

CITY OF MARTINEZ
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

June 18, 2008

APPROVED JULY 1, 2008

A special meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Patchin at 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2008, in the Conference Room (downstairs) at 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California 94553.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Richard Patchin

Commissioners Dylan Radke, Sherry Sank, Katherine Hern, John Fuller Brian Eychner (5:03 p.m.) and Gay Gerlack

Absent: None

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. Park Master Plan cost estimates

Review of Master Plan cost estimates as they relate to possible bond projects

Brian and Steve, City Engineers, were present in order to answer questions that the Commissioners may have regarding the cost estimates.

Ms. Tool explained that the estimates are all completed in "today's" dollars.

Commissioner Fuller asked about Morello Park's playground equipment and it was explained and discussed how this equipment is not in compliance with ADA.

The Commission asked about the \$110K playground addition to Foothill Park and it was explained that it was at the request of the Commission to have a par course added in.

Commissioner Fuller asked about the \$500K landscape and irrigation system at Nancy Boyd Park.

Commissioner Hern commented on the fact that the landscape and irrigation category appears that it has doubled the cost of the projects.

City Engineers explained that this includes soil preparation, brand new irrigation and computer satellite controlled system.

Commissioner Radke asked if these estimates included the signature projects.

Ms. Tool said yes they do and that nothing was removed and only items were added to these estimates.

Chair Patchin asked about the \$416K sight furnishings outlined at Hidden Valley park.

It was explained that this includes such items as picnic tables, barbeques, trash receptacles, concrete and shade structures.

Chair Patchin asked about a new bathroom at Holiday Highlands Park.

City Engineers explained that yes there is a request for the bathrooms, but they did not get put in the estimates in time for tonight's meeting. This would add an approximate additional \$250K to that estimate.

Commissioner Radke asked about the bocce court upgrades at Waterfront Park.

Ms. Tool said that no input was received by bocce to include in these estimates. It has been said that East Bay Regional Parks wants to fence in the bocce courts.

Commissioner Eychner stated that this appears to be more than a 5 year plan and we should be looking at a \$30 million bond.

Commissioner Fuller talked about the soccer fields at Waterfront Park and the lighting outlined in the estimate. The Commission discussed the lighting issue and determined the lights should be deleted from that estimate.

Commissioner Eychner asked about the costs for a project manager and how these would be included.

Chair Patchin asked if the City Fees outlined would be used for this purpose.

The Commission discussed the need for a project manager and these fees being included in the cost estimates as City Fees cannot be used for this.

The Commission discussed the fact that bocce should be required to attend meetings just like the Swim Team and Little League.

Commissioner Sank asked about the \$6 million for the swimming pool and the \$2 million for the library upgrades.

Ms. Tool explained that these number are accurate as right now the swimming pool is at an estimate of \$5.1 million and the \$2 million would cover the elevator and bathrooms for the library so the children's are could be completed.

It was agreed that City Engineers would add project management fees, remove the lighting estimate at Waterfront Park and add the bathroom costs for Holiday Highlands Park.

- b. Approve Bond language and Bond Amount
Recommend bond language and bond amount to City Council

Ms. Tool talked about the language that was provided to each Commissioner and that the amount of the bond needs to be determined.

The Commission talked about assessed values of homes and how this affects the bond and the marketability of people's homes should they ever sell.

The Commission discussed the flexibility of bond sales and the \$30 million and why the change from \$25 million to \$30 million is justifiable as this estimate is prepared in today's dollars and will be an approximate 5 year project.

The Commission reviewed the bond language handed out.

Commissioner Fuller moved to approve the bond language, seconded by Commissioner Hern. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

Commissioner Hern moved to approve the amount in the bond language to be \$30 million, seconded by Commissioner Sank. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

Commissioner Radke moved to recommend using the escalating debt services as a guideline for the \$30 million bond, **seconded** by Commissioner Sank. The motion was approved by the following vote: All Ayes

It was requested that all be present for the July 2nd City Council Meeting in support of the bond.

III. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Radke, seconded by Commissioner Eychner, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Jennings
Minutes Clerk