



CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARKS, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL
COMMISSION

DATE: August 17, 2010
TO: Parks, Recreation, Marina & Cultural Commission
FROM: Mitch Austin, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Extension of Lasting Impressions Agreement for Use of Morello Childcare Facility

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval of extending the current lease agreement for use of the Morello Childcare facility by Lasting Impressions until end of the 2010/11 school year.

BACKGROUND

The City of Martinez currently has an agreement with Lasting Impressions to provide preschool and childcare services during the school year and summer which is due to expire on September 21, 2010. The provider is licensed by the State of California to provide childcare services. Lasting Impressions has been with the City of Martinez for five years.

Now that the agreement is coming to an end, the City has an interest in putting the use of the Morello Childcare facility out to competitive bid by distributing a Request for Proposals (RFP). This is not an uncommon practice by Cities and allows for consideration of highest and best use of the facility to serve the community should another vendor provide a more competitive proposal. The current vendor will be invited to provide a proposal and be considered in the process.

Because of the timing of the expiration of the agreement conflicts with the plans already made by parents for preschool and childcare in August, staff is recommending the agreement be extended through end of the 2010/11 school year. This will allow enough time to go a comprehensive RFP process and allow for a transition period if a different provider is selected. The RFP key considerations and selection timeline will come back to the Commission in January 2011 for further review and discussion.