

Regular Meeting  
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission  
October 15, 2013  
Martinez, CA

A regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission was called to order by Chair Radke 7:00 pm on October 15, 2013, Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California 94553.

**ROLL CALL**

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

EXCUSED: Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dylan Radke at 7:00 p.m., with all members present except Commissioner Olsson, who was excused.

Staff present: Senior Civil Engineer Joe Enke; Deputy Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development Anna Gwyn Simpson; Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin, Minute's Clerk Robin Agostino

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Greg Staffelbach expressed an interest in the creation of a dog park in Martinez and said he would like to have the item on the agenda for the next PRMCC meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. *Staff updates*

i. *Recreation*

[September Staff 2](#)

Commissioner Fuller said he would like to have the pool open from May to October. Senior Civil Engineer Joe Enke indicated the idea is under consideration.

ii. *Parks Maintenance*

[Parks staff report](#)

Commissioner Pallotta asked about replacement of door locks at the Nancy Boyd Park restroom and a hole in the rock structure in Rankin Park. Mr. Enke said he was unsure about the restroom door locks.

Chair Radke asked whether the hole in the Rankin Park play structure was caught on the video camera. Mr. Enke said he did not know. He also clarified that someone tried to set fire to the rubber turf material in the tot lot at Holiday Park, but not to the turf itself. Commissioner Fuller asked if the repairs in Hidden Lakes included the leak at the soccer field, and Mr. Enke said he would follow up on the matter.

iii. *Planning - Verbal Update of the Cultural Component of the General Plan*

Commissioner Pallotta said the committee has met and will meet again in three months. Commissioner Bell-Patten asked if it is possible to receive a copy of the draft document. Ms. Simpson said she would speak to Planning Department staff to see if that is possible. Ms. Simpson also stated that the General Plan Update will go through a public comment period when the document will be available to the general public for review. Chair Radke asked that the item be continued for a future agenda, as the staff person who was to present the report was unavailable for this meeting.

## **PRMCC SUB -COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### *a. Measure H Updates*

#### [Measure H update 10-15-13](#)

Commissioner Pallotta asked about restroom construction at the bocce courts and why there is a one-year delay. Mr. Enke replied that the City has several other high cost projects in design and under construction that have pulled staff from this particular project. He also discussed issues with a culvert that has collapsed between the Waterfront restrooms and the softball area, and offsite mitigations related to the intermodal project.

Commissioner Bell-Patten asked if the amphitheater restroom sewer lines can be tied into the bocce sewer line, but Mr. Enke noted there are no sewer lines at the amphitheater.

Commissioner Pallotta asked that the restroom trailer at the amphitheater be brought up to the bocce courts if the restroom construction will not be finished by April, 2014, the beginning of the next bocce season. Commissioner Patchin clarified that the restroom trailer is on a septic holding tank.

Mr. Enke reported that Cappy Ricks and Nancy Boyd Park will be finished by the end of the year.

### Public Comment

Greg Staffelbach questioned whether midweek staffing levels are adequate, and he asked about the completion date for Hidden Valley Park. He expressed concern about erosion control on the backside of the park and whether the straw waddles met state standards. Chair Radke explained that once a contract is awarded to a contractor, the City no longer oversees the contractor on the project. Commissioner Gerlack explained to Mr. Staffelbach that if the project does not come in on schedule, the construction company will have to pay fines to the City.

### *b. Parks Subcommittee Verbal Report: Patchin*

Commissioner Patchin noted that the subcommittee met with Reed Dillingham, the landscape architect for Waterfront Park, to discuss project elements and to identify important issues. He indicated that soil samples are being taken, and the survey is being scheduled. He also added that the Commission will be given a schedule at the next meeting, and that input from the public was discussed as well.

