

**Regular Meeting  
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission  
April 26, 2011  
Martinez, CA**

**APPROVED MAY 17, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission was called to order by Chair Radke at 7:03 p.m. on April 26, 2011, at the Senior Community Center, 818 Green Street, Martinez, California 94553.

**I. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner, Brian Eychner, Interim Vice Chair, John Fuller, Commissioner, Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, Richard Patchin, Commissioner, Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, Dylan Radke, Chair, and Marta Van Loan, Commissioner.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Mitch Austin, Recreation Manager  
Tim Tucker, City Engineer  
Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor

\*The following commissioners arrived late: Commissioner Olsson (7:04 p.m.), Commissioner Patchin (7:06 p.m.), and Commissioner Fuller (7:25 p.m.).

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ray Gaudenzi, representative for the Martinez Bocce Federation, asked if the Federation has permission to build fences around the courts. Chair Radke said permission was denied by the Joint Powers Authority.

Nick Ramirez, co-owner of the STF BMX bike shop downtown, inquired about working to develop a plan and find a location for a possible BMX park. Chair Radke asked that the item be added to future agenda items.

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**a. Minutes of March 17, 2011**

The Commissioners requested the following corrections to the minutes of March 17, 2011

Page 2: Under Ignacio Plaza - Parish Festival and Car Show, paragraph 2, line 1: Insert the word "Commissioner" before the name "Patchin".

Page 3: Under Ignacio Plaza - Parish Festival and Car Show, paragraph 2, line 1-2: Delete all words after "neighbors" and replace with the following: "for use of the plaza is to include the date of the event and will be considered at the PRMCC meeting".

Page 3: Under Waterfront Park - Boy Scouts, paragraph 1, line 3: Replace the words "that they consider" with the word "for".

Page 5: Under New Business, Aquatic Program Fees, paragraph 7, line 2: Replace the word “passes” with the word “admissions” for the three listed rates.

Page 7: Under Commissioner & Staff Comments, paragraph 1, line 2: Replace the word “damage” with the word “damaged”.

Page 7: Under Commissioner & Staff Comments, paragraph 1, line 3: Replace the word “funds” with the word “amount”.

Commissioner Van Loan made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes of the March 17, 2011 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pallotta. The motion was approved by the following vote: All ayes.

**b. Staff Updates**

- i. Recreation**
- ii. Parks Maintenance**

**c. Special Requests for Uses in Parks**

Chair Radke said he was asked to take St. Catherine’s special request last.

**i. St. Catherine’s fee waiver and request for use of Ignacio Plaza**

**ii. Worth A Dam park use request for Beaver Festival**

**iii. Tom Torlakson SPI request to use Waterfront Park Lawn**

**iv. Support Recovery Group request to use Waterfront Park Lawn**

Commissioner Olsson made a motion to approve the Beaver Festival request and both Waterfront use requests, seconded by Commissioner Patchin. The motion was approved by the following vote: All ayes.

Commissioner Gerlack made a motion to accept St. Catherine’s request and approve a fee waiver with the stipulation that only 15 cars be parked on the Plaza, that the organization be in contact with groups regarding additional parking, and that oil pans be put under the cars parked on the Plaza, seconded by Commissioner Pallotta. The motion was approved by the following vote: All ayes.

**IV. PRMCC SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Measure H Updates**

Tim Tucker, City Engineer, reported on the Hidden Valley Park preliminary plans and provided an overview of the park layout and features. He said they are starting improvements on Cappy Ricks Park and highlighted the planned improvements for Nancy Boyd Park. He also addressed the factors that may prevent them from meeting their current project schedule/deadlines.

Commissioner Bell-Patten requested that they discuss the process for including public art at the parks.

Commissioner Eychner requested an update laying out the budget and cost per square foot for the pool, library, and various park projects. M. Austin said they will have a better idea of the budget and cost in August. Commissioner Eychner expressed concern about the maintenance of the facilities once they are built.

T. Tucker noted that Rankin Park will be worked on through the summer and will not be done at the same time as the pool. In response to Chair Radke's inquiry about a completion date, T. Tucker said he would provide the Commission with a report and budget update.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Aquatic Programming for New Facility**

Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor, listed the recreation programs that will be held at the pool once the new pool opens and other programming ideas. She discussed concerns and the numerous factors affecting the pool programming. A key concern included the budget to operate and adequately staff the facility once it is open.

