

**Regular Meeting**  
**Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission**  
**November 20, 2012**  
**Martinez, CA**  
**Minutes**

**ROLL CALL**

**Called to order at 7:00 pm**

Present: Chair Dylan Radke, Commissioner Brian Eychner, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner Richard Patchin.

Excused: Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten, Commissioner John Fuller, and Commissioner Gay Gerlack.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. [Minutes October 16, 2012](#)

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Edits were made to pages: 2, 3 and 4

Instructional to structural / Mr. Tucker said money can be pulled from Cultural Funds / cross out “and have” (after options)

Commissioner Pallotta included comments that his comments made in regards to the on library were not captured. The partitions are needed for the library because a library use meeting has not occurred yet where a calendar was to be set for the use of the downstairs area.

Commissioner Pallotta did not request anything to be added.

Commissioner Olsson made motion to approve minutes with corrections and Commissioner Patchin second. Motion approved.

b. [Staff updates](#)

i. Recreation

none

[Recreation Staff Report](#)

ii. [Parks Maintenance  
Maintenance Staff Report](#)

iii. [Special Events Review Committee: Bay Area Festivals, Inc.  
Bay Area Festivals, Inc](#)

Mr. Tim Tucker noted some special requests where there are multiple conflicts with other events, construction or impacts to other people and resources that the staff has the ability to deny the request. Appeals for denied request would then be appealed to the City Manager. That is the policy or practice. This policy was used for Mr. Jay Bedecarre's request for Family Fest during the 2013 Labor Day weekend. Mr. Tucker noted the Zocchi properties will be under construction at that time. There are eleven other users at the Marina that would be impacted. Chair Radke stated he listed other location possibilities to Mr. Bedecarre, but Mr. Bedecarre did not seem receptive to the ideas. Commissioner Pallotta requested the PRMCC still be notified of any event rejections made by staff.

c. [Special Requests for Uses in Parks](#)

i. For approval: Rental of Susana Park August 10, 2013, Riann Jackson.

Ms. Riann Jackson and Mr. Steve Jackson stated they were requesting the use of Susana Park in August for their wedding ceremony. Mr. Jackson clarified that the amplified music was for the use of ceremony type music not reception music. Chair Radke questioned if there were any other conflicting use requests. Mr. Tucker indicated there were no other requests. Commissioner Olsson made a motion and Commissioner Pallotta second the motion. Motion approved.

## **PRMCC SUB -COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Measure H Updates

i. [Measure H Status](#)

Mr. Tucker indicated the Park Subcommittee met with Dave Lusty, Park Supervisor. Dave Lusty recommended that the Waterfront area should be the next project on the list for Measure H funds. Mr. Lusty suggests an artificial turf field at the Hidden Lakes Park soccer field. In addition there are some unsafe play structures that need to be replaced. Mr. Tucker also mentioned concession, community room and restroom improvements at Hidden Valley and Golden Hills Park. He requested the subcommittee members to look at what should be completed first. Commissioner Patchin noted it was good to have feedback from the park maintenance team because they are the ones out at the parks completing the work.

Mr. Tucker stated he did not believe there were enough Measure H funds for all parks to be completely reconstructed. Commissioner Eychner asked if the shortages of the funds are from the shortage in bond revenue received and worries some projects would be cut short or not receive the improvements needed. Mr. Tucker noted there were specific budgets set for the pool and the library. The other park site budgets were based on bare bone improvements. Chair Eychner requested an updated list of budgets. Commissioner Pallotta made a comment that it is possible that some lower priority job can be completed when the remainder of the bond money is collected. Mr. Tucker

ensured that is the process of completing the list. Chair Radke noted the original cost was estimated to cost 25 million, so if everything was on budget and on time, 25 million should cover everything. The additional 5 million was for any extras.

ii. [Dog park](#)

Mr. Tucker reported the dog park subcommittee met again. They discussed additional location possibilities and visited additional sites. It was agreed more area was needed than originally thought. Two areas looked at were Hidden Lakes Open Space and the detention basin area along Alhambra Avenue. Hidden Lakes seems too far from parking. The detention basin area will be looked at further, due to the area available and possibility of widening the road. Mr. Tucker described the detention basin area and how the basin works with the surrounding creeks. Commissioner Pallotta clarified the area which will be used. Commissioner Olsson also described the areas on the map that was being considered for the dog park. There were concerns about the noise due to the high traffic road next to the proposed area.

