



CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARKS, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL
COMMISSION

DATE: May 17, 2011
TO: Parks, Recreation, Marina & Cultural Commission
FROM: Mitch Austin, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: BMX Park Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Receive staff presentation; discuss need and next steps

BACKGROUND

At the PRMCC meeting in April the owner of the local Bike shop in town requested that the Commission consider adding a BMX park to Waterfront Park near the skate park. The Commission requested this item be added to a future agenda for further discussion.

The Council had assembled a subcommittee to explore a possible location for a BMX park. The sites reviewed included:

- Waterfront Park by the Skate Park
- Weir Detention Basin on Alhambra Ave
- Hidden Valley Park

Waterfront Park was the front runner as a possible site due to the lesser impacts to the surrounding neighborhood. It was not recommended in the long run because of incompatibility of activities next to each other and the current difficulties in supervising the area.

Staff recommends that the Commission either direct this item to the Parks Subcommittee for further review and consideration or create a separate ad hoc committee to identify and propose sites for the BMX park and Dog Park as these are two amenities that need suitable locations.