Commissioner Fuller said he was concerned that the lower pool fees will not generate enough revenue to maintain the new facility.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Casual Use of Library Downstairs**

M. Austin reported that Friends of the Library (FOL) have agreed to fund the downstairs attendant for two years in exchange that the City covers the furniture costs. He provided the Commission with an overview of the points of the agreement between the City and FOL. P. Lorick noted that staff is looking at job descriptions for the attendant position.

Commissioner Gerlack said the FOL is having a pasta feed fundraiser at the Shell Club house on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Gail McPartland, County Deputy Librarian, spoke about a previous inquiry from the Commission about invoicing the County for the downstairs attendant hours. She said once she receives information from the County Counsel she will bring it forward to the PRMCC. She noted they are working with staff to get a concrete date and project plan so they have uninterrupted library service.

Commissioner Van Loan made a motion to recommend that a **the** plan be put forth for staffing the library downstairs, seconded by Commissioner Fuller. The motion was approved by the following vote: All ayes.

### **b. Marina Update**

M. Austin explained the unexpected language issues contained in the Senate bill to transfer ownership of the marina land to the City. It states that the City would have to pay State Lands 20% of the gross revenue from all proceeds, which does not fit with the City's financial model. He said they are going to meet with State Lands in an effort to amend the

language.

He said they are meeting with DBW to share the City's financial model and ask them to commit to closing the funding gap. He noted that the schedule for construction will probably shift due to delays in resolving the funding issues.

There was a brief discussion about the possibility and process of turning the marina over to the State. M. Austin said they have been exploring the idea in case the City does not get funding to rebuild the marina and noted that doing so would include returning the marina to its original state.

Commissioner Olsson asked that ~~staff look into whether vessels are able to go out at low tide and what can be done in such an emergency.~~ **staff to look into whether oil spill response vessels are able to go out at low tide and, if not, whether an emergency response can be done to make this possible.** He requested a report for the next meeting.

Commissioner Pallotta expressed his outrage and disappointment with the article written by the Mayor regarding the plan to use Ferry Point Park as a transportation hub. There was a brief discussion about the feasibility of the location, planning process, and when the plan ~~with~~ **will** be released publicly. M. Austin explained that the planning was still at the conceptual level and the actual placement of the hub would go through a review process that would include the PRMCC should the City be chosen to have a ferry stop.

M. Austin noted that they did not receive the Boating Infrastructure Grant, B.I.G. grant.

### **c. Zocchi Update**

M. Austin reviewed the details of the newest proposal from California Court Side. He said they have entered into exclusive negotiation with California Court Side for use of the ~~300,000~~ **30,000** sq. ft. building and Universal Sports Academy for use of the 48,000 sq. ft. building. Staff is working on a letter of intent for both users, which will go before City Council in May. M. Austin noted that the recent repairs for the larger building were covered by insurance.

M. Austin noted that the City did not receive the Proposition 84 NEF funding, the lack of funding for the Delta Research Center has now freed up the 30,000 facility.

There was a brief discussion about concerns surrounding parking and the use of \$260,000 in developer impact fees for improving the buildings to meet requirements to get to a lease agreement with the vendors.

Commissioner Patchin expressed concern about the disbursements ~~for Measure WW funds and whether there will be Measure H money left for recreation once the projects are completed.~~ **of Measure WW funds and whether there will be money left for recreation projects outside of those of Measure H.**

### **d. Playground Subcommittee Vacancy**

Due to time constraints, the item was postponed.

## **VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **a. Review Agenda Plan for 2011**

The following items were added to the agenda plan: Proposition 84 Grant update (May), BMX Park (June), Grand Opening of Pool and Library Planning (May), Shell money update, CIP and Pine Meadows update (May).

Following an inquiry from Commissioner Bell-Patten regarding PRMCC member expiration and reapplication, M. Austin said the City Manager will send them an invitation to re-apply.

### **b. Consider Moving June meeting to June 14**

After some discussion about moving the June date, the Commission agreed to maintain the regular meeting date of June 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **VIII. COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS**

M. Austin said they are starting the outreach portion of the grant process for Proposition 84. He said they need volunteers to help put out flyers. Commissioner Bell-Patten volunteered to walk the Center Avenue neighborhood.

Also he informed the Commission that the mural for Main Street Plaza was approved.

M. Austin said that Katherine Hern is going to be recognized for her contributions to the city on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the City Council meeting.

## **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **X. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 17, 2011**

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Pallotta, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:32 p.m.