

**REGULAR MEETING  
PARK, RECREATION, MARINA AND CULTURAL COMMISSION  
October 18, 2016**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Bell-Patten called the meeting to order at 7:04pm, in City Hall, 525 Henrietta Street,  
Martinez, CA.

1. Present: Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner Victor Baker, Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner Satinder Malhi, Commissioner Rob Parolek, Commissioner Richard Patchin and Commissioner Adrienne Ursino.  
Excused: Chair Dylan Radke.

Staff Present: Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick, Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin.

2. **PRESENTATIONS(S)** None.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** No one came forward.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a) Approval of August 16, 2016 minutes:

Motion made with changes to approve, by Commissioner Parolek, seconded by Commissioner Ursino. Ayes: Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Malhi, Commissioner Parolek, Commissioner Patchin and Commissioner Ursino.

Abstain: Commissioner Baker.

Excused: Chair Radke.

- b) Approval of September 20, 2016 minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Eychner. Ayes: Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Malhi, Commissioner Parolek, and Commissioner Ursino.

Abstain: Commissioner Patchin.

Excused: Chair Radke.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** No one came forward.

5. **NEW ITEMS:** No new items.

6. **ACTION ITEMS:** Moving Veterans and Memorial Day Programs to Ignacio Plaza permanently.  
Motion by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Eychner. Ayes: Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Eychner, Commissioner Malhi, Commissioner Parolek, Commissioner Patchin and Commissioner Ursino.

Excused: Chair Radke.

**Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Baker requested history of the ceremony; Ms. Patchin explained the event has grown in size. Ignacio Plaza is better suited to accommodate the audience the Commissioner Ursino asked if a wreath could be placed at the All Veterans Monument on Alhambra Avenue and Berrellesa Street on the day of the event, Ms. Patchin stated that is in the plans. Commissioner Malhi asked if the surrounding neighborhood is notified about the event as to the 21 gun salute. Some people could be frightened with the sound of gunfire. Ms. Patchin explained the neighborhood is notified by postcards to each resident two weeks prior to the ceremony.

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE(S)** Ms. Lorick requested a meeting with the Fee Subcommittee to discuss soccer fees for the new field. Commissioner Ursino asked if they could also discuss the bocce fees at this time, Ms. Lorick will speak to Assistant to the City Manager Michael Chandler about adding this to the Fee Subcommittee agenda. The Sub Committee meeting is scheduled for November 7 at 6:00pm.
8. **CITY AND STAFF COMMENTS:**
  - a) **Recreation Report:** Ms. Lorick's staff report covered fall coed softball, an aquatics update including swim lessons, pool parties, lap swimming and water aerobics. Martinez Community Swim Team returned this fall for a stroke and turn clinic. She noted the number of picnic and buildings rented to date is 413, up slightly from last year's 408. She reported the annual Mutt Strutt was held on September 15, with 140 dog owners and 40 dogs attending the family dog show at the Waterfront Amphitheater. The Curious George Day at the library, Recreation helped celebrate Curious George's 75th birthday with crafts and baked treats. "Oohs, Ahs and Giggles" free family shows were held on Wednesday's during September and October. Truck Day on the Plaza, Perry Yan the Magician and the Bubble Lady were all well attended. She noted staff has begun working with Main Street Martinez, Natural Healings, Martinez Historical Society, Veterans Hall and the mARTinez Art Gallery for the 2016 Holiday Frolic. This year the focus will be the skating rink to be located in the city parking lot at the corner of Marina Vista and Ferry Street. Recreation hopes to compliment the rink with free family friendly activities. Ms. Lorick's report also covered five softball and baseball tournaments held in September, each tournament averaging 20 teams. Her report concluded with the Annual Ed Sias High School Invitational Cross Country Meet with 2000 runners on the trails of Hidden Valley and Hidden Lakes Parks. A much smaller (12 teams) DFAL Cross Country meet was held at Hidden Lakes.

Commissioner Patchin noted in Ms. Lorick's staff report the increase in numbers attending Oohs, Ahs, and Giggles and commented on programs and attendance at the library events. Commissioner Parolek asked if Contra Costa County Martinez Branch Librarian Ruth Boyer could attend a PRMCC meeting and speak on the Library programs. Staff will contact Ms. Boyer.

- b) **Park Maintenance:** Parks Supervisor Dave Lusty provided an update on open space, public facilities and street medians maintenance in the city. He reported work completed at Golden Hills Park included repaired gravel paths and main line leaks. Hidden Lakes restrooms were painted, and trees trimmed. The parks also crew installed ballards, three benches and three tables. A dead tree was removed from Susana Park. Repairs to graveled pathways were made at John Muir Park. Main line leaks were repaired at Brittany Hills and Waterfront ballfields. Irrigation clocks were replaced on Castro Street at the Martinez Boys and Girls Club parking lot. Three leaks were repaired on Alhambra Ave., a tree limb on Marina Vista was removed and a fence installed on Reliez Valley Road. Vandalism was reported to the electrical panel at the Waterfront restrooms, faucet in the restroom in Brittany Hills, and door locks at Mt. View Park. Repairs to tennis courts were made. Special Events included Comedy at the Waterfront Amphitheater, Art in the Park, Martini Fest, Blues Festival, Cross County Run, two car shows and the Shell Run.  
Commissioner Comments: None Made.
  - c) **Recreation Coordinator:** Ms. Patchin's report covered the Community Mural. Artist Colleen Gianatiempo has started gridding and sketching the mural at the downtown plaza on October 10, 2016. The Martinez Veterans Commission met on September 28, 2016. A motion was made to recommend to the PRMCC that the Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs be permanently moved to Ignacio Plaza. She noted the special events for Walk for Recovery was well attended with 300 people at the Waterfront Amphitheater. St. Catherine's car show was also well attended.

Ms. Patchin responded to a question regarding her September staff report concerning *Shakespeare in the Park* move from the amphitheater. She stated *Shakespeare in the Park*, has been performed at the amphitheater, with attendance of 30 to 50 for Saturday and Sunday. She explained the amphitheater is large too an area for these low numbers. Weather is sometimes warm with one only shade tree. The *Shakespeare in the Park* representative stated Susana Park or the Gazebo at Rankin Park is being considered for future performances.

Commissioner Eychner wanted to know who was involved in the Campbell Theater, and if the Commission could see the contract. Staff responded a private group has use of the theater, and staff will provide a copy of the contract to the Commission.

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Ursino noted she had spoken with Councilmember DeLaney and asked her how the PRMCC could help Council. Councilmember DeLaney suggested contacting other cities and towns on how they have rehabilitated their marinas. Commissioner Ursino has an appointment with an Antioch councilmember to discuss this topic.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:24pm to a Regular meeting on November 15, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA.

Respectfully submitted by

Robin B. Agostino, Minutes Clerk