

**ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING
PARK, RECREATION, MARINA AND CULTURAL COMMISSION
January 19, 2016
Martinez Senior Center, 181 Green Street, Martinez, CA 94553**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Radke called the Adjourned Special Meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission to order at 7:00pm, at the Martinez Senior Center, 818 Green Street, Martinez, CA.

Present Chair Dylan Radke, Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Don Pallotta (arrived 7:23pm) and Commissioner Richard Patchin.

Excused Commissioner Ingemar Olsson.
Absent None.

City Staff present Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick, Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin and Administrative Aide III Robin Agostino.

2. **PRESENTATIONS(S)** None.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Motion approving PRMCC minutes of October 20, 2015, with minor changes, by Commissioner Gerlack, Seconded by Commissioner Bell-Patten. All Ayes Chair Radke, Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Fuller, Commissioner Gerlack, Commissioner Pallotta, and Commissioner Patchin. Excused Commissioner Olsson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None Made.

- b. Motion approving PRMCC minutes of November 17, 2015, with minor changes by Commissioner Bell-Patten Seconded, Commissioner Patchin All Ayes Chair Radke, Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Fuller, Commissioner Gerlack, Commissioner Pallotta, and Commissioner Patchin. Excused Commissioner Olsson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None made.

- c. Motion to approve removal of the grass infield from Hidden Lakes Lower Field, by Commissioner Gerlack, Seconded by Commissioner Patchin. All Ayes Chair Radke, Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Fuller, Commissioner Gerlack, Commissioner Pallotta, and Commissioner Patchin. Excused Commissioner Olsson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS Vice Chair Bell-Patten asked if the grass infield from Hidden Lakes Lower Field would be recycled, Ms. Lorick said that she was not sure but will look into the possibility.

- d. Motion to recommend City Council approval of the Martinez Community Swim Team, Rankin Aquatic Center Use Agreement for 2016 with corrections, by Commissioner Patchin, Seconded by Commissioner Gerlack, All Ayes Chair Radke, Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Fuller, Commissioner Gerlack, Commissioner Pallotta, and Commissioner Patchin. Excused Commissioner Olsson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS Vice Chair Bell-Patten asked if MCST has time to budget for the increase. Ms. Lorick stated she explained the increase to the MCST President.

5. **NEW ITEMS** None.

6. **ACTION ITEMS** None.

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE(S)**

- a. Measure H updates

City Engineer Tim Tucker's reported the City is currently advertising bids for the grading, drainage and site improvements for the Hidden Lakes Soccer Field. Bids are scheduled to be opened February 2 and will be awarded by the City Council on February 17. His report also mentioned, the City is advertising a Request for Proposal for the installation of the synthetic turf portion of the field. Staff will continue to work with the Parks Subcommittee through the selection process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael McGrath stated in the listed Measure H projects they include improvements to John Muir Park, with no reference to specific improvements. He requested LED lights throughout the park particularly in the rear of the where people congregate, and said the lights will make the area a little less inviting. He also requested the large sandbox be removed, the trail around the park be repaved, add garbage cans and improve the pathway to Holly View Drive. Chair Radke asked staff to add John Muir Park and its lease added to the Future Agenda list. Commissioner Gerlack explained to Mr. McGrath the history of maintenance of the park. A private group Contra Costa Landscape once tended to the landscape of the park. The owner of Contra Costa Landscape sold the company and the new owners did not continue with the maintenance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Bell-Patten asked about the status of Waterfront Park. Commissioner Patchin explained the design is not finalized. He also understood tentatively an interested semi pro baseball group will make a presentation at the Wednesday, January 27 City Council meeting. Chair Radke urged the City to be aware before any talks with the semi-pro baseball team from Pittsburg, as the team was not managed well.

- b. **Worth a Dam Mural**

Commissioner Bell-Patten said the Cultural Arts Subcommittee met at 5:00pm today and is moving forward with the proposal and will meet again on Wednesday, February 10. The proposal will come back to the PRMCC for a recommendation to City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None.

c. **Dog Park**

Mr. Tucker's staff report stated the PRMCC directed the Dog Park Subcommittee to reconvene to obtain input from a recently created dog park supporter group and other members of the public. He explained the first Workshop was held Wednesday, December 9 and included an Overview, Dog Park basics and a discussion of potential locations. Second Workshop was held Wednesday, January 13 and included a recap, location option evaluation, maintenance and the next steps. The staff report listed locations discussed along with the pros and cons of each site. Although the Subcommittee listed sights near the shoreline as having a con for not being centrally located the workshop attendants did not see this as a negative attribute. The participants agreed that the Alhambra Ave. Park site was not suitable for a dog park. The vast majority of participants thought the parking lot north of the Albatross (Launchers Parking Lot) was best suited. There was sentiment to keep all options open other than Alhambra Avenue Park. The list includes formalizing the trails along the silt pond levees as an official dog walking path. The dog park supporters are going to research private/public maintenance options over the next few weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John McGrath Supports the idea with the first priority is a location. The group is aware of the protected wildlife. The Dog Park group is willing to get outside support in the way of sponsorships.

Lisa Whittaker finding a location is the key, and requested a copy of the Martinez Master Plan.

Jackie Johnson thanked Mr. Tucker for being a Dog Park cheerleader. She also requested the Marina Master Plan. She was in favor of the Launcher Parking Lot site however questioned with the work for a Dog Park, will it be shut down if the City commercially develops the Marina. She stated the Dog Park can be closed if any events needing parking at the site. She went on to say the maintenance could be done by the group with a partnership with the City. She noted Councilmembers have attended our meetings, but they have not offered information. The group feels like they are moving forward and have asked Council for guidance all along and have not received any.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission discussed at this point no one is telling us any location is out. The plans for the Marina might become commercial. Commissioner Bell-Patten acknowledged the location is a priority. Commissioner Patchin stated that a Dog Park is not inexpensive to build and maintain. This item will go back to the Dog Park Subcommittee and an upcoming third Dog Park Workshop on Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

d. **Measure H Bond Oversight Commission**

Commissioner Patchin informed the bids are going out for Hidden Valley Park and in February or March and the remainder of the bonds will be sold. He noted it is a two month process to sell the bonds. Commissioner Bell-Patten acknowledged look at all we have accomplished.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None.

e. **Schedule Subcommittee meeting to discuss changes to the Park Municipal Code**

Chair Radke appointed himself, Commissioner Eychner, and Commissioner Pallotta to Parks Municipal Code Subcommittee with Ms. Lorick as lead City staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS Chair Radke asked if it makes sense to appoint a Subcommittee if the Mayor has yet to reappoint the expired PRMMC Commissioners to new terms. Vice Chair said indicated it is important to continue.

8. CITY STAFF COMMENTS

- a. **Recreation** Commissioner Gerlack she did not attend the Holiday Frolic, but by the pictures it looked like a wonderful event. Chair Radke noted the Light Parade was also a wonderful event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- b. **Maintenance Report**

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS Commissioner Patchin noted no vandalism is in the report and shared the City is hiring five new employees the Maintenance Yard. Commissioner Gerlack commented to the Dog Park Group to keep pushing; they are headed in the right direction and for stepping up and following through. Commissioner Patchin agreed.

9. CORESPONDENCE

- a. **AB 1600 Report**

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None Made.

- b. **Caretakers Rankin Park 1952-1957, picture submitted by Kristen Henderson.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS No one from the public coming forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None made.

10. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm

Adjourned to a Regular meeting on February 16, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA

Respectfully submitted by

Robin B. Agostino, Minutes Clerk