



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

AGENDA DATE: February 17, 2015
TO: PRMCC
FROM: Tim Tucker
SUBJECT: Cultural Subcommittee Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept report.

DISCUSSION:

The Cultural Subcommittee met on Monday, February 2, 2015. Commissioner Gerlack was in attendance. Two items were on the agenda for discussion.

Item 1: Dena Betti along with friend and artist Colleen Gianatiempo presented an idea of beautifying the area between the Bank of America building and creek in the Main Street Plaza. Ms. Betti, mother of Jenna Betti, the Junior High student struck and killed by a train on March 2, 2014, is currently working on creating a memorial to her daughter and has given talks on train safety and the dangers trains can pose to unsuspecting people. In addition Ms. Betti proposes a project that would create a community space with murals and other art to forms where people could go to reflect. The artwork would be created through a collaboration of interested residents and stakeholders. Ms. Betti and Ms. Gianatiempo are refining their ideas for a future presentation to the subcommittee and full PRMCC.

Item 2: Engineering staff briefly discussed the use of Cultural Facility Fees collected to date. There is currently approximately \$500,000 in the fund. Projects previously discussed are the amphitheater, Historic Train Depot and the Campbell Theater. Staff will be requesting input regarding priorities from the PRMCC at the March meeting.