



CITY OF MARTINEZ

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
February 17, 2010**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Michelle Wierschem, Contract Recreation Manager
Karen L. Majors, Assistant City Manager Community and
Economic Development

SUBJECT: Application for Statewide Park Program Grant Funds
(Proposition 84 Grant)

DATE: February 17, 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

Approving resolution for application for Statewide Park Program Grant Funds (Proposition 84 Grant) for the Martinez Waterfront Park Enhancement and Expansion Project.

BACKGROUND:

The PRMCC appointed a Grants Subcommittee to assist staff in putting together an application for the Statewide Park Program Grant (Proposition 84) to enhance and expand Waterfront Park. The application process requires a resolution be adopted by the agency's governing body approving application for the grant.

The State is releasing 184 million dollars in the first round of funding in the form of competitive grant awards for park expansion and improvement in critically underserved areas under Proposition 84. The projects proposed must benefit the health of families, youth, senior citizens and other population groups by meeting their recreational, cultural, social, educational and environmental needs. Based upon the grant requirements, communities or areas within communities must meet at least one of two State grant criteria, which are lack of park space per capita and median household income. An area near Shoreline Park (Exhibit A) meets both criteria. Pursuant to this information and other aspects of the grant application process, staff and the PRMCC believes that applying for enhancements to and an expansion of Waterfront Park to include renovation of the Historic Train Depot, the John Muir Amphitheater, and multi-use athletic field adjacent to the softball fields will meet both criteria.

Applications are due March 1, 2010. The maximum application amount is \$5 million. No matching funds are required.

The resolution ratifies that if awarded the grant the City will:

- Enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the scope detailed in the grant application,
- Sufficiently operate and maintain there improved areas, and
- Observe all Federal, State and Local laws associated with the project.

The PRMCC Grants Subcommittee with community stakeholders have been diligently working to define the scope of enhancements to the proposed project elements including:

- A conceptual design of the Old Train Station (See the attached)
- Strategies for operation of the Old Train Station facility once renovated
- Outreach inviting the community to Public Workshops on the proposed improvements
- Collaboration with Staff and stakeholders to identify grant application elements that would increase the competitiveness of the grant application

Four of the five public workshops (Exhibit B) have been completed with the last workshop being conducted on February 17th. Feedback has been received on the conceptual design and uses of the Old Train Station, renovation of the multi-use athletic field in Waterfront Park and enhancements to the amphitheater. Enhancing and renovating these areas has been met with considerable support from the community and various stakeholder groups; some of the feedback includes:

Old Train Station: Renovate station to include museum for large historical pieces, space for art gallery, an area to accommodate cultural and historical traveling displays, a community room for use by community groups and to accommodate enrichment classes, improve security and parking lot lighting, and form a governing group to plan use and operate the facility

Amphitheatre: Upgrade seating to include concrete seating pads and seating, wind screening, add shade and lights, improve bathroom facilities, pave and light adjacent dirt parking lot, and incorporate native plant display on the exterior of the amphitheatre

Multi-Use Field: Improve drainage of the field, consider incorporating use of lights, install bioswales in passive areas aware from the field of play and improve walking paths to the field

Potential improvements are being prioritized and cost estimates developed. The amount of the grant funds requested will cover 100% of the project cost for the scope of the improvements being submitted in the grant application. Notification of approval is expected in fall 2010. If the City is awarded the grant, further community planning and design development will take place before constructing the improvements. As such time staff will return to the City Council with the State contract and next steps in design and construction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The use of staff time.

ACTION:

Approve resolution to apply for Statewide Park Program Grant Funds.

Attachments:

Resolution

Project Area Aerial (Exhibit A)

Public Workshop Flyer (Exhibit B)

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager

Project Area

Amphitheatre

Multi-Use
Sports Field



Old
Train
Station

Public Workshop for Park Improvement

A competitive grant application is being put together to apply for funds to upgrade amenities at Waterfront Park and expand the park to the Old Train Station. We are eligible for up to 5 million dollars in competitive grant funds made available through the passage of Proposition 84 to improve parks and recreation throughout the State of California.



We need your input on how the City and collaborating organizations can best meet your recreational needs with particular emphasis being put on the renovation of the Old Train Station, amphitheatre, multi-sports field at Waterfront Park. All ideas and suggestions welcomed at all the meetings listed below.

Workshop Schedule and Location

Wednesday, February 3rd	6:30 pm	emphasis Old Train Station Renovation
Wednesday, February 10th	6:30 pm	emphasis Waterfront Park Sports Field
Wednesday, February 17th	6:30 pm	emphasis Amphitheatre at the Marina
Saturday, February 6th	11:30 am	all three components
Saturday, February 13th	11:30 am	all three components

All workshops are 2 hours and held at the Frame Shop instructional room located at 411 Ferry Street Ste C.

For more information call Michelle Wierschem, Martinez Recreation Manager at 372-3510.