

CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARK, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL COMMISSION AGENDA

May 4, 2010

TO: Chairperson and Commissioners

FROM: Tim Tucker, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Kellogg Grant update

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept report.

BACKGROUND:

The City is receiving a \$20,000 “in kind” grant from Kellogg to improve Hidden Lakes baseball fields. On April 16th staff and Phil Raines from Martinez Little League met with the contractor assigned to the project by Kellogg. The goal of the meeting was to discuss and prioritize Little League’s needs at the park. It was determined their needs in order of priority are:

1. Provide electricity to score booths.
2. Renovate the infield at the smaller, lower field.
3. Renovate the infield at the upper larger field with irrigation modifications to wet down the field between games to control dust.
4. Install a small three tier metal bleacher at the lower field.

The contractor is currently developing a cost estimate for the labor and materials. Once the estimate is completed the above list will be finalized. It is anticipated that items one and two above will be fully funded. The upper field may not be able to be fully renovated at this time. It is not expected that the small bleachers will be funded.

The group did discuss the City’s hesitance in the past to install bleacher. Mr. Raines emphasized that elderly grandparents often attend games and that bleachers can make it more accommodating for them watch the games.