



CITY OF MARTINEZ

**PARKS, RECREATION, MARINA,
& CULTURAL COMMISSION
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DATE: February 24, 2010
TO: PRMCC Commission
FROM: Michael Chandler, Senior Management Analyst
SUBJECT: Marina Options for Shell Settlement Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider various options for use of \$50K in Shell settlement funding at the Martinez Marina or waterfront, and provide recommendations to staff.

BACKGROUND

The City received \$50,000 from Equilon Enterprises LLC (parent company of Shell) in October 2008 as part of a settlement ordered by the Superior Court of California – County of Contra Costa, for a discharge of vacuum gas oil at the Martinez Refinery into marine waters in January 2006. The judgment specifies the settlement is to be used “for improvements or other purposes at the Martinez marina or waterfront.” Public Works staff provided recommendations for use of the funding at the marina to the City Manager which were presented by the City Manager to the Shell Community Advisory Panel (CAP) on February 1, 2010. Members of the panel presented alternative ideas for spending the money. Following the meeting, staff explored the additional suggestions and has identified the following possibilities for using the funding:

- ✓ **Option #1 (Staff recommended)**
 1. \$28,000 for paving the gravel pathway leading to the pier approach (ADA and accessibility issue); see attached diagram
 2. \$5,000 for completing wiring on west end of fishing pier (augments \$10,000 electrical support provided by Local 302)
 3. \$11,000 for installation of 2 “sun shelters” with bench seats; see attached picture
- ✓ **Option #2 (proposed items are already targeted for Prop 84 grant funding)**
 1. Installation of perimeter security fencing at John Muir Amphitheater; or
 2. Installation of wind and sun screens, and/or sound shell to enhance acoustics
- ✓ **Option #3**
 1. Delta Estuary Research Center (initial support)

Staff recommends using at least half of the funding for tangible infrastructure improvements at the marina identified in option #1. The paving of the gravel pathway to the pier approach would be a significant improvement and make the popular fishing pier more accessible to our residents.

The other projects recommended by staff include using a small portion of the money to complete

electrical work on the west end of the fishing pier. This project works in conjunction with an existing project funded by a \$10,000 grant from Local 302 and performed by Alhambra Electric to remove and replace the main electrical panel on the pier and install 5 new lights on the east end. The final suggestion by staff is to procure and install at least two “sun shelters” (essentially dual benches with a pavilion overhead) on or near the fishing pier to provide relief in the warmer months.

Other eligible ideas identified by CAP members at the panel meeting included installing: (1) perimeter security fencing; (2) wind/sun screens; and (3) an acoustic shell at the John Muir Amphitheater. The City’s Associate Engineer has indicated each of these proposed projects would likely use most or all of the available funding.

Fortunately, staff is pursuing grant funding under Proposition 84 to address the needs at the amphitheater. Providing initial support funding to the Delta Estuary Research Center, a conceptual research program potentially located at one of the waterfront Zocchi buildings, was also proposed.

Attachments

Marina Projects Diagram
Sun Shelters