

CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARK, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL COMMISSION AGENDA

September 20, 2011

TO: Chairperson and Commissioners

FROM: Tim Tucker, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Bi-monthly Measure H update

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to accept report and approve schematic layout of Hidden Valley Park.

BACKGROUND:

Comprehensive updates will be provided every other month. Verbal updates will be provided when written updates are not in the PRMCC packet. In addition critical items will be reported as necessary.

Staff has updated the web site as requested by the commission. City projects can be found under the Engineering Division page.

Hidden Valley Park: This is the largest park area currently being designed. The designer, Brian Kilian, had developed schematic designs of the park. The plans have been posted at the park kiosk with a notice of the meeting and presented to the PRMCC at their last meeting. The City has contracted with LCC a local Civil Engineering firm to assist Brian with the grading and civil aspects of the design. The Park Subcommittee review and approved the schematic plans in August. Staff is requesting the PRMCC approve the Schematic layout. The project includes (numbering corresponds to plan lables):

1. Entry feature with new park sign, specimen tree and special paving with day use tables and garden
2. New expanded restroom with larger maintenance garage
3. New orchard Grove
4. Intermediate group picnic areas with shade and barbeques
5. Expanded playground area and picnic areas
6. New open space lawn area, graded flat for recreation play.
7. Native Garden
8. Vineyard
9. Native meadow

10. ADA Accessible pathway loop system with Par course.
11. Large group picnic areas with shade structures.
12. New lawn area for ball fields.
13. Rehabilitation of open space pathways. (not shown on plan)

Next Step: Approval of Schematic lay-out by full PRMCC. Construction drawing and specification will take several months.

Outstanding Issues: Construction funding not authorized for this project

Critical Timeline issues: The restrooms will be designed concurrently with the park.

Rankin and Tavan Field: The construction of the project is well underway. Rough grading is completed. At Rankin Park retaining wall construction has begun.

This past month there has been community question related both to tree removal and Indian burial grounds. As the Commission knows, the site required complete regarding to comply with ADA access to the amenities in the park. Most of the tree removals were sycamore and other non-native species. In addition some of the olive trees were removed. These trees are being replaced with 24" and 48" box trees.

There is a potential on most construction projects in Californian, a many areas of the county, that Indian artifacts be discovered while excavating. Martinez and other cities deal with this potential in the plans and specification of all projects. In addition we discussed this issue with EBRPD staff. They indicated there are sensitive areas outside our project limit. We are predominately re-grading previously disturbed areas so the potential of discovering anything new were slim. Regardless, we have also discussed this issue specifically with the contractor.

Next Steps: Construction of retaining walls, storm drains, sub-drains and underground utilities.

Outstanding Issues: None

Critical Timeline issues: Several key components of the project have long lead times including field lighting, restrooms and buildings, specialty play equipment.

Holiday Highland Park

Construction began the week of September . There has been neighborhood concern with the installation of a restroom. However the restroom is part of the Park Master Plan and an important component of the project. The restroom is a small with only two unisex stalls. We also fielded concerns with the removal of trees. We re-evaluated the tree removal and were able to preserve two trees near the play equipment until the other shade trees mature.

It was originally hoped to keep the larger weeping willow in the middle of the lawn area. After a closer look it was discovered to have significant amounts of mistletoe and other issues. This tree will be removed.

Next Steps: Clear and grubbing, demolition of pathways along with rough grading.

Outstanding Issues: None

Critical Timeline issues: Key components of the project have long lead times including field lighting, restrooms and bridges.

Nancy Boyd: On July the full PRMCC approved the Schematic Plans of the park lay-out. Preliminary plans have been completed and the designer is working on the construction level detailed plans. The 90% complete plans were submitted to the City for review by September date anticipated.

Next Step: Staff reviews of the 90% construction plans and specifications. Final plans and specifications should be completed by October .

Outstanding Issues: None

Critical Timeline issues: None

Cappy Ricks: On July the full PRMCC approved the Schematic Plans of the park lay-out. Preliminary plans should be completed by mid September. Construction Plans should be completed by mid December. Park Maintenance recommended and Engineering Staff concurs that the restroom originally scoped for the park is larger than needed. A restroom similar to the one designed for Holliday Highland Park is more appropriate. This restroom style has two unisex rooms along with a modest sized maintenance/mechanical room.

This project includes extensive grading and concrete work which cannot be done during winter months. It is anticipated construction will be commenced in the spring of 2012.

Next Step: 90% construction plan submittal by October and preliminary design of the restroom.

Outstanding Issues: 1) Notification of Clampers regarding plaque relocation. 2) Romtec design of restroom.

Critical Timeline issues: Restroom design.

PROCESS UPDATE:

In an effort to improve public outreach staff will be posting schematic plans of projects as they become available at all parks.



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