

CITY OF MARTINEZ  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 1, 2008

APPROVED MAY 6, 2008

A regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Patchin at 7:00 p.m. on April 1, 2008, in City Hall Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California 94553.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Richard Patchin  
Commissioners Dylan Radke, Brian Eychner, Gay Gerlack and Katherine Hern (7:18 p.m.)

Absent: Commissioners Sherry Sank and John Fuller

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 4, 2008

Chair Patchin requested the following corrections to the minutes of March 4, 2008:

Page 4: Sixth Paragraph, their line: delete the word “be” after the word “this”.

Page 5: Under Staff Reports, Third Paragraph, last line: change the word “elimination” to “eliminating”.

On odd pages of the report, in the footer: change the word “Mach” to “March”.

Commissioner Radke, moved to approve the minutes with changes of the ~~April 1~~, March 4, 2008 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gerlack. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Special Request ◇ Waterfront Group Area & Lawn ◇ Saturday, September 27, 2008

Staff recommends the special request be approved with amplified music, rental of two additional portable toilets and \$100.00 for use of the lawn area.

Commissioner Radke moved to approve the special request of the Waterfront Group Area & Lawn on Saturday, September 27, 2008, with staff’s recommendations of \$100.00 for use of the lawn area and two additional toilets, for Contra Costa County’s annual recovery walk, seconded by Commissioner Gerlack. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

- b. Special Request ◇ Waterfront Group Area & Lawn ◇ Saturday, August 9, 2008

Staff recommends the special request be approved for the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council - Boy Scouts of America as they have used the area in the past several years with no problems.

Commissioner Gerlack moved to approve the special request of the Waterfront Group Area and Lawn Area made by Mt. Diablo Silverado Council – Boy Scouts of America on Saturday, August 9, 2008, with the \$100.00 fee for lawn area use, seconded by Commissioner Eychner. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

c. Special Request ♦ Waterfront Group Area & Lawn ♦ Saturday, July 19, 2008

This item was pulled/canceled by the requesting party.

d. Clearing bushes and fencing at Waterfront Group Area

Discussion and possible approval of the removal of the fence and some bushes surrounding the area so that the area is not as secluded and will become visible to police patrols

Staff recommends approval of the recommendation made by Public Works and the Police Department to trim trees and bushes for more visibility of the area as well as remove the old fence that is falling down. The homeless problem appears to be getting worse and they are taking wood from the Waterfront area to keep warm.

The Commission discussed the area and is in agreement.

Commissioner Gerlack moved to approve the pruning of bushes, trimming the trees and removing the old fence, seconded by Commissioner Eychner. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

e. Swim Team use agreement

The annual swim team agreement will be presented for approval

Ms. Tool explained this is the yearly swim team agreement which includes a \$2.00 increase for each swimmer and a pre-season increase fee of \$100.00.

Chair Patchin asked about the community grant program and Ms. Tool said that the Finance Department handles that.

Chair Patchin questioned on Page 5 of the agreement, under Improvements, Item 2. He requested that the Commission be provided with a written report as he does not recall receiving information in the past. Ms. Tool said she would pass this information on.

Commissioner Eychner moved to approve the 2008 swim season agreement as presented, seconded by Commissioner Radke. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

f. Report by Recreation Supervisor on CPRS conference

Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor, spoke on her attendance at the conference and how her main focus was on the aquatic tour. She said she visited the following facilities:

- 1) Expo Center - Site of the 1932 Olympics - outdoor 15 meter pool and play area
- 2) USC - Site of the 1984 Olympics - outdoor 50 meter pool with a 25-30 meter diving tank.

- 3) A Water Park that is not open to the public yet - \$38 million facility - this includes a Sheriff's station with lazy rivers, 50 meter swimming pool with the plans to put another 50 meter pool, training pool and play areas.
- 4) An indoor swimming facility.

Ms. Lorick spoke on the hot trends in aquatic designs which she says need to include amenities. She said the big trend at this time is splash pads.

Ms. Lorick showed the Commission a first drawing provided by Arch Pac of one idea of a new swimming facility as well as one she had drawn herself. She said she would like the facility to include a competition swimming pool, splash pads, slide and a beach (zero) entry pool. Ms. Lorick said she will continue working with Arch Pac to come up with a drawing that includes all these amenities.

Commissioner Sank asked how the steps would be taken once there is an agreed upon plan of the new swimming facility.

Ms. Tool explained that the Bond has to pass first. Once that happens, the plans would go to Park and Recreation Commission, City Council, Engineering and the out to bid.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Retreat  
Select date and possible topics for discussion

The Commission discussed possible dates and determined that Sunday, June 1, 2008, would be the best day for the Retreat. The topics for the retreat at this time will be:

- 1) Breakdown of costs for projects on the Bond
- 2) Priorities - what park first, why, goals
- 3) Fee review

Ms. Tool said she will contact Carolyn Boone Duncan to check with her regarding the date of June 1, 2008.

