

CITY OF MARTINEZ
ARTS AND LIBRARY COMMISSION

June 13, 2007

APPROVED AUGUST 8, 2007

A regular meeting of the Arts and Library Commission was called to order by acting Chair Dorrie Langley at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Dorrie Langley
Commissioners Marta Van Loan, Karen Bell-Patten, Donald Pallotta, and Michael Gandy

Absent: Commissioner Carol Wiley

Staff: Joann Tool, Deputy Director - Parks & Community Services

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 9, 2007

Ms. Aaronian requested the following corrections to the minutes of May 9, 2007:

Page 2: Last Paragraph: Change to read: 29 base hours - City chooses 3 County matches 3. Split between County and City.

Chair Langley requested the following corrections to the minutes of May 9, 2007:

Page 4: Under Announcements: First Paragraph; second sentence. Should be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, not Friday, Saturday and Sundays.

(**MART**INEZ ARTS ASSOCIATION) should be changed to: (**MART**INEZ GALLERY)

Commissioner Van Loan moved the motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Pallotta, with above stated corrections. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Aaronian announced the Library's Summer Reading Program. There will be four separate groups:

1. Babies - 0-2 (15 activities)
2. Kids - up to the 5th Grade
3. Teens/Young Adults (6th graders can attend this group)
4. Adults

Tony Border's Puppet Show will be held on Monday, June 18, 2007.

On June 27, 2007, Teen Mystery Night will take place.

Pleasant Hill library is now accepting art exhibitions - they will feature a different artist each week.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Mark Westwind, a representative from the John Muir Association, spoke on the grant request for the John Muir Mountain Day Camp and the value this has for the community. He stated they are requesting a \$1,000 grant.

Commissioner Pallotta asked about the past donations given in scholarships to Martinez underprivileged kids and wanted to know if this grant could be made in the form of a scholarship.

Mr. Westwind told the Commission it could.

Commissioner Van Loan stated that this is a wonderful opportunity for kids and asked if they turn any kids away.

Mr. Westwind said it is not full at this time, but expects it will fill up by the August date.

The Commission discussed what is left out of the Arts and Library Commission's funds for this fiscal year.

Commissioner Pallotta moved to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to the Martinez kids for the John Muir Mountain Day Camp, seconded by Commissioner Bell-Patten. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Library Issues

Commissioner Van Loan said the surveys from the library users will be presented to City Council next week.

Ms. Tool spoke on the fencing issue which is currently being negotiated by John Fuller and Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo took the slats out of the fence and has now said they are not happy with the way it looks and are currently determining how much of the fence they are willing to pay for. Mr. Fuller is hoping they will be able to negotiate with Wells Fargo to pay for the costs.

Commissioner Pallotta inquired about the original \$15K proposal allocation for the fence from the Council and should Wells Fargo pay for the fencing, can these funds be used for other amenities.

Ms. Tool believes they can, for amenities such as benches.

Ms. Aaronian says the backyard party opening still has not been determined.

Commissioner Bell-Patten asked Ms. Aaronian the requirements for someone to obtain a library card.

Ms. Aaraonian said any person under the age of 13 requires a parent's signature, otherwise, anyone is able to obtain a library card.

Chair Langely spoke on the success of the Red Book Bag which contained 4 books: one in English; one in Spanish; one in Spanish/English and one with no words that was given out at her grandson's pre-school.

b. JMFC

Ms. Tool stated that the amphitheater is up and running. The following events are currently scheduled:

June 14, 2007 - Vincente and Briones Graduation ceremony

June 17, 2007 - "Rock for Relief" A benefit for wounded Veterans coming back from the War. This will feature tribute bands.

Beginning in July - Thursday night Family nights. This will start at 6:30 p.m. and will include events for families which will include movies, clowns, food, etc. The Martinez Arts Association will have two tables set up. 400 tickets have already been sold.

In August there will be the Indy Rock Concert and the Spinning Wheel.

c. Community Art Plan

The Commission discussed their ideas on the Community Art Plan and wanted to know if they should continue with this idea and Chair Langley's original thoughts of wanting the recognition of the artists in town.

The Commission discussed the original idea of a percent of the fee for the development of new business to put towards cultural fees.

Ms. Tool said that the City Manager recommends where the money is spent.

Commissioner Bell-Patten discussed prior years of discussion of Cultural plans and how other cities did this. It costs money to contract out for the creation of a Cultural plan.

Commissioner Pallotta said that each city is different and there does not seem to be any templates for a Cultural plan.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Bell-Patten asked about the current Events Coordinator and Economic Development Coordinator.

Ms. Tool said the Events Coordinator position has been eliminated and the Economic Development Coordinator has been coupled with the Community Development Director, who is now Karen Majors.

Commissioner Bell-Patten talked about the change in staff for Main Street and wanted to know if the Commission could invite them to the August meeting to hear what they are doing and to let them know the Commission supports them.

Commissioner Bell-Patten requested that the Commission not hold a meeting in July as she will be on vacation. The Commission discussed this issue and agreed the next regular meeting will be held in August.

IX. CORRESPONENCE

- a. United Port of San Diego

Chair Langley discussed the Bayside Seating and **how** colorful these benches are.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Langley announced the Sharkey Building is now the **Martinez** Gallery and the Grand Opening will be Friday, June 29, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. The Martinez Arts Association now has 18 artists. The gallery is a co-op. It has been open on special Main Street Fairs. This gallery has been very good for the Arts Association.

Chair Langley announced that August 19, 2007, will be "Art in the Park".

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Van Loan, seconded by Commissioner Bell-Patten, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Jennings
Minutes Clerk