



**CITY OF MARTINEZ**

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
October 17, 2012**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Carolyn Robinson, City Treasurer  
Measure H Bond Oversight Committee

**PREPARED BY:** Tim Tucker, City Engineer  
Cathy Spinella, Finance Manager

**SUBJECT:** Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Fiscal Year 2011-12 annual report, as outlined in the bylaws of the Committee.

**BACKGROUND:**

In November 2008, voters approved Measure H, a measure authorizing issuance of up to \$30 million in General Obligation Bonds to finance the costs of improvement to parks, the library, and the swimming pool. On April 1, 2009, the City Council passed Resolution No.027-09, authorizing issuance of the first series of bonds in the amount of \$15,000,000. On February 15, 2012, the City Council passed resolution No. 010-12, authorized issuance of the second series of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000.

The City established a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (Committee) to provide enhanced accountability to the citizens. The Committee's purpose is to inform the public regarding the expenditure of bond proceeds and to ensure that said bond proceeds will be used only for the purposes specified in the ballot measure. Sections 3.3 of the Committee's bylaws require the Committee to present to the City Council, in public session, an annual written report summarizing those expenditures.

**DISCUSSION:**

With the \$15,000,000 first series of bonds issued, the City Council approved design and construction funding for Phase 1 projects, and design only for Phase 2 projects.

The projects supported by this bond included construction of the new municipal swimming pool; renovation and expansion of the City library; renovations to Holiday Highlands, Rankin Park and Tavan Field and improvements to tennis and basketball courts at six parks; design for Nancy Boyd, Cappy Ricks, Hidden Valley and Waterfront Park. Below is summary of these projects.

## PHASE 1

### ***Library Renovation:***

*Status: Completed*

The Library was re-opened August, 23, 2011. The building renovations included sky lights for natural lighting, new carpeting, shelving, and computer stations. There also are new state-of-the-art book check outs and a new nighttime book “drop-off” near the front door. An elevator was installed as part of a complete handicap accessibility upgrade. The library also has an outdoor seating area and a new downstairs area. The downstairs area will be used for a children’s reading area and other activities. The Friends of the Library is funding part-time staff to monitor and maximize the use of the new downstairs area. The renovated facility has received great reviews.

### ***Rankin Park Aquatic Center:***

*Status: Facility open, Punch list Pending*

The Rankin Aquatic Center project was re-opened on July 23, 2011. This project included the complete demolition of the site and the construction of a play pool and recreational pool; pool house building with equipment rooms and administrative spaces; decking and miscellaneous site and frontage improvements. The pool achieved record participation rates through the first two swim seasons. The pool has been open extended hours and dates to allow a wider audience and bring in additional revenue to help support the increased costs of the new facility. There are a few punch list items remaining to be completed before the Council accepts the completed project.

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

*Status: Completed*

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.

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

*Status: Completed*

This project included the replacement of existing play equipment that no longer met safety requirements. The structure located near the soccer field for the five to twelve year olds is primarily active climbing and exercise equipment, with a rubberized play surface. The play structure at the tot lot near the baseball fields was replaced and also included the installation of rubberized surfacing

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

*Status: Completed, pending project close-out*

Reconstruction of Rankin Park and Tavan Field is completed. The park was dedicated on May 31, 2012. Tavan Field was opened August 1<sup>st</sup> for team use and rental. The park has exciting custom made play equipment that fits into the natural setting of the park. Also the park features many picnic sites and disabled access to the many destination areas within the park. The entry drive and parking lot were also reconstructed.

***Holiday Highland Park:***

*Status: Completed, pending project close-out*

The renovation of Holiday Highlands Park was completed this past summer. A new restroom was installed and rubberized surfacing was placed beneath the recently constructed playground. New concrete paths, along with foot and vehicle bridges were constructed. The grass area was re-graded and rehabilitated to correct drainage problems, and new picnic areas were constructed. Staff has received many compliments and has noticed frequent use of the picnic areas in the evenings by the surrounding neighbors.

***Sports Court Resurfacing Project:***

*Status: Completed, pending project close-out*

The project includes repairing and resurfacing of basketball and tennis courts at six different parks in the city. The work included repairing cracks, applying new acrylic surfacing, striping, tree removal, fence modifications, site furnishings, constructing concrete ADA ramps, handrail, stairways and asphalt paving. In addition the pathway through Foothill Park was repaired at several locations. Please note: the cost reflected in this report does not reflect construction payments made after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PHASE 2**

***Waterfront Park:***

The restroom near the bocce courts at Waterfront Park is scheduled for replacement. The parks division has approved the layout of the replacement bathroom. The City is working with Romtec on a design-build contract (CMAS) for the Waterfront bocce court restrooms.

***Cappy Ricks:***

*Status: Design 95% 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, sidewalk and restrooms 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.

***Nancy Boyd:***

*Status: Design 95% complete*

Plans are being finalized for the completion of Nancy Boyd Park. Three years ago the City installed a new restroom, a small community room and a new softball field. 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.

***Hidden Valley Park:***

*Status: Design 95% complete*

This is the largest project in the Phase 2 list with the preliminary budget in excess of \$2m. The project includes re-grading the park to make it more user friendly. A looped path system with an exercise course will encompass the western half of the park, and a lower field area will accommodate the existing baseball use. New picnic areas are a major component of the project. Part of the project will also include the rehabilitation of the open space paths. In addition, the restroom and maintenance building is being replaced with an ADA- accessible facility. The table below lists, as of June 30, 2012, the expended amounts of bond funds.

<b>MEASURE H</b>	
<u><b>INCOME</b></u>	
Bond Proceeds	\$ 25,000,000
Interest Earnings	217,485
Total Income to date	25,217,485
Cost of Issuance	(142,000)
<u><b>EXPENSE</b></u>	
Library Renovation	(1,779,617)
Rankin Park Aquatic Center	(5,139,946)
Tree Replacement-Highlands & Nancy Boyd	(50,065)
Hidden Lakes Play Equipment	(166,055)
Rankin Park and Tavan Field	(4,172,250)
Holiday Highlands Park	(861,525)
Sports Court	(41,207)
Waterfront Park	(7,991)
Cappy Ricks	(71,703)
Nancy Boyd	(83,460)
Hidden Valley Park	(163,149)
Total Project Expenses to date	(12,536,969)
Balance @ 6/30/12	\$ 12,538,516

During the past fiscal year, the Committee met quarterly to review the expenses and projects funded by the bond, after which the City Treasurer then made a verbal report to Council advising them of the activities of the Committee and the progress of the projects. The Committee met on October 3, 2012 and determined, based on the documents submitted by staff, that the City expended bond proceeds only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure. Fiscal Year 2011-12 ended with a restricted fund balance of \$12,538,516.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Projects were paid by Measure H bond funds; no other funding is required.

**ACTION:**

Motion to accept the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Fiscal Year 2011-12 annual report.

Attachment:  
Measure H Expenditure Report

**APPROVED BY:**

  
City Manager