

CITY OF MARTINEZ
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission

Staff Report

TO: PRMCC Members

FROM: Karen Majors, Assistant City manager

RE: Cultural Arts Sub-Committee Update

DATE: April 1, 2010

The Cultural and Arts Sub-Committee met on March 18, 2010. The Sub-Committee consisting of Donald Pallotta, Karen Bell-Patten, and Gay Gerlack met with city staff (Karen Majors and Terry Blount) and discussed that the development of a Cultural Arts Plan would be part of the City's General Plan Update process. Staff encouraged the sub-committee members to consider applying for an appointment to the General Plan Task Force so that the need/desire to include an Arts and Culture Element is articulated. Staff provided 3 examples of Arts and Culture Elements from the cities of Davis, San Raphael, and Pleasanton for the sub-committee to review as a good cross-section of how various communities have addressed this important policy area. It was interesting that the City of Pleasanton addressed arts and culture as part of a wide range of public facilities. Davis had a very small, only several pages, but strong element.

The next sub-committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday April 29th at 5:00 PM in the Community Development Conference Room.

RECOMMENDATION: Information Only