

**REGULAR MEETING
PARK, RECREATION, MARINA AND CULTURAL COMMISSION
August 18, 2015
Martinez, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL

Chair Radke called the Regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission to order at 7:02 pm, in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA.

Present: Chair Dylan Radke, Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner Gay Gerlack and Commissioner Richard Patchin.

Excused: Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Ingmar Olsson, and Commissioner Don Pallotta.

City Staff present: City Manager Rob Braulik, Interim Police Chief Eric Ghisletta, Assistant City Manager Alan Shear, Senior Civil Engineer Joe Enke, Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick, Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin and Administrative Aide III Robin Agostino.

PRESENTATION(S) Martinez Police Department: Interim Chief Eric Ghisletta: Gave a brief presentation concerning the problem of vandalism in Rankin Park. He reported there have been no arrests in the ongoing vandalism of the sprinkler system. He reported a person of interest believed responsible has been arrested for another crime, and there have not been more problems with the sprinkler system. He reported cameras in the park are more effective during the daytime due to the limited visibility at night. Chief Ghisletta stated there is not one police dispatcher who focuses solely on the park camera monitors. He further mentioned that auto lights activate the cameras in the park. While the activity may be innocuous such as friends meeting, or even someone who is not supposed to be in the park yet not committing a crime however a response by the Police may serve to proactively prevent a crime. The off-road motorbike units were used to patrol the park this summer and were able to locate homeless encampments. The police department worked with homeless advocate Doug Stewart in abating such activities.

The off-road motorbikes also patrolled the unpaved parking lot at the marina. Vehicles were cited for excessive speed, reckless driving, and side shows. Ghisletta reported he and Public Works Superintendent Bob Cellini worked out a schedule to check the bocce restrooms for illegal behavior. Ghisletta also reported that the police department and the corporation yard work very close with all reports of vandalism in all city parks.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: Chair Radke asked if Interim Chief Ghisletta had noticed a decrease in vandalism after the arrest of the person of interest. Ghisletta answered, there are several problems in the park, and one person is not responsible for all the vandalism. Commissioner Bell-Patten asked if there is a need for cameras in other areas. Ghisletta said the skate park, the play structure at waterfront park, and the marina, would be candidates for security cameras.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one from the public coming forward

2. 7. CITY STAFF COMMENTS (taken out of order)

- c) Set meeting dates for Cultural Arts Subcommittee meeting: Joe DiMaggio statue, Jenna Betti mural, and the utility box murals: City Manager Rob Braulik spoke about the primary work concerning the iconic bronze statue designed for Martinez native son Joe DiMaggio. Mr. Braulik said a potential site for the statue is Marina Ferry Point. He went on to say a meeting was held with East Bay Regional Park District and the District supported the location. The City has been working with Napa's Chiodo Art Development. Mr. Braulik said the plans will be presented to the Commission for their input on the statue design and location. He reported the Historical Society was applying for a National Endowment for Arts Grant for up to \$200,000. If awarded, the grant money will go towards primary location work.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Gerlack is in favor of the project going forward. She announced the Joltin Joe Chris Craft 22foot runabout placed very well at the Lake Tahoe boat show receiving a best in show

award in the non-professional category. She also noted the boat and the statue will bring people to Martinez as Joe DiMaggio is still idolized. Vice Chair Bell-Patten said anything that highlights community art in Martinez is great. The permanent location for the Joltin Joe will have to protect it from the outside elements. Mr. Braulik stated the Home Town Hero Project is looking to have the Joltin Joe placed in a future Joe DiMaggio museum. Chair Radke was in favor of one location for both the Joltin Joe and statue; the PRMCC is considering a single location. Chair Radke pointed out Ferry Point is primarily built on infill. Chair Radke asked about the proposed size for the statue and Mr. Braulik said it will exceed 8 feet..

Assistant City Manager Alan Shear discussed a new public art program for utility boxes. The goal of the Cultural Arts Subcommittee will be to develop the guidelines for the program and reach out to the Martinez Arts Association and high school arts programs, followed by a report back to the PRMCC for input. Ms. Patchin set the date for the next Cultural Arts Subcommittee meeting for September 15 at 4:00pm to discuss the Betti Mural and utility box murals.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion approving the Consent Calendar with corrections to the Minutes for June 16, 2015. Motion: Commissioner Patchin, Seconded Chair Radke. Yes: Chair Radke, with corrections. Vice Chair Bell-Patten Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Gerlack and Commissioner Patchin. . Excused: Commissioner Fuller, Commissioner Olsson, and Commissioner Pallotta.

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S) None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review and consideration for recommendations for security at Rankin Park: this item was covered under Presentations by the Martinez Police Department.

5. ACTION ITEMS: Chair Radke reported a pickleball workshop was scheduled by the Parks Subcommittee. However, there was not a quorum of the subcommittee, so an informal discussion took place. Chair Radke said there is resistance to use the Nancy Boyd Park courts for pickle ball. There was no resistance for striping pickle ball courts at Cappy Ricks Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Carolyn Davis: spoke in favor of using the Cappy Ricks courts for pickle ball.