Bill Nichols added comments on the noise level in the area. He indicated there is a wetlands area within the basin. He stated he supports the idea of a dog park. Martinez has more open space land and much of the area dogs are allowed off leash as long as they are 100 feet past the staging area. He explained that the Waterbird Reserve is a “no dog zone” so the birds do not become too comfortable with dogs. Mr. Nichols noted concerns on taking care of the dog park area.

Motion for dog park committee to continue their study and bring back their findings. Motion made by Pallotta and second by Commissioner Olsson. Motion approved.

iii. [Library Partitions](#)

Mr. Tucker noted he brought the issue to Assistant City Manager Alan Shear. Mr. Shear issued a short report. Chair Radke noted there seems to still be some disagreements about what is needed at the library. Commissioner Pallotta noted that other funds need to be used for partitions, communication between the two levels is still unavailable, and there are disagreements on available audio/visual equipment. Commissioner Pallotta also introduced the idea of installing picture moldings to hang art in the library. Commissioner Pallotta indicated that a library Use Policy is still an outstanding task. Mr. Tucker explained the agenda described is for the library subcommittee. Ms. Lorick added the library staff is encouraging people to use the downstairs area and the area is not large enough for the use of partitions. Mr. Tucker asked if the partitions and the use calendar should be looked at hand in hand. Commissioner Pallotta agreed with Mr. Tucker’s question/suggestion.

Commissioner. Pallotta requested portable, sound absorbing partitions that are not like the partitions at the Senior Center. The issue was forwarded to a joint staff/Library Subcommittee meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. [Presentation of the Parks Make Life Better® logo, A California Park and Recreation Society Program](#)  
[Parks Make Life Better](#)

Ms. Lorick gave a power point presentation showing the new logo that has been recently adopted by the City of Martinez. Her presentation displayed and explained why parks are important to Martinez residents, along with the variety of celebrations and residents uses for the parks.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Conditions of the trees in Susana Park
- b. Play equipment at the Kiwanis Building
- c. Revisit the meeting City Council and PRMCC
- d. Update Zocchi building
- e. Relocating entrance to Skateboard Park
- f. Reviewing a grant proposal for the fishing pier
- g. Discussing a new subcommittee for the Waterfront Park
- h. List of amphitheater improvements
- i. Measure H phase 2 projects based on safety issues at the parks
- j. Use of WW Funds
- k. Marina update

Chair Radke noted the extensive list. Commissioner Olsson requested the list to be prioritized. Chair Radke stated the dredging should be completed by next meeting. Mr. Tucker indicated one permit still needed to be obtained before dredging can begin and that the Marina update will be given at the December meeting. Mr. Tucker also indicated that the Library Subcommittee update should be given next meeting as well. Mr. Tucker asked what the Commission expect for the update on Zocchi properties. Chair Radke noted it was a request from Commissioner Fuller and was a curiosity about how business is going for them. Commissioner Patchin stated it would be nice for the PRMCC to have a field trip to the location or even have a meeting there. He noted it would be nice for the whole Commission to experience together rather than separately.

Commissioner Patchin noted that action did not need to take place immediately, but possibly in the coming year. Chair Radke also noted the list of Amphitheater improvements. Mr. Tucker he is researching the list be brought to the Commission sooner than later. The use of WW funds was also discussed and what can be used with funds. Ms. Lorick clarified that list should be looked at soon because of the small window of opportunity to request the money needed for projects.

**COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Pallotta noted the pictures used in Ms. Lorick's report made everything come to life.

**CORRESPONDENCE** –

**None**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: December 18, 2012**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm until the next meeting.

Submitted by,

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