

CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARK, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL COMMISSION AGENDA

January 5, 2010

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept report.

BACKGROUND:

On November 3, 2009 the PRMCC accepted recommendations 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.

Staff had placed authorization for the City Manager to enter into on-call design contracts on the November 18th City Council meeting. Just prior to the Council meeting the City Attorney requested we delay the consultant contracts until he had an opportunity to provide some additional information on “conflict of interest” to the consultants. By his own admission he proceeds very conservatively on these issues.

The Design Review Board (Kilian member) and Planning Commission (Kluber commissioner) will not be reviewing or approving any portion of our current projects. However because the penalties, should there be a conflict, are so severe he recommended they specifically review government Code Section 1090 before proceeding.

Mr. Kluber and Mr. Kilian have since reviewed the Code and conclude there is no conflict of interest. After additional research the City Attorney concurs with their determination. Final contract language is being finalized.

In addition to working on the contracts, staff has proceeded on contracting the arborist report for Rankin Park. The tree survey has been completed and the report will be provided to the designer.

NEXT STEPS

1. Authorization of contracts by City Council
2. Designer proposal for specific project
3. Meeting with designers to develop standardized drawings and specifications templates.