

Regular Meeting
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission
February 21, 2012
Martinez, CA

A regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission was called to order by Chair Radke at 7:05 p.m. on February 21, 2012, at Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California 94553.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Dylan Radke, Chair, Brian Eychner, Commissioner, John Fuller, Commissioner, Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, Don Pallotta, Commissioner, and Richard Patchin, Commissioner.

EXCUSED: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair, and Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner

ABSENT: None.

Staff present included Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick, City Engineer Tim Tucker and Senior Planner Corey Simon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Ciaramitaro commented on a recent budget subcommittee meeting and the cost of \$7 million to dredge this year. He expressed concern about the continued high expense to the City, as opposed to lower cost if the City buys its own equipment and trains employees to use it.

Commissioner Gerlack asked, and Mr. Ciaramitaro confirmed that he had spoken to the City Council, but he indicated they were not supportive of the idea. He also noted that if the City had the dredging equipment a dredge could be done every year. He thought it was very irresponsible of Council to not consider the idea further.

Commissioner Pallotta said he had read the report, and it includes a blue-print of how to go about buying and using the equipment. He thought it was worth agendaizing the matter for a subsequent meeting, and then make a recommendation to Council.

Chair Radke said the Council directed the PRMCC to consider other dredge options. Mr. Pallotta said he would forward the report to the rest of the Commission.

Commissioner Eychner agreed with Chair Radke that the Council had asked the PRMCC to look at options. He did not think buying a dredger for the City alone would not pencil out, but perhaps as part of a joint powers with another agency it would work.

Kristen Henderson reported on the historic preservation workshop she attended, and she discussed similarities between the San Francisco presidio and Martinez. She discussed the General Plan update process and potential impacts on historic preservation. She noted that the Cultural Element of the General Plan could be critical. She made comments as well about Benicia's historic preservation, the need for a climate action plan, the post office now under

federal auspices, the library and 630 Court Street. She indicated she applied to Tile Heritage Foundation for another grant to document tiling in many rural cities. She also discussed Historic American Landscape System, which documents landscaping over time.

Commissioner Pallotta said he serves on the Arts and Cultural Subcommittee with Vice Chair Bell-Patten and Commissioner Gerlack, and they met to discuss and finalize the Arts & Cultural Element, which included much of what Ms. Henderson mentioned. He suggested she attend the next General Plan Task Force meeting. He added that the General Plan update will not affect the Downtown Specific Plan because it will be a standalone element and was completed in 2006.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Minutes January 17, 2012

Commissioner Patchin made several corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Eychner said he was no longer the Interim Vice Chair, but Commissioner Bell-Patten is.

On motion by Don Pallotta, Commissioner, seconded by Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, the Commission voted to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2012, as amended. Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Dylan Radke, Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Don Pallotta, Commissioner , Richard Patchin, Commissioner.

b. Staff updates

i. Recreation

Commissioner Fuller asked what will happen with the concession stand at the pool. Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick said staff is currently working with the architect on the plan; she confirmed it will be bid out. Commissioner Eychner asked it will be paid by Measure H funds. Ms. Lorick said yes.

Commissioner Patchin asked about Ms. Lorick's visit to Freedom Park ballfield and whether she took pictures. She said no, and she explained the purpose of her visit, and similarities between that park and what the Martinez marina could be.

Commissioner Patchin said he hoped that there can be site visits to other communities, as had been done before the pool renovation.

ii. Parks Maintenance

No comments made.

iii. Event Request: Informational

City Engineer Tim Tucker reviewed the report, noting it was consistent with the PRMCC's Facility Use Policy. Commissioner Fuller commented that the rental of both parks on August

17th violates the policy. There was general discussion between the Commission and staff regarding the Use Policy details.

Commissioner Gerlack noted that the Tri-decade reunion wanted to coordinate with Art in the Park in order to boost attendance at both events.

Ms. Lorick said she would go back and double-check the Use Policy. The Commission also questioned why there was no mention of previously-approved weddings in June and July, which will fulfill the quota for June, July, August, and September.

Commissioner Pallotta said the Tri-decade reunion came before the Council and received its support. IF the PRMCC denies it, they will likely go to Council and get an exception anyway.

Ms. Lorick noted that Mr. Ciaramitaro had cancelled his event this morning.

Commissioner Patchin said the Council should be made aware of the Use Policy. Commissioner Fuller noted that the policy was put into place to protect the City and the Council; if exceptions are made, there might as well not be a policy. Commissioner Patchin also noted there are members of the community who feel entitled to have their uses approved.

Chair Radke asked if the PRMCC is approving events or staff, based on the use policy. Ms. Lorick said staff, but there may have been a misunderstanding of the policy.

