

Regular Meeting
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission
June 19, 2012
Martinez, CA

APPROVED July 17, 2012

A regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission was called to order by Chair Radke at 7:00 p.m. on June 19, 2012, at City Hall Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California 94553.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Karen Bell-Patton, Vice Chair, Brian Eychner, Commissioner, Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, Richard Patchin, Commissioner, and Dylan Radke, Chair.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: John Fuller, Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Alford wished Chair Radke well in his run for City Council, noting that he was also running. He requested an explanation regarding how to get an application/ticket for the Alhambra High School reunion. Commissioner Gerlack indicated she will get an email address from Mr. Alford and give it to Ms. Perez.

Phil Ciaramitaro expressed frustration with politics and with the Commission on marina issues. He urged them to take responsibility and leadership in that regard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Minutes May 15, 2012

Commissioner Pallotta requested deletion of "*and the claim against the City*" on page 3, paragraph 4.

On motion by Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, seconded by Richard Patchin, Commissioner, the Commission present voted to approve Minutes of May 15, 2012. Motion unanimously passed.

b. Staff updates

i. Recreation

The Commission thanked Ms. Lorick for the report on softball and the Brickyard Run.

ii. Parks Maintenance

Commissioner Pallotta asked about a sign that states Rankin Park and Tavan Field are closed, but actually the park is open and the field closed. Mr. Tucker indicated he would look into it.

c. Special Requests for Uses in Parks

i. Alhambra Tri Decade Reunion in the Plaza and Rankin Park: for approval

Commissioner Patchin ~~recused~~ **recues** himself due to financial interests.

A representative from the reunion committee presented a brief report, discussing the different events of the reunion and the requested fee waivers. She also responded to questions/comments from the Commission.

On motion by Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, seconded by Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, the Commission present voted to approve the use for Alhambra Tri Decade Reunion in the Plaza and Rankin Park, including fee waivers for Ignacio Plaza and Olive Grove, Gazebo and the Canyon in Rankin Park. Motion unanimously passed.

PRMCC SUB -COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Measure H Updates: Tim Tucker

City Engineer Tim Tucker reported that the tennis court project at Hidden Valley will be completed in six weeks. He explained how to find out information on the City website for all the Measure H projects. He also discussed cost estimates, an upcoming meeting with the parks subcommittee, projects at Nancy Boyd, Cappy Ricks and Waterfront Parks.

Commissioner Gerlack said she would be happy to disseminate information through the “Martinez Patch” and her blog if Mr. Tucker wanted.

Commissioner Pallotta said he would like to see the discarded play equipment from Nancy Boyd be cleaned up and donated to the Kiwanis Club for a small neighborhood park. Mr. Tucker explained that the equipment might not be up to safety standards.

b. Waterfront Park picnic table replacement/refurbishment: Tim Tucker

Mr. Tucker explained a request by Parks Supervisor Dave Lusty for the Commission to consider moving concrete benches from the Canyon in Rankin Park to the Waterfront Pavilion and the purchase of new benches for Rankin Park. He noted that \$30,000 of Measure H funding would cover the costs. Commissioner Eychner expressed concern about using Measure H money for projects not included in the Parks Master Plan. Mr. Tucker referred to the Parks Master Plan regarding the scope of the Plan and the concrete benches for Waterfront Park.

Commissioner Patchin was concerned about picnic equipment at the Waterfront Pavilion because it has been taken over by people using the skateboard park. He indicated he had no problem changing the table out at the Canyon and moving them to the Waterfront picnic area or any of the City parks in need of tables, as long as the tables are ADA compliant and are in line with the Master Plan.

Chair Radke was also concerned that the tables will be tagged with graffiti, and he suggested a change to the configuration of the fencing to separate the skate park and the picnic pavilion.

Mike Alford expressed concern about destruction of valuable equipment and the lack of leadership by the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Martinez Bocce Federation annual report to the City of Martinez

The Commission discussed the Bocce Federation annual report and decided not to accept it. They requested that a member of the Federation return to the next meeting and explain the revenues, fees, non-

profit status, criteria for using the bocce courts and how the Federation schedules tournaments.

On motion by Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, seconded by Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, the Commission voted to not accept the Martinez Bocce Federation annual report to the City of Martinez. Motion unanimously passed.

b. State of PRMCC Subcommittees

The Commission discussed the subcommittees and provided updates. Staff indicated the list will be updated and submitted to the Commission at the next meeting for review and correction.

OLD BUSINESS

a. *Dog Park: Commissioner Olsson*

Commissioner Olsson and Mr. Tucker reviewed potential locations: 1) Waterfront Park by field #5, 2) Golden Hills Park, 3) Hidden Lake open space, 4) Mountain View Park. Mr. Olsson mapped out a potential timeline for approval of a dog park in the City. The Commission discussed the potential locations, purpose and benefits of a dog park. Mr. Tucker indicated he would present a progress report at the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items included the Marina, East Bay Regional Parks District WW money, dredging, dog parks, luncheon, cameras in parks, points of historical interest, the Kiwanis Club play area and receipt of surplus equipment, joint meeting with the Council, bocce report, the standing subcommittee list, the park fee schedule, and analysis of City costs for events with waived fees.

COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Patchin commented on vandalism in the parks. Mr. Pallotta suggested the police focus more closely on the parks. ~~He also suggested the Committee's offer Mr. Tucker said he would ask the Police Chief for a report.~~ **The Commission asked Mr. Tucker to contact the Chief of Police for a report concerning camera in parks.** Commissioner Bell-Patten indicated she would not be present for the next meeting. Commissioner Gerlack reported on a Main Street activity, "Downtown Martinez Ghost Walks."

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 17, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dylan Radke, Chair, seconded by Richard Patchin, Commissioner, the Commission voted to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**Submitted by
Minute's person
Mart Hougey**