



CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARKS, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL
COMMISSION

DATE: August 16, 2011
TO: Parks, Recreation, Marina & Cultural Commission
FROM: Mitch Austin, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Display of the Blue Eagle Fishing Boat

RECOMMENDATION

Provide feedback on the display and placement of the historical Blue Eagle Fishing Boat that was donated to the City of Martinez.

BACKGROUND

The City of Martinez received from the San Francisco Historic Society the Blue Eagle Fishing boat that was constructed as part of the National Recovery Act (NRA) in the 1930's. Fishing was considered a major industry in this area and boat companies received NRA funds to increase boat construction and stimulate the fishing industry to help put people back to work. One of the boats constructed at that time was the Blue Eagle named after the logo used to represent the NRA.

The San Francisco Historic Society selected the City of Martinez as the recipient of the boat because of Martinez's significant role in the fishing industry at that time period. The boat was being maintained in the water by the society, but the cost to maintain it in the water became costly for the organization. Staff is recommending the boat be displayed on land in a display that protects the boat from sun, wind and rain. Along with a regular maintenance program the City would coordinate with the Sea Scouts the boat can be maintained at minimum of cost.

The Marina Subcommittee entertained several sites and narrowed the display recommendation to two areas for consideration, the site where the Joltin Joe use to be displayed and new site across from the Harbor Masters Office. See pictures of site locations below:

New Location – To the left of boat launch



Old Joltin Joe Location – To the right of boat launch