Commissioner Fuller asked if amplification of sound requests still come before the PRMCC, noting that Art in the Park always comes to the PRMCC for approval. Commissioner Fuller thought the issues should be agendized for future discussion. Chair Radke agreed it would be helpful to get clarification.

Commissioner Pallotta said the policy had been updated within the last 12 months. Ms. Lorick Confirmed it hasn't gone to Council for final approval yet.

c. *Special Requests for Uses in Parks*

i. *Waterfront Park and Grass Area - Bay Area Craft Beer Festival*

Leanne Peterson, Main Street Martinez, discussed previous events held at the Zocchi Building, which is no longer available. She reviewed plans for the festival, security, and fencing. She also responded to questions from the Commission about soil compaction, contaminants from vehicles, amplified music, which parking lot, the back-up plan if the weather is bad, stability of the ground, coordination with Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce, the route the shuttle will follow, how to promote the downtown, coordination with Earth Day activities, and the impact on the children's area during the pre-event setup.

On motion by Don Pallotta, Commissioner, seconded by Richard Patchin, Commissioner, the Commission voted to approve the Special Request for the use of Waterfront Park for the Beer Festival, conditioned upon the staff recommendations regarding security, fencing, bathrooms,

etc. are met. Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Dylan Radke, Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Don Pallotta, Commissioner , Richard Patchin, Commissioner.

PRMCC SUB -COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Measure H Updates

City Engineer Tim Tucker presented the staff report.

Commissioner Eychner asked if there could be a formal opening for Rankin Park on Memorial Day. Mr. Tucker said yes, since one goal of the Commission is to celebrate successes.

Commissioner Patchin asked if there would be a softball competition between the Public Works Department and the Police. Staff said they were not aware of any such plans.

Chair Radke said Holiday Highland Park looks great. There was some discussion of how long the fence will remain up; Mr. Tucker said probably a month.

Commissioner Eychner expressed appreciation for the plaque at the pool.

Commissioner Pallotta gave a brief report on the Marina Subcommittee and the Arts/Cultural Subcommittee meeting.

Chair Radke asked when the play equipment will go in at Rankin; Mr. Tucker said some has already gone in and hopefully the rest will be installed over the next 2 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Martinez Community Swim Team Contract

Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick presented a brief staff report. Commissioner Patchin noted he had some minor corrections to the contract that he would submit to staff.

On motion by John Fuller, Commissioner, seconded by Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, the Commissioner voted to recommend that the City Council approve the Martinez Community Swim Team Contract. Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Dylan Radke, Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Don Pallotta, Commissioner , Richard Patchin, Commissioner.

b. Costs for the Rankin Park Aquatic Center

Recreation Supervisor Patty Lorick reviewed the aquatic center budget to date and staffing challenges for 2012. Cookie Telles discussed the formation of a nonprofit, Friends of the Pool and Parks.

c. Color scheme for Zocchi Building

Senior Planner Corey Simon presented the staff report. Staff also responded to questions/comments from the Commission regarding murals visible from the Amtrak station, maintenance and graffiti removal, the mural's content, the different trim colors proposed for the different buildings, whether the Design Review Committee will have input, and the status of the USA project. The Commission had no objection to the common beige body color proposed for both buildings, and two trim colors proposed for each of the two buildings. The Commission would welcome a proposal for murals should the lessees propose murals in the future. The Commission commented that the Arts/Cultural Subcommittee would first need to review any future mural proposals.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission suggested the following items for future meetings: the dredge issue, review of the event request policy, report from the Bond Oversight Subcommittee (including a financial update), the possibility of a dog park, reinstating the monthly plan for previewing upcoming agenda items with the minutes, staffing of the meetings, oversight by Assistant City Manager Alan Shear, concern about continuity

Mr. Tucker said the Council recently approved the sale of an additional \$10 million in bonds, which the PRMCC will oversee. He also indicated an updated contact list was included in this packet: he asked for corrections, if any. Commissioner Eychner asked about a possible Commission retreat, even if it's informal or in place of a regular meeting.

COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Gerlack shared the Martinez community event calendar she put together; she offered to keep the others on the Commission updated monthly at least. Chair Radke said it was a very good idea that will give great benefit.

Commissioner Patchin expressed appreciation for being included on the plaque at the pool. He also was appreciative to the City for repairing half of the roof of the old station. He thanked Mr. Tucker for attending, given all the park projects currently going on.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Richard Patchin, Commissioner, seconded by John Fuller, Commissioner, the Commission voted to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting, March 20, 2012. Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Dylan Radke, Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Don Pallotta, Commissioner, Richard Patchin, Commissioner.