

CITY OF MARTINEZ
MARINA COMMISSION MINUTES
September 27, 2006
APPROVED JANUARY 24, 2007

Vice Chair Olsson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Robert Barker, Ed McGee, Vice Chair Ingemar Olsson, Charlie Sosa, Brian Walker

Absent: Chair Dylan Radke

Staff: Joann Tool, Deputy Director, Parks and Community Services

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Barker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 26, 2006 approved without changes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. MARINA

1. Status (Almar)

Craig Paulsen of Almar reported hiring one employee for the bait shop and another for the Harbormaster's office. Mary Anne is gone now. Almar has been doing a lot of maintenance, especially painting the recycling and garbage disposal areas. Romy has replaced nails. Mr. Paulsen distributed to the Commission copies of Almar's slip holder agreements. Mr. Paulsen is working with Martinez Yacht club to approve and promote "cruise-ins": currently there are 14 guest boats at guest docks which increases revenues. Letters are being sent to other yacht clubs to encourage visiting yachts. No trespassing signs have been placed on the dilapidated pier and B dock.

2. Monthly budget report (Aug 2006)

Vice Chair Olsson questioned the interest expense shown on page two of the budget. Ms. Tool assured that the negative and positive quantities shown are combined in another place as revenue. Commissioner Walker asked to see the money expended on maintenance and noted the smallness of the sum, adding that Almar promised to maintain the Marina in a first class way. Moreover, deferred maintenance has accrued and Commissioner Walker appreciated that the people who stay in the Marina will be benefited by accumulative maintenance improvements until the new Marina is built. Commissioner Walker inquired what has been done with regards to this deferred maintenance. Mr. Paulsen replied that dock numbers were replaced, painting continues during the dry season, and in wet season non slip surfaces will be applied. Mr. Paulsen is focusing on the walkways and stairways which will be cleaned and painted. Cosmetics are being improved and infrastructure maintenance will be addressed as needs arise. Commissioner Walker encouraged this maintenance be

addressed and expressed that management and administration is over-budgeted for the year and asked if that will continue. Ms. Tool explained that this budget is a snapshot of one month. Year to date balances will fluctuate depending on activity i.e., fishing derby, etc. She added that as a rule there is one amount designated for management.

B. PESCATORE

Richard Pearson and Ms. Tool's staff report to the Commission verified that the *Pescatore* is stored at the water plant and its bottom rotted beyond any repair. Commissioner Barker asked what will become of these remains and Ms. Tool said that there is no decision yet. The damage done to it is the reason it was taken down. Vice Chair Olsson desired it to be on next month's agenda.

C. CHELSEA PIERS

Commissioner Radke was absent so Vice Chair Olsson moved issue to next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. UPDATES

1. Long-term Sublease

The City attorney has received no response from the Department of Boats and Waterways (DBW) whose deadline is December 31, 2006. Ms. Tool stated this delay will not slow the entitlement process. Vice Chair Olsson wanted issue on the next agenda.

2. Oil spill

Ms. Tool received email from Steve Leshar conveying that of the 78 reported Marina claims, 74 are closed. Vice Chair Olsen wished to put item on the next agenda.

3. Old Ferry Pier

City Council approved \$250,000, but verbal estimate was over \$100,000 more. Vice Chair Olsson desired to continue issue on next agenda. Commissioner Walker found out from Ms. Tool that Almar is project manager for pier removal and suggested Almar solicit bids from contractors known to them. Commissioner Walker urged the Commission review bids before they are approved.

4. Joltin Joe Restoration

Vice Chair Olsson asked to form the subcommittee with public member Paul Wilson and Ms. Santiago of Almar. Vice Chair Olsson inquired if any Marina Commissioner were interested. Commissioner Walker desired a more structured subcommittee than just an ad hoc citizen one and wants other commissioners to volunteer while he agreed to be interim chair until the subcommittee organizes and chooses a chair. Commissioner Walker expressed desire that the *Joltin Joe* receive the highest level of museum quality restoration. Vice Chair Olsson felt urgency for its restoration.

Commissioner Sosa noted that Commissioner Walker is in charge of pier removal and may become over obligated. Commissioner Walker stated he would be glad to hand off the pier supervision. Commissioner Sosa declined Vice Chair Olsson's request he supervise pier removal. Commissioner McGee asked Ms. Tool to give a press release to the Gazette sequestering subcommittee volunteers. Ms. Tool replied that a subcommittee needs to fashion its own press release because the public needs a decided date and time for

attendance. Vice Chair Olsson suggested the first meeting be ½ hour before the next Commission meeting in October. Commissioner Walker agreed that the time would be convenient, but the first meeting date and time will be decided once he contacts the two other members of the subcommittee. Vice Chair Olsson conceded to mail the contact information for the two mentioned non-commissioners. Chair Sosa urged these persons be contacted tomorrow.

5. Dredge

Nothing was reportable. Vice Chair Olsson wished to put item on next agenda. Commissioner Barker asked if the City can contact Benicia, Pittsburg, and Antioch to share a dredge since there is a short time window for dredging. Ms. Tool has spoken to Benicia and has discussed the possibility of the purchase of a collaborative dredge, but Martinez is not far enough along in the entitlement process and Pittsburg and Antioch are too far away to be feasible. Commissioner Barker knew of an affordable transportable dredge. Ms. Tool responded that past dredges required \$50,000 in mobilization fees.

B. Dock Walks

1. Report for August (McGee, Rakde)

Commissioner McGee stated he will dock walk with Almar before the end of September.

2. Schedule October dock walk

Commissioner McGee volunteered himself and Chair Radke for the October dock walk.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

No Public Comments.

Commissioner Barker noted letter of resignation from Ms. Tilson. Ms. Tool said Martinez City Clerk contacted East Bay Regional Parks for a new appointment which process is usually six months. Vice Chair Olsson requested removing Ms. Tilson from commissioner list.

Commissioner Barker found out from Ms. Tool that Martinez's dredging permits had expired because the amount of removal was maximized under the previous permit.

CORRESPONDENCE

City wants pier off waterfront (Newspaper article): No questions by Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sosa motioned and McGee seconded adjournment at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Henderson
Minutes Clerk