

CITY OF MARTINEZ
MARINA COMMISSION MINUTES

February 28, 2007

APPROVED MARCH 28, 2007

A regular meeting of the Marina Commission was called to order by Chair Radke at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Dylan Radke
Vice Chair Ingemar Olsson
Commissioners Robert Barker, Ed McGee and Brain Walker

Absent: Commission Charlie Sosa

Staff: Joann Tool, Deputy Directory of Park and Community Services

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 27, 2006

Vice Chair Olsson moved the motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2007, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Walker. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Radke.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

V. PRESENTATION

A. Cal Poly Marin Planning Student

Colin Miller, a recent graduate of Cal Poly, spoke on the senior project required by Cal Poly. He stated he has been working on this project for the past year. He conducted a presentation through the use of PowerPoint demonstrating to the Commission on his ideas of how to improve the Marina and Waterfront.

Chair Radke recommended that Mr. Miller conduct the presentation to the Park and Recreation Commission for the Chelsea Pier Subcommittee.

Ms. Tool requested that Mr. Miller provide her with a hard copy of the presentation so that she could submit it to Council Subcommittee for their feedback to determine if they would recommend the presentation go on to City Council.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request to use the Marina for a kayak regatta as part of Earth Day - April 21, 2007, by Mark Westwind from the John Muir Association.

Mark Westwind of the John Muir Association spoke on the kayak regatta. He said they would use the grass area in front of the Harbormaster from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. He said they would be back approximately at 1:30 as they would be attending the John Muir Birthday celebration at 2:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Olsson moved to support the kayak regatta as part of Earth Day, seconded by Commissioner Barker. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes.

- B. Request to use the launchers parking lot for a circus by Lou Schoneman from the Martinez Chamber of Commerce.

Lou Schoneman of the Martinez Chamber of Commerce spoke on the circus which he said has been held there for the past five years. He stated the dates and times are: June 8, 2007 - 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; June 9, and 10, 2007 - 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and June 11, 2007 - 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Olsson moved to support the tradition and circus activity, seconded by Commissioner Walker. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A) Marina Status (Almar)

Craig Paulsen of Almar spoke on the Catch and Release Fishing Derby held on January 27, 2007. He stated it was very successful, with 187 entries.

He spoke on the continuing improvements on the docks which include boards being placed as needed on the docks, the men's shower drain being repaired and the men shower's heads that were stolen were replaced. Docks C, D and E had pressure regulators installed so now the water pressure is the same for all. Pressure regulators will be installed on Dock A next month.

Mr. Paulsen commented on the how wonderful the bags that the Martinez Yacht Club hands out to boaters/cruisers are.

He announced there will be a boat crushing next week and a lien sale on March 7, 2007.

B) Updates

1. Long-term sublease
2. Old Ferry Pier
4. Dredge

Ms. Tool stated she would like to talk about all three items together as that is how they are discussed at the meeting that was held today. She spoke on the three phases of the project and how they cover a three year period. Should it take longer than three years, the soil/water testing

would have to be conducted again. At this time, the plan is a full dredge of 11' be performed in 2008, for the middle of the Marina, the mouth and outside of it by Dock B and C. Tom Hogan wants the new docks be done at the same time of the dredge. BCDC requires for a marketing plan to dispose of the dirt. The first dredge will produce approximately 85,000 yards of dirt. They are looking into disposing half of the dirt upland and half in deep water.

The commission asked about the testing as the Marina is actually quite clean and asked about getting around the additional testing. Ms. Tool explained it is a Northern California state law and there is no way of getting around the testing process. The test list is mandated by BCDC and the City tests by their list. Martinez LC, City Engineers and the City Building Department will oversee the project. Ms. Tool also said that she should have the plans for the Old Ferry Pier next week as she has already signed off of the letter regarding the removal of it. She said she should know more in approximately 60 days. At this time, the City has allocated enough funds for the removal of the Old Ferry Pier.

The commission discussed pursuing the possibility of working with companies in order to utilize the dredge dirt for potting soil. Ms. Tool stated that Commission McGee is researching this possibility.

3. Joltin Joe Restoration (Walker)

Commissioner Walker said that no funding or plans for the restoration have been made yet. The subcommittee has not met since late November and he hopes to get the Subcommittee together in Spring. He would like to see the Joltin Joe restored to a museum exhibit state. He said he will be out of town next month and hopes to work on this in Spring. Once a determination has been made and there is a plan with the Joltin Joe, he would then like to send a letter to the New York Yankees asking them more some type of contribution to the restoration.

C) Dock Walks:

1. Reports for February (Sosa, Barker)

Commissioner Barker said he was out of town and unable to make the February dock walk. Commissioner Sosa was absent from tonight's meeting and it was unknown if he conducted the dock walk for February.

2. Schedule dock walk for March

Chair Radke volunteered to conduct the dock walk for February. Mr. Paulsen of Almar offered to go with him.

Vice Chair requested that the dock walks be put on next month's agenda so that the Commission can discuss the importance and frequency of dock walks.

VIII. COMMISSIONER MATTERS

Commissioner Barker stated that the Martinez Yacht Club expects next month's meeting to be held at the Yacht Club.

Commissioner Walker recommended that an Event Board be placed down at the Marina so that the public may see events being held. Mr. Paulsen said there is a community board outside of the Harbormaster office and there is plenty of space not being utilized on that board. Commissioner Walker said he was thinking of more like an Event Board people would be able to see from their vehicles.

Commissioner Walker also stated he would not be attending the March, 2007, Marina Commission Meeting as he will be out of town.

Commissioner Walker also made comment to the Gazette's article regarding the fire equipment down at the Marina no working properly. He feels this was misrepresented as he believes it is working properly. Mr. Paulsen stated that it is in fact and he would even have the Fire Department come check it again for verification.

Chair Radke said he would like to see the kayak regatta and the Lou Schoneman circus events be posted on the bulletin board outside the Harbormaster office.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Newspaper Article

Chair Radke encouraged all to read the article on the Joltin Joe if they had not done so yet.

X. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chair Olsson, seconded by Commissioner McGee, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Jennings
Minutes Clerk