Addie Mattox: (area ambassador for pickle ball) updated the Commission on the number of pickle ball players worldwide has increased to 2.4 million, and one tennis court can accommodate up to four players. There is a huge demand for pickle ball courts, and players come to Martinez and spend their retail dollar and could potentially become residents.

Susie Thompson: Stated she is getting exercise with pickle ball and is looking forward to having courts accessible at any time. She is also hopeful the request for pickle ball courts is considered.

Barbara Bogue: Supports permanent pickle ball courts.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: The Commission explained to the public interested in pickle ball that the Commission is an advisory board to the City Council. The Commission will recommend striping the tennis courts at Cappy Ricks Park for dual use. The Commission encouraged the pickle ball players to send letters to the Council and attend the City Council meeting when this item is on the agenda. The Commission also explained Measure H projects were based on the existing Parks Master Plan, and monies from Measure H can only be used for approved Measure H projects. Measure H money was used to renovate the tennis courts.

a) Pickleball: Motion to recommend, if funding is available, the striping of Cappy Ricks Tennis Courts for Pickle Ball, the purchase of nets and storage, and creating a dual use facility and the posting of an all tennis court signage "First Come, First Served", by Commissioner Gerlack Seconded by Vice Chair Bell-Patten Yes: Chair Dylan Radke, Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner Gay Gerlack and Commissioner Richard Patchin. . Excused: Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Ingmar Olsson, and Commissioner Don Pallotta.

b) (Taken out of order) Hidden Lakes Park Soccer Field Renovation – approval of schematic: Motion to approve Hidden Lakes Soccer Field Conceptual Plan as recommended by the Parks Subcommittee.

a) Motion: Vice Chair Bell-Patten Seconded Commissioner Patchin

b) Yes: Chair Dylan Radke, Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner Gay Gerlack and Commissioner Richard Patchin. Excused: Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Ingmar Olsson, and Commissioner Don Pallotta.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

c) (Taken out of order) Chamber of Commerce Martini Festival - Motion: Requesting a fee waiver and/or reduction, amplified sound, sale of alcoholic beverages, more than park capacity in Ignacio Plaza. Motion Commissioner Patchin, Seconded Commissioner Eychner.

d) Yes: Chair Dylan Radke, Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner Gay Gerlack and Commissioner Richard Patchin. Excused: Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Ingmar Olsson, and Commissioner Don Pallotta.

c)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: none

d) Mary Harms and Jim Payne Contra Costa Community Fund Motion: Requesting amplified sound, Waterfront lawn use, fee waiver, more than park capacity in Waterfront Park Motion Vice Chair Bell-Patten Seconded Commissioner Patchin Yes: Chair Radke, Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Gerlack and Commissioner Patchin. . Excused: Commissioner Fuller, Commissioner Olsson, and Commissioner Pallotta.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

e) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Patchin noted in the report it states the professional baseball representatives have recently initiated discussions with the City on the possibility of establishing a team in Martinez. Chair Radke noted the representatives of a professional baseball team, "The Clippers", which came to Martinez to present the possibility of locating a team in Martinez, is no longer in the city of Pittsburg. The Commission questioned Mr. Enke if the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) has approved the use of WW funds.. Mr. Enke explained the City Council has approved and submitted the application for the use of the funds and the construction aspect of the project application has been accepted by EBRPD. The District is waiting until the initial environmental review (CEQA) is complete before approving the project.

Chair Radke noted the story boards in Susana Park are blank and Mr. Enke said drafts of the information will be brought back to the Commission for review and input. Vice Chair Bell-Patten asked if Kristen Henderson's Art Deco tiles will be included in the redesigned Susana Park. Chair Radke said there are no plans to place the tiles in the park. Chair Radke noted the benches in the park have a spot for memorial plaques. Ms. Lorick explained the sale of the plaques is included in the price of the bench, and the revenue received is deposited in the Measure H fund.

6. CITY STAFF COMMENTS

a) Recreation Report.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Patchin noted it has been a busy summer, with the pool and special events.

Commissioner Gerlack thanked staff for the work with the Alhambra High School Decade Reunion and Art in the Park.

Commissioner Eychner asked about the policy for the jump houses in the parks. Ms. Lorick stated she has sent out letters to all jump house providers as well as to the Martinez police department.

b) Park Maintenance report. No Comments.

5b) Set meeting dates for Cultural Arts Subcommittee meeting: Joe DiMaggio statue, Jenna Betti Mural and Utility box murals.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

FUTURE ADGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Bell-Patten: Art deco tiles and also wanted to know the status of the Commissioner appointments to the PRMCC

Commissioner Gerlack would like staff to look into hanging a screen at the library.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned to a Regular PRMCC Meeting on September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez California.

