agostino.

- 2. PRESENTATION(S)** Martinez Police Department, Communication with public works: Interim Chief Eric Ghisletta made clear to the Commission the process of reporting vandalism in city parks to the police department. He went on to say that notification is the key. The officers patrol the parks with random checks. Homeless Outreach Advocate Doug Stewart is a great resource in reporting problems especially at the Waterfront Park. Commissioner Pallotta asked about the cameras in the parks. Interim Chief Ghisletta responded that the parks are monitored by dispatch. The Commission thanked the Interim Chief for his presentation.

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments were made.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. On motion to approve PRMCC minutes of January 20, 2015 by Commissioner Bell-Patten seconded by Commissioner Gerlack, Motion passes 6-0-0. Yes: Chair Radke, Yes Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Yes Commissioner Patchin, Yes Commissioner Pallotta, Yes Commissioner Eychner and Yes Commissioner Gerlack

Excused Commissioner Olsson and Commissioner Fuller.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were made.

- 5. NEW BUSINESS:** None

6. ACTION ITEM (S) FOR REQUEST

- a. On motion to approve the agreement between the Martinez Community Swim Team and City of Martinez for use of the Rankin Aquatic Center 2015 summer season with a minor change: Commissioner Gerlack, seconded by Commissioner Patchin, Motion passes 6-0-0. Yes Chair Radke, Yes Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Yes Commissioner Patchin, Yes Commissioner Pallotta, Yes Commissioner Eychner, and Yes Commissioner Gerlack. Excused: Commissioner Olsson and Commissioner Fuller.

- b. Pickle Ball

- i. Motion to provide direction to staff regarding striping an additional tennis court or courts at Nancy Boyd Park: The Commission returned this item to Park Subcommittee.
- ii. Motion to deny a request to change the Tennis Courts Use Policy for exclusive use of courts for Pickle Ball: The Commission has returned this item to Park Subcommittee.

- c. Motion to approve Fee Subcommittee recommendation:

- i. Eliminate inflatable structures, jump houses, ponies, dunk tanks, tents, plastic tarps and portable grills in city parks: Motion Commissioner Patchin, seconded by Commissioner Gerlack, Motion passes 5-1-0. Yes Chair Radke, Yes Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Yes Commissioner Patchin, Yes Commissioner Eychner, and Yes Commissioner Gerlack. No Commissioner Pallotta. Excused: Commissioner Olsson and Commissioner Fuller.
- ii. Create rental fees for Holiday Highlands Park, with two picnic areas, Holiday Highland North and Holiday Highland Creekside each with 16 person capacity. Deposit of \$150. Rental fee resident \$25, non-resident and non-profit \$48 and Corporate local and non-resident \$64. On a motion to approve the fees for Holiday Highland by Commissioner Pallotta, seconded by Commissioner Patchin, Motion passes 6-0-0. Yes Chair Radke, Yes Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Yes Commissioner Patchin, Yes Commissioner Pallotta, Yes Commissioner Eychner, and Yes Commissioner Gerlack. Excused: Commissioner Olsson and Commissioner Fuller.
- iii. Increase picnic rental fee deposits for 1-74 people \$150, 74-249 people \$300 and 250 plus people \$600. Motion by Commissioner Pallotta, seconded by Commissioner Patchin, Motion passes 6-0-0. Yes Chair Radke, Yes Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Yes Commissioner Patchin, Yes Commissioner Pallotta, Yes Commissioner Eychner, and Yes Commissioner Gerlack. Excused: Commissioner Ingmar and Commissioner Fuller.
- iv. Motion to Increase youth sports fees in 2016 from \$2 to \$3, 2017 increase fee from \$3 to \$5, 2018 increase fee from \$5 to \$7, 2019 increase fees from \$7 to \$10. Motion by Commissioner Patchin, seconded by Commissioner Eychner, Motion passes 5-0-0-1. Chair Radke recused himself from the dais. Yes Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Yes Commissioner Patchin, Yes Commissioner Pallotta, Yes Commissioner Eychner, and Yes Commissioner Gerlack. Excused: Commissioner Olsson and Commissioner Fuller.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were made.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE(S)

a. Cultural Subcommittee:

