



**CITY OF MARTINEZ  
PARK, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL COMMISSION AGENDA**

**AGENDA DATE:** August 19, 2014

**TO:** PRMCC

**FROM:** Tim Tucker

**SUBJECT:** Disc Golf update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept report.

**DISCUSSION:**

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> the City held a “Disc Golf” workshop in the Council Chambers. As you may recall the Martinez Disc Golf Club has approached the Chair of the Parks Recreation Marina and Cultural Commission (PRMCC) to install a disc golf course at Hidden Lakes Open Space. The City Council authorized the PRMCC to hold a public workshop on the proposal.

Disc golf is an activity growing in popularity. Several chain nets are supported by metal poles. The poles are separated varying distances. Players throw Frisbees (discs) from a tee area towards the net. The fewest throws needed to land the disc in the nets over the entire course wins. Similar teams have formed over the bay area including Martinez.

The Council chambers overflowed with interested residents. A majority of the speakers were against the use of the open space for disc golf for a variety of reasons. The primarily objections to the proposal centered on the potential impact to wildlife and the environment. Other concerns mentioned included traffic and safety of walkers. The Disc Golf Proponents withdrew their request to place a course in the Hidden Lakes Open Space however a presentation was provided and public questions and concerns were noted and placed on the City’s website as requested by the group of participants.

The Martinez Club has evaluated the feasibility of adding a course to the Hidden Lakes Open Space. Although they believe disc golf would be an appropriate and fun activity for Hidden Lakes Open Space the proponent indicated he did not want to divide his community over this issue. Staff will continue to work with the Disc Golf advocates to find an alternative location in Martinez.