



CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARKS, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL
COMMISSION

DATE: July 14, 2011
TO: Parks, Recreation, Marina & Cultural Commission
FROM: Mitch Austin, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Shell Settlement Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the list of projects and project priority for use of Shell Funds and direct staff to return to the August PRMCC meeting with cost estimates.

BACKGROUND

At the June PRMCC meeting the Commissioners directed staff to work with the Marina Subcommittee to review previous recommendations and new ideas for use of the Shell Settlement Fund money. City Staff, Bob Cellini, Public Works Superintendent, Don Salts, Public Works Deputy Director, Mitch Austin, Recreation Manager met with the Marina Subcommittee and Harbor Master Craig Paulsen on Tuesday, July . During that tour it was confirmed by the Public Works Superintendent that the City still has the full \$50,000 to spend on improvements.

During the tour of the waterfront, it was noted that the walking path originally recommended for paving to the fishing pier was in substantially better shape since Public Work Staff did some grading and filling of holes. The group no longer felt it needed paving and that there were areas of greater need the Shell Funds could be spent on. The areas in order of importance are:

1. **Fishing Pier Lighting:** Improve lighting leading to the fishing pier and on the pier. Improvement of lighting will improve safety of use and help deter vandalism.
2. **Waterfront Walkway:** Raise the grade of the walkway leading from the parking lot to the waterfront. This area is under water much of the year and even in the dry season remains damp and difficult to cross.
3. **Bus Memorial:** Relocate memorial approximately 20 back onto the berm behind it and include an ADA accessible path to the memorial. The memorial is regularly inundated with water and does not have an accessible path to the monument.
4. **Parking Lot Path:** Widen and re-pave walking path adjacent to the parking lot. The area is paved, but paving showing some wear and some areas are narrow and a bit uneven.

These areas of improvement are shown on attachments A and B. If the Commission gives conceptual approval to the recommended projects, staff will cost out the projects and return in August for formal recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will resume meetings in September. This item if approved by the Commission in August would be brought to the City Council in September. Also if the concept is approved by the PRMCC City staff would contact Fire Engine 12 to include them in the planning and possible movement of the memorial.

Also discussed in the meeting was the placement of the newly acquired Blue Eagle a historical fishing boat. A grassy area just in front of the Harbor Master Building is being proposed. Staff will return in August with next steps and cost information.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Waterfront Map

Attachment B – Close-up of improvements 2 - 4