Item 1:

Jenna Betti Mural: Dena Betti and Colleen Gianatiempo presented their idea of a community mural at the common area site between the closed Bank of America building and Starbucks store on Main Street, Martinez. The mural is in honor of Jenna Betti, a 14-year old Martinez resident. Jenna died in a tragic train accident while trying to retrieve her forgotten cell phone from the tracks. Ms. Betti and Ms. Gianatiempo explained: site agreement, budget, a mural contract, community input, and schedule. They continued, property owner agrees to mutual outlined provisions including agreeing to retain the mural as long as it remains intact and does not suffer abnormal deterioration. They also explained the mural will be owned by the funder; and it is public art under the caretakership of property owner. #HERSMILE will provide all the funding for the project. The Community will have input achieved by having a mural workshop meeting near the meeting site. Decisions on the mural can be reached democratically or by consensus. They would like to begin the project during the Summer of 2015 with an 8 week schedule from start to finish. The mural will be bright, colorful & whimsical like a 14 year old girl. The complete design will be collaboration from the community. The Commission informed Ms. Betti and Ms. Gianatiempo this item will go back to the PRMCC Cultural Subcommittee for the recommendation for a proposal, and then on to the PRMCC for recommendation to the City Council, and finally to City Council for final approval. Commissioner Gerlack thanked Ms. Betti and Ms. Gianatiempo for their professional and informative presentation.

Item 2: Mr. Enke informed the Commission that the City Engineering Staff have briefly discussed the use of the \$500,000 Cultural Facility Fees collected to date. Some of the projects previously discussed are the

amphitheater, Historic Train Depot and the Campbell Theater. Staff will be requesting input regarding priorities from the PRMCC at the March meeting. Mr. Enke said that a list of projects will go back to the PRMCC Cultural Subcommittee for priorities. The Commission asked Mr. Enke to give an explanation what is under the PRMCC perview. Commissioner Bell-Patten asked if City Council has already come to a conclusion for the \$500,000. Mr. Enke said a request was made from City Council to get input from the PRMCC for the use of fees in general. Commissioner Pallotta noted that it is hard to make a recommendation without the cost and details of the City Council's priority list. He feels a March date is a little premature. Commissioner Gerlack said the Cultural Subcommittee will meet and field different and positive uses, and identify and prioritize projects for the \$500,000. Commissioner Pallotta said that he doubts that the Cultural Subcommittee will have complete recommendations. The Cultural Subcommittee will meet and give an update at the next PRMCC meeting.

b. Measure H:

Item 1: Mr. Enke updated the Commission concerning Measure H projects. He explained, the City Council recently held a workshop and approved the schematic plan for Waterfront Park. The project will provide additional parking, new fields with lights, new picnic areas and renovate the events meadow. The construction is anticipated to begin in the fall and last through next summer.

After the City Council Waterfront Public Workshop, the item went back to City Council and Council approved the presented schematic plan for Waterfront Park, including the field lights. Chair Radke requested a list of projects the Council approved. Chair Radke understood during the City Council Waterfront Public Workshop the Council agreed to spend \$6.3 million for Waterfront Park however; the staff report states Council approved spending \$7.9 million. Mr. Enke said Council approved all project elements including the new field lights during the Council meeting. Commissioner Pallotta also asked for the list of elements and what the funding source is; is it WWW East Bay Regional Grant, Measure H or Park in lieu funds? Mr. Enke will email Commissioner Pallotta the information that he requested. Chair Radke said also the Commission requested a part of Measure H funds be earmarked for project overruns. Commissioner Patchin asked if input from the parks maintenance and police department is being solicited for park projects. He went on to say the Parks Subcommittee made it clear that such input was vital to the planning process. Mr. Enke said staff absolutely has solicited input from Police Department and Parks Maintenance. Mr. Enke explained how Parks Supervisor and the Police Department work with the planning of Measure H projects.

