

Regular Meeting
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission
September 18, 2012
Martinez, CA

ROLL CALL

Chair Dylan Radke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Karen Bell-Patton, Vice Chair, Brian Eychner, Commissioner, John Fuller, Commissioner, Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, Richard Patchin, Commissioner, and Dylan Radke, Chair.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Phillip Ciaramintaro expressed concern with the disrepair of the Waterfront Park at the marina. He urged the Commission to work with the Council to make the improvements a priority. Mr. Ciaramintaro suggested a Waterfront Park subcommittee be created. Commissioner Donald Pallotta requested this item be placed on a future agenda, and requested a copy of the grant proposal submitted by Contract Recreation Manager Mitch Austin.

Chair Radke approved the creation of the Waterfront Park subcommittee on the next agenda.

Garbo Berger represented the tennis players from Nancy Boyd Park. Ms. Berger presented a thank you card to the Commission, as appreciation for the new courts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Minutes August 21, 2012

Commissioner Pallotta noted edits on page 2, 3, 5 and 6. Commissioner Ingemar Olsson indicated a change on page 5. Commissioner Karen Bell-Patten pointed out name misspellings on pages 1, 2 and 3. Commissioner Richard Patchin made punctuation and grammar edits on pages 1, 3 and 6.

On motion by Karen Bell-Patton, Vice Chair, seconded by Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, to accept the August minutes with corrections. Motion unanimously passed 8 - 0.

b. Staff updates

i. Recreation

Recreation Commissioner John Fuller noted a successful pool season. Commissioner Patchin agreed with Commissioner Fuller's comment and looks forward to seeing the attendance and financial reports.

ii. Parks Maintenance

Commissioner Patchin questioned a sentence in the report from Park Supervisor Dave Lusty on whether hedges or spaces that were described as wedges were pruned in parking areas. Senior Civil Engineer Joe Enke confirmed it was hedges.

c. Special Requests for Uses in Parks

PRMCC SUB -COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Measure H Updates

Mr. Enke presented the staff report to the Commission. He indicated there are many happy tennis players due to the newly resurfaced tennis courts at Nancy Boyd and Hidden Valley Parks. Hidden Valley, Nancy Boyd, and Cappy Ricks are the three parks currently being designed for improvements. Mr. Enke mentioned staff was reviewing whether or not to have all three parks bid as one contract.

Commissioner Pallotta asked if all the parks' tennis courts have been resurfaced. Mr. Enke replied the Cappy Ricks' courts have not and will be resurfaced with the other improvements next year.

Mr. Enke discussed the additional signage at Rankin Aquatic Center and noted some of the parking and traffic signs were already installed. Commissioner Fuller asked if the pool was completed and accepted by the City Council. Mr. Enke stated no because painting and re-welding of the fence needs to be completed prior to acceptance.

b. Dog Park

Mr. Enke asked to have the dog park discussion deferred to Commissioner Patchin. Commissioner Patchin reviewed the parks visited. Commissioner Patchin and City Engineer Tim Tucker met with Scott Vasquez, horticulture consultant for the City of Concord. Commissioner Patchin discussed the topics regarding dog parks' size, design, layout and negativities. Commissioner Patchin concluded that dog parks are high maintenance areas because of the use and purpose.

Commissioner Olsson made additional comments on his experience visiting Paso Nogal Park discussing the park's size, layout, design and environment.

Commissioner Pallotta questioned the fencing options. Commissioner Patchin noted the vinyl covered chain link fence used at all the sites visited. The Commission discussed the amount of parking at the dog parks.

Commissioner Gay Gerlack noted that *The Patch* has a survey on dog parks, which is useful and suggested that the Commissioners members look into the survey.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review letter to City Council concerning Commission seats for approval

Commissioners Fuller, Olsson and Bell Patten agreed that the letter was to the point and concise. Chair Radke noted some slight edits to make before sending it to the Council, which were reviewed.

On motion by Richard Patchin, Commissioner, seconded by Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, to approve sending the letter to the City Council as revised. Motion unanimously passed 8 - 0.

- b. Update on funds for Amphitheatre study: Cathy Spinella for information

Mr. Enke noted that in 2007 and 2008 allocations of \$50,000 and \$25,000 were made to the amphitheatre for electrical system, fencing, restrooms and a deck for ADA access. He summarized what the money was intended for and noted that the current balance is 13,213.84 which is allocated for site improvements.

Chair Radke was under the impression, from information gathered from Contract Recreation Manager Mitch Austin, that there was unallocated money available for a study on the amphitheatre improvements.

Commissioner Bell-Patten discussed the Subcommittee she was on in 2007 and a list of desired improvements was developed. The list prioritized the improvements.

Chair Radke asked staff to look for a copy of the list composed by Commissioner Bell-Patten's previous subcommittee so that it can be reviewed; and, if the list was found, to place it as a future agenda item.

- c. Library Issues: Dave Scola, Public Works Director for information

Mr. Enke presented the staff report and stated the Library has been approved by City Council.

Commissioner Fuller questioned why the audio visual system was not installed. He requested that staff revisit the item and find a way to have it installed. Assistant City Manager Alan Shear understood that audio visual equipment cannot be bought with Measure H funds if it is a portable system. Commissioner Fuller requested that staff research the costs for audio visual equipment so that funds can be allocated.

Commissioner Pallotta discussed the items originally requested: audio visual, partitions and communication devices for a library attendant. Commissioner Pallotta stated the current partitions do not work adequately, because they are not soundproof; and he requested new partitions. Commissioner Patchin discussed the need for a phone line or intercom between the front desk and the community room.

Chair Radke noted because the project is completed it doesn't mean Measure H funds cannot continue to be used for the Library. Mr. Shear stated that he will investigate what can be bought with Measure H funds.

Commissioner Pallotta noted that the Friends of Martinez Library, who pay for the attendant, are concerned about the safety due to the lack of communication. Commissioner Pallotta requested a report regarding the equipment be made available for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Condition of the trees in Susana Park
- b. Relocation of cement picnic tables in Rankin Park
- c. Play equipment at the Kiwanis Building
- d. Revisit the meeting City Council and PRMCC
- e. Update Zocchi building
- f. Relocating entrance to Skateboard Park
- g. Measure H phase 2 projects based on safety issues at the parks

Chair Radke requested that four items be added to the future agenda list. The four items include: reviewing a grant proposal for the fishing pier, discussing a new subcommittee for the waterfront park, the list of amphitheatre improvements, follow up on the library audio visual equipment, partitions and communication for the community room.

Commissioner Pallotta commented on the future agenda regarding the cement tables. He suggested drilling holes in the tables to accommodate umbrellas instead of replacing all the tables.

Chair Radke requested the cement table topic be moved to next agenda.

COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Patchin expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Gerlack for the wonderful luncheon and to all those who participated.

Commissioner Bell-Patten suggested that a timer be used for public comment. She also recalled that The South Mountain Amphitheatre was used as a guideline for improvements to the John Muir Amphitheatre when she was on the 2007 Subcommittee.

Commissioner Patchin thanked Mr. Enke and Mr. Shear for being present at the meeting.

Chair Radke noted it was nice to hear from the public about the good things the Commission works on. Chair Radke asked that the thank you card be passed to staff.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 16, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. to the next regular meeting on October 16, 2012.