

CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

November 6, 2007

APPROVED December 4, 2007

A regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Patchin at 7:08 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Richard Patchin
Commissioners Dylan Radke, John Fuller, Brian Eychner and Gay Gerlack

Absent: Commissioner Sherry Sank and Katherine Hern

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 2, 2007

Chair Patchin requested the following corrections of the minutes of October 2, 2007:

Page 1: Under Item New Business; Item a: First paragraph: delete the word "said" after "Ms. Tool".

Page 2: Third Paragraph; first line: change "proposed spots" to "locations".

Fourth Paragraph; first line: delete the word "yet" after the word "one".

Page 5: First line: change the word "have" to "has".

Under Item d; last paragraph; first line: change the word "have" to "has"

Page 6: Second paragraph; first line: change the word "parameter" to "perimeter".

Under Correspondence: change the word "County" to "Council".

Commissioner Fuller moved to approve the minutes with changes of the October 2, 2007 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gerlack. The motion was approved by the following vote:
All Ayes

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Review Master Plan
Discussion of results of joint City Council/Park and Recreation Commission Meeting regarding finalization of the Master Plan

Ms. Tool said the City Manager believed the bathrooms are a priority in making them both functional and comfortable. She said the Council would like a definition of "open space" versus "recreation space" put in plan. Council would also like maps of open space in the City that are not City owned, but open to public use. A matrix of all parks showing their specific needs as well as a list of priorities showing the rankings of priorities listed out. She said it was also requested that scenic easements be identified which will be provided by Planning. A definition of "private open space" needs to be outlined.

The Commission discussed their concerns regarding the liability on public use open space not owned by the City and if the HOA's understand the liability issues.

Commissioner Radke voiced his concerns regarding non-Martinez park land as it does not seem to fall within the "Martinez" Park and Recreation Master Plan.

Ms. Tool asked the Commission their input on "priorities". She said it was clear that safety and the restrooms were priorities.

The Commission discussed the priorities, but all agreed that **a general list of priorities be developed for funding opportunities.** ~~something needed to be written indicating that even though a list of parks priorities are listed that should some circumstance arise that would allow a lower listed priority to be moved up the list, it would be done so.~~

Chair Patchin said at this time the three main concerns are ~~with~~ ADA playground accessibility, ADA bathrooms and ~~bringing~~ ~~bring~~ the parks up to code.

Ms. Tool said she could write up a page describing the "priorities" and the way the Commission will handle them.

Commissioner Gerlack asked if the public open space could be added as an addition to the Master Plan, but not included in the Master Plan.

Ms. Tool said that yes, this can be added as an addendum.

The Commission discussed their concerns of including the public use open space not owned by the City in the Master Plan, but thought it would better serve the public by adding this information to the website.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a) T-Mobile cell tower update
Presentation of alternative antenna sites

Amy Williams, of T-Mobile, said that the 35 foot tree pole shown in the picture looking south from the parking lot is their first choice.

The Commission discussed the different options. Commissioner Fuller stated he likes the flag pole in the park entrance circle if it could be accompanied by a memorial plaque for the Veterans. He also likes the 60 foot flag pole pictured on the field.

The Commission discussed the several options and concluded that the flag pole on the field would be the most viable option.

Commissioner Fuller moved to recommend the 60 foot T-Mobile flag pole in center field and move the existing flag pole to upper field.

Commissioner Gerlack asked if T-Mobile could provide the flag and lighting required for this size pole.

Commissioner Fuller moved to recommend the 60 foot T-Mobile flag pole in center field and move the existing flag pole to upper field and to include the recommendations by Commissioner Gerlack, seconded by Commissioner Eychner. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

- b) Reallocation of Roberti, Z-Berg Harris Grant
New motion to reallocate funds to Nancy Boyd Park

Ms. Tool explained that the State will now allow the City to co-mingle the \$220,000 Per Capita Grant with the \$99,370 Roberti, Z'Berg Harris Grant.

Commissioner Fuller moved to reallocate the \$99,370.00 Roberti, Z'Berg Harris Grant to be rescinded from Rankin Park and moved back to Nancy Boyd Park, seconded by Commissioner Gerlack. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes.

- c) Nancy Boyd Plan Review
Review of Trumark plans for Nancy Boyd Park

Ms. Tool explained that the plans still need to be approved by Engineering with small modifications.

The Commission reviewed the plans, discussed their concerns and Paul of Trumark answered the Commission's questions on the proposed plans. The Commission is not happy with the proposed plans and has requested a meeting be set up with Engineering.

