



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

AGENDA DATE: September 16, 2014

TO: PRMCC

FROM: Tim Tucker

SUBJECT: Measure H update

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide three potential dates and times to coordinate a ribbon cutting for Hidden Valley Park with the City Council. Accept report.

DISCUSSION:

Hidden Valley Park

Hidden Valley Park has been open to the public all summer. It has been a huge success with picnic rentals and general public use. A ribbon cutting has not been held. One of the original Measure H tenants is to celebrate successes. Staff recommends the PRMCC hold a discussion then chose three potential times for a ribbon cutting to help staff coordinate an event with the City Council.

Susana Street and Mt. View Park:

Construction plans are nearing completion. It is anticipated that the project will be bid in early October and a construction award by the Council in November. Work will occur during the winter allowing the parks to open to the public in early spring. There is relatively minor land disturbance compared to other park project so it is not anticipated to be a problem having winter construction.

Waterfront Park

The following is an excerpt from the September 3rd Council report on the project:

Waterfront Park is one of three parks scheduled for construction over the next year. The scope of the project includes the ball and soccer fields, ball field lighting, group and individual picnic areas, play field, paths, landscaping, irrigation, play equipment area and parking lots. The project excludes work on the bocce courts.

The designer has completed a preliminary cost estimate for the preferred layout. The layout was developed through a series of public workshops. Several other layouts were also evaluated

as part of the public process. The estimate has proven to be nearly \$10,000,000 which far exceeds budgeted and available funding. Over the last month the designer has worked with Engineering and Public Works staff to refocus the project priorities. On August 26, 2014 the Parks Recreation Marina and Cultural Commission's (PRMCC) Park Subcommittee (Subcommittee) held a meeting regarding this and other park projects. The Subcommittee recommends that adequate time should be spent to evaluate options of reducing the scope of the project and analyzing alternative layouts. They also recommend that should the layout change an additional workshop should be held with the public.

While re-evaluating Waterfront Park the Subcommittee will be prioritizing work remaining at other parks such as Golden Hills, Highland and John Muir Parks along with available park funding such as Measure H, Park in-lieu and Proposition WW.

The proposed schedule for the project is as follows:

Project refining	September 2014 – October 2014
Design	November 2014 – March 2015
Bid/Award	April 15 – May 2015
Construction	Summer and Fall of 2015
Available for play	Spring of 2016

The benefits of this schedule compared to a phased project that would be needed to expedite baseball field construction are:

1. Shorter construction duration/park disruption
2. No substantial winter construction
3. Lower construction costs
4. Not having baseball activities within a construction area

FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

Available funding (rounded) for remaining park projects including Waterfront Park:

Measure H (second bond sale)	\$3,500,000 (\$3,000,000 is budgeted to Waterfront)
Measure H (last bond sale-pending)	\$5,000,000
Park In-Lieu	\$1,000,000
Proposition WW	\$1,400,000

No projects have been approved for Proposition WW funds. Other non-park projects have been investigated as potentially eligible for this funding.

In addition to the funding listed above funds have been previously allocated for other park projects including:

Hidden Lakes Soccer Field	\$1,800,000 Measure H	
Susana and Mt. View Park	\$ 600,000 Measure H	\$200,000 Developer Fee

Staff and the PRMCC Parks Subcommittee will continue to meet over the next two months to refine priorities and layout that better matches available funding.