

**CITY OF MARTINEZ**

**PARK, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL COMMISSION AGENDA**

**October 18, 2011**

**TO:** Chairperson and Commissioners  
**FROM:** Tim Tucker, City Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** Comprehensive Measure H Status Update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept report.

**BACKGROUND:**

In November of 2008 Martinez voters approved Measure H. This Measure provides fund to rehabilitate our parks, reconstruct the Municipal Pool at Rankin Park and Renovate our Downtown Library.

The City Council authorized the sale of \$15,000,000 in bonds. With the funds the Council approved design and construction funding for the Phase 1 projects and design only for the Phase 2 projects listed below. Following is a comprehensive update of all Measure H projects authorized by the City Council. **Staff will provide a master project schedule at the meeting.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**PHASE 1 Projects**

***Hidden Lakes Play Equipment Replacement:***

*Status: Completed*

This project included the replacement of existing school age (5-12 year old) play equipment that no longer met safety requirements and the installation of a new tot play area adjacent to the baseball fields. The Park and Recreation Commission Playground Subcommittee developed the layout the play equipment and approved the final design. The focus of their design for the school aged children play area was to make the equipment physically challenging and interactive. Traditional play equipment that meets current fall zone standards could not fit into the area available. The project was completed and is open to the public.

### ***Tree Replacement Project at Highland and Nancy Boyd Parks***

*Status: Completed pending close-out*

This project removed 29 hazardous eucalyptus trees at Highland and Nancy Boyd parks. The trees were replaced with Redwood trees at Highland Park and Native trees at Nancy Boyd. Removal of the trees was identified in the adopted Park System Master Plan (2007-12) and listed as a high priority when the initial Measure H funded projects were selected. Both parks have experienced large tree falls within the past year. These trees are also a fire hazard, especially those adjacent to the refinery property. All trees have been removed. New trees with irrigation have been planted at Highland Park and Nancy Boyd Park. The City is withholding final payment and retention pending resolution of prevailing wage claims filed on behalf of the employees.

### ***Rank Park Aquatic Center:***

*Status: Facility open, Punch list Pending*

The pool has had a successful opening due to the hard work of the City staff and Reeve Night Construction. The City has received numerous compliments on the project. The pool has a play structure in shallow water, a learning area for beginner swimmers, areas for senior water aerobics and eight swim lanes for the local swim team and recreational lap swimming. The pool also has a deep section with a one-meter dive board. There are several punch list items the contractor will address now that the facility is closed for the season.

### ***Library:***

*Status: Facility open, Extra Work Pending*

The Library has recently re-opened. The building now boasts of sky lights for natural lighting new carpeting, shelving, and computer stations. There is also a new state of the art book check outs and a new nighttime book drop-off near the front door. An elevator has been installed as part of a complete handicap accessibility upgrade. There is a completely new downstairs area that will be used for a children's reading area and other activities. The library also has an outdoor seating area. The Friends of the Library is funding part-time staff to maximize the use of the new downstairs area. The City has requested the Architect to complete drawings to install a wind/rain screen for the exterior elevation landing.

### ***Rankin and Tavan Field:***

*Status: Under Construction*

Reconstruction of Rankin Park and Tavan Field has begun. The site has been fenced and clearing and grubbing has been completed. The contractor is beginning underground utility work and has completed the construction of the many of the site retaining walls. Although the

original schedule projected nearly a year of construction the actual schedule is nine months excluding rain delays. It is anticipated that construction will be completed in June of 2012. The park will have exciting play equipment, many picnic sites and disabled access to the many destination areas within the park. The play equipment is being custom made and will fit into the natural setting of the park.

*Next Steps:* Completion of retaining walls at Tavan Field, fine grading, storm drains and building construction.

*Outstanding Issues:* None

*Critical Timeline issues:* Field lighting standards require a 90-day lead time for manufacturing. Shop drawing approval for the lights is pending.

### ***Holiday Highland Park:***

*Status: Under construction*

Work recently began on the renovation of Holiday Highlands. A new restroom will be installed. The playground area recently constructed will get a new rubber surfacing. New paths will be paved and the grass areas will be rehabilitated. The site has been cleared and rough grading has been completed. Water Main and electrical conduit has been installed. At the request of some residents a few trees near the play area have been preserved until the new trees mature. The large weeping willow tree was discovered to have significant mistletoe infestation and significant raised surface rooting. The tree was in decline and was removed at the recommendation of the Parks Maintenance Division.

*Next Step:* Storm drainage and sidewalks are the next items of work.

*Outstanding Issues:* The contractor discovered a very high water table in a portion of the park area. Staff will design a subdrain system to stabilize the area.

*Critical Timeline issues:* This project will require one month of relatively clear weather to avoid significant weather delays.

### ***Bocce Restrooms:***

*Status:* Design pending. Contract signed with LCC Engineering Firm.

## **PHASE 2 Projects**

### ***Nancy Boyd:***

*Status: Design 90% complete*

Plans are being finalized for the completion of Nancy Boyd Park. Two years ago the City installed a new restroom with a small community room. A new girl's softball field was also installed. The current phase will concentrate on the front half of the park by updating picnic areas, installing new paths and completely updating the two play areas. The PRMCC has recently approved the schematic design.

*Next Step:* complete design and specifications

*Outstanding Issues:* None

*Critical Timeline issues:* None

***Cappy Ricks:***

*Status: Design 50% complete*

Plans are being finalized on Cappy Ricks Park. New tennis courts and resurfaced basketball courts will be the cornerstone of the project. New lighting, paths and restroom will also be a part of the project. The turf areas will be rehabilitated and native planting areas will border the western edge of the park.

*Next Step:* 90% design drawings

*Outstanding Issues:* Preliminary restroom design has been approved. Final restroom design is pending

*Critical Timeline issues:* Restroom design

***Hidden Valley Park:***

*Status: Preliminary design complete (35%)*

This is the largest park area currently being designed. The designer has developed schematic designs of the park. The plan included a new looped path with exercise stations, new flat lawn areas for recreational play. The plan incorporates a community orchard and several new picnic areas. An additional segment of the project will be to rehabilitate the trails in the Hidden Lakes Open Space area. The schematic layout was recently approved by the Parks Recreation Marina and Cultural Commission.

*Next Step:* Civil Engineer to determine grades of improvements, stormdrain and utility design. In addition the restroom/maintenance room final design is pending.

*Outstanding Issues:* Preliminary restroom design has been approved. Final restroom design is pending

*Critical Timeline issues:* None

***Hidden Lakes Park:***

*Status:* Design pending

**Sports Court Rehabilitation Project:**

*Status:* Design pending