

CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARK, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL COMMISSION AGENDA

November 3, 2009

TO: Chairperson and Commissioners
FROM: Tim Tucker, City Engineer
SUBJECT: Playground Subcommittee update

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept recommendation from Park Playground Subcommittee to create a pool of on-call Landscape Architects to assist in the design of various parks that includes Borrecco-Kilian & Associates, Kluber & Associates and Thomas Baak and Associates; and assigning Rankin Park Renovation to Borrecco Kilian & Associates and Holiday Hills Park Renovation to Kluber & Associates.

BACKGROUND:

As indicated in last months update, staff advertised for Statements of Qualified (SOQs) from six local Landscape Architects. The goal is to create a small pool of professionals to assist in the design of Measure H park projects. Four firms submitted SOQ's and were interviewed by the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee recommends the pool of Landscape Architects is comprised of Borrecco-Kilian & Associates, Kluber & Associates and Thomas Baak and Associates

Through the interview process it was determined that Borrecco-Kilian & Associates had a very good insight to the re-design issues for Rankin Park. Firm Partner, Brian Kilian, is very familiar with Rankin Park being a local Landscape Architect and having worked on developing scope and budgets for the various Measure H park project.

Likewise the Subcommittee was impressed with Kluber & Associates (Frank Kluber.) Frank is also a local Landscape Architect and had some great ideas about Holiday Hills Park. One idea is to involve the Briones Environmental Studies Academy (Now called New Leaf) to design and restore the creek which runs through the site.

Lastly the Subcommittee recommends including Thomas Baak and Associates in the pool of on-call Landscape Architects. Although Thomas Baak has retired the firm principals are comprised of the two experienced Landscape Architects that have been with the firm for over 20 years. They have previously designed Martinez parks and offer the perspective of a woman and mother as one of the partners.

NEXT STEPS

1. City Council to the City Manager to negotiate on-call contracts with the three firms.
2. Tree Survey for Rankin Park
3. Topographic Survey of Rankin Park