- b) Nancy Boyd Building/Field Update

Ms. Tool said she spoke with engineering today and Trumark has the final plans and should have them back within 2 - 3 weeks. The changes to the windows, doors, sinks and mechanical equipment have been made and they are currently waiting on new plans and the new quote for the building. The final drawings and the final order of the building should be completed by the end of May, 2008 and they are hoping to have all installed and completed by end of September, 2008. The recreation programs for this summer have to be moved out of Nancy Boyd Park and staff is looking at either Rankin Park or the Marina or a combination of both for their programs.

Chair Patchin asked about the Peace Corps wanting to place a display in the building and Ms. Tool said there has not been any further discussion as they have been busy planning the planting of fruit trees on the hill. Apparently the hill is also part of the church's property, so the Peace Corps has been working with the church on this project.

- c) Skateboard Park Update

Ms. Tool said the fence, lights and the pole for the security camera have now all been installed. The janitor is locking the gates at dusk and Parks is opening the gates around 6:30 a.m. The

graffiti has been removed and thus far it remains clean. Staff has asked Risk Management regarding mixed use of skateboards and bicycles, but they do state they do not like occupying the same space for both even with segregating times. The skateboard park architect was contacted with regards of the mix use and the damage it may cause and Staff was told that after 9 years of mixed use, there appears to be no visible damage. She said they are continuing to work with Risk Management on this issue, but in the meantime there is a sign back up stating that bikes are not allowed to use the park. Ms. Tool said she is hoping that Staff and Risk Management will be able to develop a policy.

The Commission also discussed the current status of the surveillance camera that was dedicated by Park and Recreation fees. Ms. Tool explained that the camera had not yet been purchased, but now that technology has moved faster than the purchase, this will now be a live-feed camera which will also be displayed in patrol cars.

**f) STAFF REPORTS**

- a) Deputy Director, Parks and Community Service

Chair Patchin asked how many participants attended the first softball tournament on March 29-30, 2008, and Ms. Lorick said approximately 24 teams were there. She said it was a rather large turn out that went well.

**VII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

- a) Youth Sports Committee (Fuller)

No meeting will be held until new goals for the committee are developed.

- b) Bond (Hern)

Commissioner Hern talked about the last City Council meeting and how the Council expressed their support for the bond. There will be a presentation of the poll results at tomorrow night's City Council meeting. Commissioner Hern said she and Commissioner Radke met with the bond consultants. She also said fundraising efforts are going on by the Council members.

Commissioner Radke said he has been receiving calls from people who either want to volunteer or contribute and the Bond has received positive press as well.

- c) Chelsea Pier Subcommittee (Fuller)

Commissioner Fuller was absent. Chair Patchin reported that the City is negotiating for the Zocchi property and they are hoping to save the concrete building for recreational purposes and are working with East Bay Regional Parks as they are in support of this.

- d) Playground Subcommittee (Patchin)

Chair Patchin asked if there was anything new and Ms. Tool said she will ask for a report for next month's meeting. Chair Patchin said he would also place a call to the City Engineer.

- e) Marina Report (Radke)

Commissioner Radke said there was nothing new to report as no meetings have been held and at this time there are not even enough members to even attempt a quorum. No further meetings are scheduled at this time.

f) Swimming Pool (Eychner)

Commissioner Eychner said he had nothing new to report at this time as Ms. Lorick provided a report earlier in the meeting.

g) Other

Commissioner Radke asked if the City had any idea what type of fish are in the creek by the Bank of America as it appears there is a school of approximately 100 fish now living there. Chair Patchin said he believes they are carp as well as a few bass.

Chair Patchin asked about the egg hunt and Ms. Tool said that approximately 300 kids attended.

Chair Patchin thanked Ms. Lorick for attending tonight's meeting and providing her experience and input from her aquatic tour down South.

Chair Patchin commended Commissioner Hern for her last bond presentation at the City Council meeting.

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Thank you note to staff from Peace Corps
- b) Thank you notes to staff from Hidden Valley School students
- c) E.B.R.P.D. 2008 Regional Bond Extension
- d) Newspaper articles, Child's stolen headstone returned to Martinez Cemetery, Celebrating New Baseball Season, Arbor Day at Hidden Valley School, St. Patrick's Day comes early, Eggcelnt, City wants ~~sake~~ skate park to be cleaner
- e) City Council minutes, February 20 and March 5, 2008

**IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioners' Reports  
Update on Nancy Boyd Park's field  
Skateboard Park Update

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Gerlack, seconded by Commissioner Hern, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Jennings  
Minutes Clerk