

CITY OF MARTINEZ
ARTS AND LIBRARY COMMISSION

August 8, 2007

APPROVED November 14, 2007

A regular meeting of the Arts and Library Commission was called to order by acting Chair Dorrie Langley at 7:10 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Dorrie Langley Commissioners Karen Bell-Patten, Michael Gandy and Carol Wiley

Absent: Commissioners Marta Van Loan and Donald Pallotta

Staff: Joann Tool, Recreation Division Services

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 13, 2007

Chair Langley requested the following corrections to the minutes of June 13, 2007:

Page 4: Under Correspondence: Insert the word “how” before the word “colorful”.

Commissioner Wiley requested the following corrections to the minutes of June 13, 2007:

Page 3: Under Item b: Change under June 14, 2007 to Vicente Graduation and Briones Graduation Ceremonies

Chair Langley moved the motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Bell-Patten, with above stated corrections. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Library Issues

Jan Aaronian, librarian from the Martinez branch, announced the Spinning Wheel Concert to be held in a benefit for the library on Sunday, August 12, 2007, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. She is unsure how this will benefit the library as the event is free, but is grateful they indicated it was a benefit for the library.

Ms. Aaronian said Monday evening programs, for the kids, are an ongoing program.

Ms. Aaronian said that two days ago the Martinez Police Department came to the library with their K-9 unit. Approximately 35 kids attended this event. The dog was great and the Police Department brought in t-shirts and stickers.

Coming up this next Monday is magician, Timothy James. The following Monday a naturalist from the Lindsey Museum will be doing a presentation on beavers. They will be bringing in beaver furs for the children to feel. After the presentation, parents and children are invited to walk down to the Alhambra Creek to see if they are able to see the family of beavers.

Ms. Tool spoke on the fencing issue and said that Wells Fargo has now agreed to pay for the fence. They have found someone who does rod iron fencing and this is their plan for the fence. The City will pay for the rod iron gates. Hopefully this will be done by the end of the month. Then we can go back to Council and ask for money for benches.

Chair Langley asked what kind of benches they have in mind.

Ms. Tool stated that Mr. John Fuller is looking into some old time benches.

Commissioner Van Loan said she has been to the garden and it looks very good.

Commissioner Wiley asked if Paul has provided the sculptures yet and Ms. Aaronian said not yet.

b. JMFC

Ms. Tool said the cabaret is up and running and the second performance in a week or so. They have put their program together for the next year for the amphitheater. One of the programs scheduled is "Annie Get Your Gun".

c. Community Art Plan

Commissioner ~~Van Loan~~ Bell-Patton said she posted a notice on the internet in which she received two responses. These responses led her to a book that outlines all the issues of all the aspects of funding, etc. She has ordered this book.

Chair Langley said the Art Gallery in the Sharkey Building seems to be a really good thing. 15% of the sales will go to the local schools. She also said that she saw an ad in the paper that Armando's now has music geared to the older folks.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Chair Langley asked if anyone has applied for the empty commission seat as of yet. Ms. Tool said no, but it is advertised.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Thank you letter from John Muir Association

Commissioner Gandy stated that this was a very nice recognition.

b. Port of San Diego, Urban Trees 4

Commissioner Bell-Patten stated that she did not understand whether it was a lease or you could buy it. It appeared to be a lease option.

- c. Arts in Benicia, Cream of the Crop

Chair Langley stated these were graduates from the art school and the reception was July 22, 2007.

X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Commission agreed the next regular meeting will be held October 10, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Chair Langley, seconded by Commissioner Bell-Patten, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Jennings
Minutes Clerk