

Regular Meeting  
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission  
April 21, 2015  
Martinez, CA

Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten called the Regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission to order at 7:00 pm, in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

Excused: Chair Dylan Radke, Commissioner Ingmar Olsson and Commissioner John Fuller.

Staff present: City of Martinez Senior Management Analyst Michael Chandler, Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin and Administrative Aide III Robin Agostino.

**2. PRESENTATION(S)**

a. Beverage Container Recycling Program Award: (taken out of order)

Mr. Chandler presented this item with Rona Zollinger of New Leaf Leadership Academy and Marie Knutson of Republic Services. The plan remains to have the Sea Scouts collect the containers from the new recycling bins once they are installed downtown and in the parks. The downtown bins will need some sort of slider mechanism on the inside to prevent scavenging with picker tools.

**Commissioner Comments:** Vice Chair Bell-Patten recommended staff look into adopting an Ordinance designating the Sea Scouts and/or City staff as the only authorized collectors for the recycle bins.

**Public Comment:** Doug Stewart of Pacheco/Martinez Homeless Outreach recommended frequent collections, at least in the beginning, to deter the homeless from trying to collect the CRV content.

b. Martinez Bocce Federation (MBF) Annual Report: (taken out of order) presentation by Martinez Bocce Federation Commissioner Gene Rittburg. Mr. Rittburg reported that in 2014 there were 192 teams of organized Open Rules League Bocce, 7 teams of VOLO and 30 Senior League teams. A total of 229 teams played, Sunday thru Friday from April to October, with approximately 2000 members playing bocce each week. The Federation provided approximately 146,000 hours of organized bocce play through the 18 week season, plus playoffs and finals. The MBF held its annual Fourth of July tournament, which attracted 32 teams, and facilitated other tournaments as well. Mr. Rittburg went on to say MBF hosts an annual Special Olympics event and the VFW uses the courts once a week. He further explained the reserved court usage by the public and other groups totaled 14 Saturdays, including the Special Olympics. He questioned why the Bocce Federation is the only non-profit group required to provide annual updates to the PRMCC.

**Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Patchin suggested all the non-profit groups that use the parks should report to the Commission once a year. Commissioner Pallotta explained the Bocce Federation annual report is requested by the Commission because the Bocce Federation rents out the courts to other groups. However, Rittburg countered by stating the Federation only rents its equipment to other groups, not the courts.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments were made.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Commissioner Gerlack, seconded by Commissioner Pallotta, to approve the PRMCC minutes of March 17, 2015. Motion unanimously passed 5 – 0. Yes: Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Patchin, Commissioner Pallotta, Commissioner Eychner, and Commissioner Gerlack. Excused: Chair Radke, Commissioner Olsson and Commissioner Fuller.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments were made.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**6. ACTION ITEM (S) FOR REQUEST**

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Patchin, seconded by Commissioner Pallotta, approve request from Pacheco Martinez Homeless Outreach to waive fees for the Poplar and Sycamore picnic sites in Hidden Valley Park, on May 9, 2015. Motion passed 4-0-1. Yes: Vice Chair Bell-Patton, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Pallotta, Commissioner Patchin. Recused: Commissioner Gerlack.
- b. Approve request from Kris Gery from Foster Family Network requesting fee waiver for Olive Grove, July 11, 2015. Motion by Commissioner Gerlack, Seconded Commissioner Pallotta. Yes: Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Patchin, Commissioner Pallotta, Commissioner Eychner, and Commissioner Gerlack. Excused: Chair Radke, Commissioner Olsson and Commissioner Fuller. Motion passes.  
On a motion by Commissioner Gerlack, Seconded by Commissioner Pallotta, approve request from Foster Family Network to waive fees for the Olive Grove in Rankin Park on July 11, 2015. Motion passed 5 – 0. Yes: Vice Chair Bell-Patton, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Gerlack, Commissioner Pallotta, Commissioner Patchin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments were made.

**7. SUBCOMMITTEE(S)**

Measure H update: City Engineer Tim Tucker reported the following:

**Susana and Mt. View Parks** – On April 1, 2015 the City Council awarded a construction contract to Suarez & Munoz Construction Inc. The City received a total of four bids that ranged from \$1.225M to \$1.614M. The project is funded with a combination of Developer Impact Fees (\$200,000 Pulte Homes), Gas Tax (\$220,000) for frontage and off site street improvements, and Measure H funds. Suarez & Munoz recently completed construction work on Hidden Valley, Nancy Boyd and Cappy Ricks Parks.

**Hidden Lakes Soccer Field** – In February, staff issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to design the artificial turf soccer field at Hidden Lakes Park. The existing natural turf field does not stand up to normal use due to soil conditions and the high usage. . The City received four responses, and three were interviewed. . Siegfried Consulting, a multidisciplinary civil engineering firm out of Sacramento, was the consensus recommended design firm of staff. In January, Siegfried acquired Beals Alliance, a firm with four decades of field design experience and was a leading design firm for artificial turf fields. Both firms have partnered on many projects in the past, and the merger of the two will help streamline the interaction of field design with the needed infrastructure.

Staff will begin negotiating a scope of services, cost and project schedule over the next few weeks. Staff will bring a recommendation to the Council by April 15th for approval of a Consultant Services Agreement.

**Waterfront Park** – Design is underway. Staff will be meeting with the designers the week of April 20th to keep the project on track.

**Commissioner Comments:** Commission Patchin asked if the Susana Park renovation would be completed by August, to host the Annual Art in the Park event. Mr. Chandler responded that it was

unclear at this time whether the park would be done prior to the event. Subsequently, the Arts Association has arranged a backup venue of Ignacio Plaza. The special event request for Art in the Park will be discussed at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PRMCC.

Commissioner Patchin, Vice Chair Bell-Patten, and Commissioner Pallotta noticed in Mr. Tucker's report that Hidden Lakes Soccer Field and Waterfront Park have enlisted design firms and wondered whether the Parks Subcommittee and/or the PRMCC would have an opportunity to see the final designs. The Commissioners requested an update from Mr. Tucker at the May 19th meeting.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING(S) NONE**

**9. CITY AND STAFF COMMENTS**

- a. Recreation Staff Report: No comments were made.
- b. Park Maintenance Report: Staff informed Commissioner Pallotta the Police Department was notified about the damaged trees on the Arnold Drive and Alhambra Way medians mentioned in Park Supervisor Dave Lusty's report. There are no current plans to replace the trees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments were made.

**10. PRMCC**

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Pallotta expressed his support of the decision by the City Council to oppose the Right to Rest Act. He and is against anything that hinders the enforcement authority of the Police Department.

Commissioner Gerlack commended the positive aspects of the Jenna Betti Mural Project planned for the Main Street Plaza, and the recently attended workshop held at the Martinez Senior Center.

Vice Chair Bell-Patten spoke about the City's website and how difficult it was to locate the 2015 pool schedule. She suggested placing an item on the home page to make it easier for the public to find the schedule. This is particularly important as access the information now that we are within a few weeks of the pool's opening.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments were made.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn 8:05pm

Adjourned at 8:05pm to a Regular PRMCC Meeting on May 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California.

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Robin Agostino**