Design Measure H plans for Susana and Mt. View Parks: Plans are complete. It is anticipated Council will issue a construction contract in late March. Susana Park will be substantially completed by the beginning of August while Mt. View Park construction will be held off until late June to avoid conflicts with little league. Mr. Enke also updated the Commission about Measure H plans for Hidden Lakes Soccer Field. He reported that City Staff is circulating a Request for Qualification to engineering and landscape architect firms for the design of the artificial turf multi-use field. The project may be expanded to augment the new play equipment with an area for swings and/or slides along with bocce courts. Chair Radke agreed with the plans for swings and play equipment, but not the bocce courts. Chair Radke requested the plans for Hidden Valley Park go to the Parks Subcommittee. Commissioner Bell-Patten said Pickle Ball Courts should be considered for Hidden Valley Park.

- c. Citizens Measure H Bond Oversight Subcommittee: Commissioner Eychner updated the Commission concerning the February 4, 2015 Measure H Bond Oversight Subcommittee meeting. Measure H Funds in hand as of this meeting are 6.4 million dollars. Commissioner Eychner stated there was not a lot of money spent as it has been quiet for the last three months. They are anticipating that over the next three months, funds will be spent as bids are out for Susana and Mt. View Parks. Commissioner Patchin said that the remaining \$5 million in bonds will not be sold until 2016, because there are still funds available.
- d. Dog Park: Chair Radke clarified to the Commission City Engineers Tim Tucker's report regarding a site for a City Dog Park. The Commission on July 15, 2014 determined to include a Dog Park in Section K

“Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) & Priorities”. This concluded further work on the dog park. If the PRMCC wish to change their decision they will need to provide direction to staff. Chair Radke noted that PRMCC opted not to go forward with a City Dog Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were made.

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S) NONE

9. CITY AND STAFF COMMENTS

a. Recreation Report:

Ms. Lorick updated the Commission about the Ice Berg Swim in January; it was a good event with 80 participants from an infant to an 80 year old.

b. Park Maintenance Report:

Commissioner Pallotta asked how Mr. Lusty replaced fallen trees. Ms Lorick said she did not know Mr. Lusty’s process for replacing trees, however he is always planting and replacing trees and she noted that a number of trees were lost in the January wind storm.

Commissioner Bell-Patten asked about a trash pickup schedule. Ms. Lorick explained that the City Park Crews are overwhelmed with the trash in City’s Parks and it is a problem. Commissioner Bell-Patten commented that the recycling bins and garbage cans are overflowing. She feels that we need more receptacles in the parks. This item will be agendaized.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were made.

10. PRMCC

a. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioners Pallotta and Patchin: Thanked Chair Radke for speaking at the City Council meeting regarding Waterfront Park concerning fully funding the schematic plans.

Commissioner Pallotta: He wanted to know what the plans are for the garbage and recycling receptacles at Waterfront Park, because it is timely, before the grading begins.

Chair Radke: Tavan ballfield seemed to have a drainage problem. Ms. Lorick said Mr. Lusty had a park crew go to the field and see to the drainage..

b. Commissioner Patchin: fee waiver policy: Commissioner Patchin is ambivalent about fee waivers as the Commission granted a fee waiver to a group who did not meet the fee waiver policy, and asked that this item be returned to the Fee Subcommittee. Ms. Lorick will contact the Subcommittee to schedule a meeting.

c. Commissioner Bell-Patten: Flea Market: Commissioner Bell-Patten withdrew this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were made.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Commissioner Patchin at 9:40pm; seconded by Commissioner Gerlack Motion passes 6-0-0. Yes Chair Radke, Yes Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Yes Commissioner Eychner, Yes Commissioner Gerlack, Yes Commissioner Olsson, Yes Commissioner Pallotta, Yes Commissioner Patchin
Excused Commissioner Olsson and Commissioner Fuller.

Adjourned at 9:40 pm to a Regular PRMCC Meeting on March 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez California.

Respectfully submitted by

Robin Agostino