



CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARKS, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL
COMMISSION

DATE: March 2, 2010
TO: Parks, Recreation, Marina & Cultural Commission
FROM: Michelle Wierschem, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Grant Subcommittee Report

RECOMMENDATION

Informational; no action required

BACKGROUND

The Grant Subcommittee in collaboration with the Martinez Historical Society, Martinez Arts Association, Main Street and National Park Service have helped support the grant application requesting nearly 5 million dollars of park improvement funds offered via Proposition 84. The application will be submitted the Monday before the Commission meeting. More than five outreach meetings have been conducted, estimates of improvements to the amphitheater, multi – use and old train station have been completed and the application packet formulated for submission on March 1st. A summary of the scope of improvements included in the grant application include:

Old Train Station: Providing space for the Martinez Historical Society to display historical items especially those with waterfront significance. Martinez Arts Association to move their art store front from the Sharkey building to the train station selling and displaying art from local artists. A community room for use by community groups, to conduct leisure classes and for other public purposes. A gallery area for display that can accommodate traveling displays.

Multi-Use Sports Field: Renovation of the multi-use sports field. It will include elevating the field, constructing better drainage including the use of bioswales and new irrigation. Plans also call for a small picnic area and improved paths of travel and fencing to discourage vehicle access and protect the turf.

Amphitheatre: Improvements to the amphitheater include installing a sewer line to connect to the existing bathroom and remove the septic tank. Install concrete risers and attach stadium seating. Install wind screens to shield visitors from the wind. Work collaboratively with ESA/New Leaf to install an environmental educational path for display of native plants. Improvements also include lighting and grading the adjacent parking lot for better parking access.

Paths of Travel: Completing the path of travel from the entrance of the park to the amphitheatre and the multi sports field.

More information regarding the final application and map of areas of improvement will be provided at the Commission meeting as they are still under construction at the time of this report.

At the last meeting of the Grant Subcommittee on reviewed public input and requests for changes and amenities. Accommodating all the requests would have resulted in two separate applications being submitted to the State for consideration. Therefore the subcommittee directed staff to keep the permit together to scale back some of the request for example if the cost for artificial turf would mean submitting two permits then replace that improvement with natural grass and drainage improvements which are less costly. The scope of the grant represents balancing the improvement of all three amenities, benefit to the public and cost to ensure a strong grant application is presented to the State.