

**REGULAR MEETING  
PARK, RECREATION, MARINA AND CULTURAL COMMISSION  
November 15, 2016**

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

Chair Dylan Radke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, in City Hall, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA.

Present: Chair Dylan Radke Commissioner Victor Baker (left the dais 8:00pm), Commissioner Rob Parolek, Commissioner Richard Patchin and Commissioner Adrienne Ursino.

Excused: Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner Brian Eychner and Commissioner Satinder Malhi

Staff Present: City Engineer Tim Tucker, Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin.

**2. PRESENTATIONS(S)** Contra Costa County – Martinez Branch Librarian, Ruth Boyer presented an overview of the programs at the library. She explained she has been in her position for just over 18 months and added the library has many great programs including Python Ron and the White Crane Lion Dancers. Ms. Boyer noted classes and library services are for all ages. Ms. Boyer and library staff are looking forward to participating in the City of Martinez Recreation Holiday Frolic and enjoy working with Recreation throughout the year. She encouraged the Commission to come to the library.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** No one came forward.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Patchin noted the increase of attendees at the library is partly due to her enthusiasm and energy. Commissioner Parolek thanked her for coming to the meeting. Commissioner Ursino said she and her daughter have attended many programs at the library and appreciated her presentation. Chair Radke thanked Ms. Boyer for coming to the meeting and thanked her for her presentation and enthusiasm.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval of October 18, 2016 minutes:

Motion made to approve by Commissioner Patchin, seconded by Commissioner Baker. Ayes: Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Parolek, Commissioner Patchin and Commissioner Ursino.

Excused: Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Eychner and Commissioner Malhi.

Abstained: Chair Radke.

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

**5. ACTION ITEMS: Morello Park Playground Equipment Replacement Project**

Motion to approve the Morello Park Playground Equipment Replacement Project and recommend to City Council a combined allotment of \$115,000 in Childcare and Recreation Impact fees for this project to be reviewed by Parks Subcommittee and PRMCC prior to the start of the project by Commissioner Patchin, seconded by Commissioner Ursino. Ayes: Chair Radke Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Parolek, Commissioner Patchin and Commissioner Ursino.

Excused: Vice Chair Bell-Patten, Commissioner Eychner and Commissioner Malhi.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Parolek asked for the exact location of the entrance to the playground. Commissioner Patchin asked about a climbing apparatus. Mr. Tucker said they are included in the project. Commissioner Ursino asked about current broken equipment. Mr.

Tucker explained repairs have been made. Mr. Tucker and Chair Radke answered questions on the property lines with the City and the Martinez Unified School District. Mr. Tucker noted this project will go to City Council in January. Mr. Tucker will set a Parks Subcommittee meeting for input on color selection for the Morello Park play equipment.

## **6. SUBCOMMITTEE(S)**

a) **Appointment of lead role for each Standing Subcommittee:** Chair Radke moved this item to the next meeting with the inclusion of Commissioner Baker to the list of Subcommittees.

b) **Measure H update:** Mr. Tucker provided a Waterfront Park PowerPoint presentation, discussing the project team, CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) process, public comment period, findings, potential environmental impacts, recommended mitigations, site plan and action(s). He requested the PRMCC accept this report. The report will go before City Council at the November 16, 2016 meeting for approval.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** The Commission asked a question on the parking. Mr. Tucker explained extra parking and improvements to the existing lots will include slurry seal and gravel, paving and striping. Commissioner Parolek asked about rising tides. Chair Radke and Mr. Tucker informed the Commission tides have always been an issue.

c) **PRMCC Fee Subcommittee report:** Commissioner Patchin reported at this time there was a discussion about the soccer field fees and the bocce contract but nothing further to report. The next meeting of the Fee Subcommittee is scheduled for December 5 to continue discussion on these items and bring forth recommendations to the PRMCC.

## **7. CITY AND STAFF COMMENTS:**

a) **Recreation Report:** Ms. Lorick's staff reported the end of Adult Fall softball and pool season. The Lifeguarding classes are scheduled for 2017. She had attended training in Livermore on pool heaters and chemical pumps. The "Pumpkin Dunkin" event was held at the pool with approximately 110 participating. She reported the Martinez Restaurant Tour had 200 people participating; proceeds from the event will sponsor *Oohs Ahs and Giggles*, a free performing arts series for children. "Marty and Barbara's Candy Hunt" was held at Holiday Highlands Park and 100 people attended. Marty and Barbara Ochoa donated the candy for the event. Thirty-five parents and children attended "Choo Choo All Aboard." Recreation staff assisted the Alhambra High School Leadership class with preparations for the Homecoming Parade. Ms. Lorick noted 40 Creekside Montessori's preschoolers and parents trick or treated through City Hall and the Police Station.

Ms. Lorick also updated the Commission on the Holiday Frolic and Light Parade schedule; 500 light wands have been ordered for children to carry in the parade. Sixty people attended the Halloween library program. The free family shows, *Oohs, Ahs and Giggles* had its final show with 125 people attending the special *Furs, Scales and Tails* show. She noted the picnic rental season ended with 434 rentals. This is up 20 rentals from 2015. She added five softball tournaments were held at Waterfront/DiMaggio Ball Fields. AYSO and Heritage Soccer Club are enjoying the new Hidden Lakes Soccer Field. Little League Fall Ball has been practicing and/or playing games at Joe DiMaggio Ball Fields and Hidden Lakes Upper and Lower Fields. The Bears Fast Pitch softball program has been practicing at Tavan Field. The Skyhawks' Preschool Sports Program has been out at Mountain View Park.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** No comments made.

b) **Park Maintenance:** Parks Supervisor Dave Lusty's report covered storm water protection waddles installed around drains in the parks and the cemetery. A water leak at Main Street Plaza has been repaired. Irrigation drip systems on Alhambra Ave and Center Ave medians have been modified. Mr. Lusty's report covered vandalism to the irrigation valves at Nancy Boyd Park, and installation of a memorial bench at Nancy Boyd and two memorial plaques at Ferry Point. He updated the Commission on tree removal and plantings. At Marina Vista and Alhambra Ave on the medians, 33 dead or dying trees were removed and 55 trees were planted. Three dead trees were removed from Ferry Point, a fallen tree was removed from Hidden Valley Open Space, and fallen limbs were removed from the cemetery. Mr. Lusty reported on two recent special events, the Mayors Conference in Ignacio Plaza and the Annual Fall Cemetery cleanup.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Parolek requested information concerning the tree removed from Ferry Point.

c) **Recreation Coordinator:** Ms. Patchin's report covered the community mural in Main St. Plaza. Vallejo Shakespeare Company will be holding their 2017 Shakespeare in the Park performance in Susana Park. Representative Dalia Vidor has been sent a copy of the City's Special Request Policy. Ms. Patchin announced upcoming events: December 2nd Holiday Frolic and Light Parade, December 10th Santa Beer Crawl with Main Street Martinez, and December 27th Comedy Show at the Campbell Theater. Ms. Patchin answered the Commission's question regarding the history of the Campbell Theater stating since the Fall of 2013, Onstage Theatre has taken up residency in the Martinez Campbell Theatre.

**8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Chair Radke requested an appointment of a PRMCC Subcommittee position be assigned to Commissioner Baker be made at the December 20, 2016 PRMCC meeting. He requested a list of Capital Improvement Projects and Recreation impact fees from Mr. Tucker and an explanation of the eligible uses.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 to a Regular meeting on December 20, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA.

Respectfully submitted by

Robin B. Agostino, Minutes Clerk