Ms. Tool said she could coordinate this meeting and they agreed that the subcommittee, Commissioners Radke, Patchin and Fuller, would meet with Engineering on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. They would review the original plans that Trumark prepared at that meeting as well.

- d) Bond issue update
Discussion of pending bond issue in November 2008

Commissioner Fuller said that progress towards the bond is moving forward and the first meeting of the Bond Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. He said the youth organizations are ~~doing~~ ~~doing~~ initial formations. He asked if Commissioner Radke would like to attend this meeting.

Chair Patchin said he was glad to hear the Council voted 5-0 to support the bond issue. He wanted to know if the City ~~Manager Manger~~ was forming the Bond Committee, but it appears by next Tuesday's meeting, we are.

Ms. Tools said that the bond professionals will be hired ~~professionals~~ at the January City Council meeting.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Deputy Director, Parks and Community Service

Ms. Tool said that due to the holiday break and the first Tuesday of January falling on the 1st, the regular meeting for January needs to be rescheduled or canceled.

Commissioner Fuller moved to cancel the January, 2008, Park and Recreation regular scheduled meeting, seconded by Commissioner Eychner. The motion was approved by the following vote:
All Ayes

Ms. Tool said that two incidents did not make it on the staff report. Ignacio Plaza at the Boys Club is now an issue with a group of kids coming in that area destructive and violent. The Police said they will step up patrols and the Boys Club will provide names of non-members.

The other problem is at Las Juntas. There was an adult who came on to the playing field screaming at a child, that was not his, and the coach stepped in. The parent pushed and the coach pushed back. When the coach went to walk away the parent grabbed his shirt which turned him around and then the parent punched him in the face. The Police do have a report on this incident. The coach did go to the doctor, but not until after he went home and his mother advised him to go.

VII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

a) Youth Sports Subcommittee (Fuller)

Commissioner Fuller said nothing further to report that what was previously reported under the bond issue above.

b) Chelsea Pier Subcommittee (Fuller)

Commissioner Fuller said there is nothing new to report at this time.

c) Playground Subcommittee (Patchin)

Chair Patchin said he is still waiting on engineering.

Marina Report (Radke)

Commissioner Radke said the last Marina Commission meeting was once again canceled due to lack of quorum. He questions the viability of the Commission due to the Commission only having 4 Commissioners at this time.

Ms. Tool said there is a possibility that the Marina Commission, Park and Recreation Commission and the Art and Library Commission will be combined as these three Commissions have overlapping issues.

Commissioner Radke said that there is discussion among the many waterfront cities in hopes of doing a joint dredge in order to cut costs. They are hoping for a dredge in 2008.

Commissioner Radke said there are numerous public comments regarding the continuous late night activities in the parking lot at Marina and the need for police patrol. He also said that the Bait Shop's liquor license was suspended until last Friday.

Commissioner Radke said Almar provided monthly statements showing what they are giving to the City which appears to be three times what Westec was giving to the City.

d) Swimming Pool (Eychner)

Commissioner Eychner said he has had contact with Aquatic Design Group who is a major designer of pools in Northern California. They are in the process of sending him a packet on all
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facilities they have done in the area. He explained the type of swimming pool dictates the costs involved. For example:

Surface Gutter Pool - Typically cost \$185 to \$195 per square foot of water surface area.

Deep Water Pool - Typically cost \$175 to \$185 per square foot of water surface area.

Skimmer Pool - Typically cost \$155 to \$165 per square foot of water surface area.

Play Structures - Typically cost \$125 to \$145 per square foot.

Commissioner Eychner explained that he was told that you multiply the number by three for a typical project to estimate the costs of the entire project.

e) Other

Commissioner Fuller thanked the Recreation Department for the Restaurant Tour. He said it was enjoyable to see 211 people walking around the downtown.

Chair Patchin said he appreciated the joint meeting with Council and thinks this should happen at least one time per year. He appreciated those who spoke on the bond issue and the support by City Council.

Chair Patchin said that in response to the previous comment on where to put future parks in the City, he was thinking that the Mt. View area, Vine Hill or the Alhambra Valley area are all good possibilities.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Newspaper articles

- 1) Newspaper articles, City Unveils New Park Master Plan, Council Reviews Master Plan for Parks
- 2) California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members notation reminder
- 3) California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioner and Board Members newsletter
- 4) Shane's Inspiration, Fall 2007 newsletter
- 5) City Council minutes, October 3, 2007

IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners' Reports

X. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Radke, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Jennings
Minutes Clerk