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Excused: Commissioner Ingmar Olsson

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

PRESENTATION(S): Mr. Chandler gave an overview to the Commission on the initial installation of the new Cal Recycling grant-funded recycling receptacle cubes at Rankin, Hidden Valley, Hidden Lakes and Golden Hills parks, and at the Marina (near the Harbormaster’s office and Ferry Point). He went on to explain some of the cubes will need to be re-positioned to encourage recycling practices; for example, placing the bins next to existing garbage cubes to create distinct garbage/recycling stations. He also mentioned staff is working with the Sea Scouts on an agreement to collect the recyclables. Finally, Mr. Chandler is working on a plan to install new signage at each location to indicate unauthorized collection is prohibited in accordance with Martinez Municipal Code # 8.18.200.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: Commissioner Pallotta is happy with placing the the garbage receptacles and recycling bins in close proximity to each other. Vice Chair Bell-Patten asked about the possibility of applying the \$45,000 education component of the grant to fund content on YouTube.. Mr. Chandler responded not at this time, but there is a need for the program to air on the local city government channel.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barbara Kapsalis said she was very happy with the Susan Park improvements and wanted more trees planted.. She also voiced support for the name change of Susana Street Park to Susana Park.. She hopes the PRMCC will convince City Council to change the name.. Commissioner Patchin thanked Ms. Kapsalis for her public participation and interest.

3. PUBLIC HEARING(S) None

4. ACTION ITEMS None

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Measure H updates:

Susana Park: Commissioner Gerlack mentioned the ribbon cutting at Mountain View Park earlier in the evening and said the park looks great. Chair Radke stated the ribbon cutting for Susana Park is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, just prior to the 7:00 p.m. start of the next PRMCC meeting.

Hidden Lakes Soccer Field: Commissioner Fuller and Chair Radke talked about the AYSO soccer and Heritage soccer clubs involvement in the planning of the field for Hidden Lakes Park. The City Council will hear an overview of the item on September 16th. Commissioner Pallotta asked about the size of the proposed soccer field. Commissioner Fuller said the United States Soccer Federation confirmed the current soccer field dimensions fit their standards.

Waterfront Park: Commissioner Pallotta and Patchin requested an update for Waterfront Park..

Cultural Arts Subcommittee

Vice Chair Bell-Patten discussed the Jenna Betti mural project and requested a presentation on the topic for the next PRMCC meeting. Vice Chair Bell-Patten also spoke about the utility box mural project and said the subcommittee was unanimous in its support for the concept and desire to proceed. However, she said details of the project still need to be defined, including location and funding. She also said the subcommittee strongly believed the project should be professionally done and not an art project for schools or children; also the location of the painted boxes should not be near/in front of, existing murals. The Subcommittee will meet again, followed by presenting the project to the full Commission.

6. CITY STAFF COMMENTS

- a. Recreation report: Commissioner Gerlack announced the recreation restaurant tour is October 10, and wanted to see more PRMCC Commissioners attend. Vice Chair Bell-Patten requested posting “no dogs allowed on the ball fields” outside the gates at Mountain View Park.
- b. Park Maintenance report: Vice Chair Bell-Patten mentioned the tree cut down at Mountain View Park.. The Commission had a general discussion about the ongoing issues with park vandalism at especially at Rankin and Waterfront Front..

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Art Deco Tiles Commissioner Bell-Patten:

Vice Chair Bell-Patten discussed the Art Deco Tile project. She hoped to speak with Kristen Henderson before the meeting, yet was unsuccessful.. She concluded after exploring many sites, the deco tiles, which came from the old County Assessor’s building, should return to the current Assessor’s office. Vice Chair Bell-Patten stated she will work with Ms. Henderson and County Assessor Gus Kramer on the endeavor.

Commissioner Gerlack said she wanted to coordinate with staff on the annual PRMCC “Staff Appreciation Luncheon” in October.

Commissioner Eychner inquired about addressing the exterior appearance of the Campbell Theater, particularly the paint and unlit sign. Mr. Chandler replied the City’s recent lease/sublease negotiations for the theater resulted in the building owner agreeing to repaint the building by the end of the calendar year, and the tenant agreeing to fix the sign.

Commissioner Patchin expressed irritation that the majority of people who spoke during the August PRMCC meeting on the pickle ball item are not from Martinez. He resented someone from another community telling the City how to spend Martinez tax dollars.

Commissioner Patchin requested a copy of the Ordinance or Municipal Code section governing park dedication fees. He questioned whether the Ordinance gives the PRMCC some authority over disposition of funds.

Chair Radke mentioned the ongoing pickleball discussion and encouraged Commissioners to attend the October 21 City Council meeting to voice their opinion. Chair Radke stated he is not in favor of converting the tennis courts at Cappy Ricks Park to a permanent pickle ball facility.

Chair Radke requested an attendance report on the “Rockin by the Bay” concert at the Martinez Waterfront Amphitheater over Labor Day weekend. Mr. Chandler explained the concert was a Main Street Martinez event co-sponsored by the City. Commissioner Patchin noted city maintenance staff worked on the event.

Commissioner Pallotta thanked the Commission for their well wishes during his recent illness.

Chair Radke discussed the concept of bringing an “Adopt-a-Park” program to Martinez. He requested placing the item on a future PRMCC agenda for further discussion. Commissioner Patchin supported the concept, but wondered how it could get done with limited City staff. Commissioner Pallotta suggested coordinating with the Police citizen volunteer program.

8. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 7:55pm

Adjourned to a Regular PRMCC Meeting on October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez California.