Commissioner Pallotta asked if there was any dialog with City staff about Hidden Lakes, Susana and Mt. View Park issues. Commissioner Patchin discussed Measure H funding to be used for play equipment at Mt. View and the walkways at Susana. He expressed confidence in the abilities of the Reed Dillingham firm.

c. *Status of the Old Train Depot Verbal Report: Gerlack*

Commissioner Gerlack reported that the next meeting of the subcommittee will be on Thursday, October 24th with a field trip to the train station and museum in Danville.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. *Review letter to City regarding the Train Depot*

Ms. Simpson said the City is seriously considering taking on the painting of the train depot. Commissioner Pallotta asked that if the City paints the building, that it not be used for a chain restaurant. Ms. Simpson said that the City hopes the station will become a cultural center, perhaps with a for-profit coffee or gift shop to help pay for ongoing maintenance and repairs to the facility. Commissioner Patchin said that the Historical Society has taken care of maintenance at their present location, with the City only responsible for garbage collection and PG&E utility bills.

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. *Concert Update*

[PMRCC Concert Update 10 3 13](#)

Commissioner Gerlack reported a meeting was held and a spring concert is being planned with the working title of *Songs on the Straights*, and the promoter is looking for a headliner act. Ms. Simpson added that it will be more of a festival that starts in the afternoon and continues into the evening, with a headliner and local acts for the first one in the spring, and potentially a few others in the summer or early fall as well.

b. *Marina Update*

[PMRCC Marina Update 10 3 13](#)

Ms. Simpson reported that today (October 15, 2013) she and other City staff met with representatives from various state agencies, Senator Lois Wolk and Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla in Sacramento. She noted that the state has agreed to provide technical assistance by having the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) survey, evaluate and prioritize needed repairs for the marina. She reviewed issues of importance regarding the viability of business proposals to confirm that the City will be able to repay its outstanding loans. She also discussed next steps in the decision-making process.

Commissioner Fuller asked if the City can walk away from the marina altogether and return it to the state for future management, and Chair Radke asked what would happen if the land is returned to the state. Ms. Simpson explained that the state does not want the land back - it wants the debt repaid.

Commissioner Fuller asked if the state would be willing to forgive the loan or consider a reduction in principal. Commissioner Bell-Patten asked who the City spokesperson is and what the City's strategy is. Ms. Simpson said the City Manager, City Attorney and the Mayor are representing the City, but no strategy has been decided following today's meeting.

Commissioner Pallotta was pleased with the progress of today's meeting and that local elected representatives are advocating for the City. Commissioner Patchin asked about the amount of the debt, and Ms. Simpson said it is approximately \$4 million. Chair Radke asked for a copy of the feasibility report, but Ms. Simpson said it needs to go to Council first. Commissioner Bell-

Patten asked that Contract Community Service Manager Mitch Austin come to an upcoming meeting to report on PRMCC issues.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. *Revisit the meeting City Council and PRMCC*
- b. *Relocating entrance to Skateboard Park (park subcommittee)*
- c. *Marina Improvements*
- d. *Park Maintenance Overview and Goals*
- e. *Park Master Plan review*
- f. *Waterfront Planning*
- g. *Ferry point restrooms*
- h. *Joint meeting with the City Council*
- i. *Mural maintenance*
- j. *Consultant for the John Muir Amphitheater*

Commissioner Patchin asked for the timeline on the Waterfront Park project, and he indicated he will pass along information on how funds have been allocated from the oversight subcommittee at its next meeting.

Commissioner Bell-Patten asked that items A and H be combined into one item, and she commented on the need for a 2013 agenda plan.

### **COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Gerlack commented on the successful restaurant tour, which is one of the best events in the City. She encouraged other commissioners to participate next year. Commissioner Pallotta thanked Ms. Simpson for her forthright report. Commissioner Bell-Patten commented on the Chalk Festival and the Martini Festival, both wonderful events. Commissioner Patchin noted he would like to see more attention on the art and less on the vendors. Commissioner Pallotta also thanked City staff for all of the help with the Martinez Education Foundation run, adding that \$50,000 was raised this year.

### **CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: November 19, 2013**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Richard Patchin, Commissioner, seconded by Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair, adjourn at 8:40 pm., to the next meeting on November 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm Motion unanimously passed 7 - 0. Yes: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Commissioner, Dylan Radke, Chair.

Submitted by  
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