



CITY OF MARTINEZ

TO: Parks, Recreation, Marina, Cultural Commission
FROM: Mitch Austin, Community Services Contract Manager
SUBJECT: Santa House Replacement
DATE: October 18, 2011

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and discuss report

BACKGROUND

City Staff recently met with PRMCC members who expressed a concern that the useful life of the City's Santa House is coming to an end. The Santa House the City maintains was originally designed by City Staff and constructed by Centrex Homes as a community project at no cost to the City. The house is now approaching 20 years of use and wear and tear are beginning to show on the house.

City Staff met with Marty Ochoa who shared a conceptual drawing on what the next Santa House might look like. He was interested in making the house bigger, to accommodate larger doorways, an assembly area for pictures, upgraded electrical and a straight path entering the house on one and existing on the other. The proposed size depending on construction could propose transportation challenges. Dave Scola is working on the design with Marty and with Main Street Martinez to come up with a design and funding approach to have a new house constructed for 2012. Local builders and services groups will be approached to support the construction effort. Staff will also explore if Developer Impact Fees are eligible for use on constructing a new Santa House.