



**CITY OF MARTINEZ**

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
April 17, 2013**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Tavan Estates/Virginia & Golden Hill Neighborhood and John Muir and Alhambra Valley Neighborhood Meeting Issues and Concerns  
**DATE:** April 11, 2013

Approximately 5000 notices were sent to the Tavan Estates/Virginia & Golden Hill and John Muir and Alhambra Valley Neighborhoods.

A different process was used for this meeting. In order to save time and money, staff has combined two neighborhoods into one meeting. Notices, which were returned to the City Clerk's Office have now been replaced with notices (attached) asking the residents to go on line and respond to a survey (attached). Fourteen individuals completed the survey.

Council and staff will be available on April 17th to address all concerns.

The neighborhood meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at John Swett Elementary, Multi-Purpose Room, 4955 Alhambra Valley Road.

Attachments:  
Neighborhood Notice  
Survey Summary

**APPROVED BY:**



City Manager



## CITY OF MARTINEZ CITY COUNCIL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

THE MARTINEZ CITY COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING OF THE AREA KNOWN AS **TAVAN ESTATES/VIRGINIA & GOLDEN HILLS** area of the city generally described as west of Alhambra Ave to the western city limits and south of Macalvey Dr to the southern city limits; and **JOHN MUIR & ALHAMBRA VALLEY** area of the city beginning with the western city limits, Shell Ave and C St; as the northern boundary Palm Ave and Center Ave; the California Riding Trail as the eastern boundary; and Lindsey Dr as the southern boundary. (If you do not reside within the city limits, please disregard this notice.)

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. AT JOHN SWETT ELEMENTARY, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, 4955 ALHAMBRA VALLEY ROAD, MARTINEZ.

If you have any issues or concerns that you would like to discuss, please plan to be present and meet with city staff: City Manager/Administrative Services/Economic Development, Police, Public Works (Code Enforcement, Maintenance Engineering and Water) and Planning.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 925.372.3512 or email [mcabral@cityofmartinez.org](mailto:mcabral@cityofmartinez.org).

We are interested in your opinions and concerns, and ask you to complete an on line survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7PSPL2Y>



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## 1. Police Services

	Answer	Rating Count
Very satisfied	100.0% (5)	5
Satisfied	100.0% (3)	3
Neutral neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	100.0% (5)	5
Dissatisfied	100.0% (1)	1
Very dissatisfied	0.0% (0)	0
	Your comments are welcome below	3
<b>answered question</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>0</b>

## 2. Public Infrastructure – Streets and Roadways

	Answer	Rating Count
Very satisfied	0.0% (0)	0
Satisfied	<b>100.0% (5)</b>	5
Neutral neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	<b>100.0% (2)</b>	2
Dissatisfied	<b>100.0% (5)</b>	5
Very dissatisfied	<b>100.0% (2)</b>	2

Your comments are welcome below

7

<b>answered question</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

### 3. City Parks, Aquatic Center and Library (Measure H)

	Answer	Rating Count
Very satisfied	100.0% (3)	3
Satisfied	100.0% (5)	5
Neutral neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	100.0% (5)	5
Dissatisfied	100.0% (1)	1
Very dissatisfied	0.0% (0)	0

Your comments are welcome below

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**answered question**

**14**

**skipped question**

**0**

#### 4. Recreation and Community Services

	Answer	Rating Count
Very satisfied	100.0% (1)	1
Satisfied	100.0% (5)	5
Neutral neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	100.0% (7)	7
Dissatisfied	100.0% (1)	1
Very dissatisfied	0.0% (0)	0

Your comments are welcome below

2

**answered question**

**14**

**skipped question**

**0**

## 5. Code Enforcement

	Answer	Rating Count
Very satisfied	0.0% (0)	0
Satisfied	<b>100.0% (5)</b>	5
Neutral neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	<b>100.0% (8)</b>	8
Dissatisfied	<b>100.0% (1)</b>	1
Very dissatisfied	0.0% (0)	0

Your comments are welcome below

3

**answered question**

**14**

**skipped question**

**0**

**6. Please rank the following City objectives, in order of highest priority to lowest priority:**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Rating Average	Rating Count
Facilitating Downtown Revitalization and Economic Development	7.7% (1)	23.1% (3)	7.7% (1)	23.1% (3)	<b>30.8%</b> <b>(4)</b>	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	3.69	13
Improving the Marina	23.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	23.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	<b>30.8%</b> <b>(4)</b>	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	4.62	13
Improving the Waterfront Park and ball fields	0.0% (0)	15.4% (2)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	7.7% (1)	7.7% (1)	15.4% (2)	15.4% (2)	<b>23.1%</b> <b>(3)</b>	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	6.62	13
Facilitating Economic Development (outside Downtown)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	7.7% (1)	15.4% (2)	15.4% (2)	7.7% (1)	<b>23.1%</b> <b>(3)</b>	0.0% (0)	15.4% (2)	7.7% (1)	7.00	13
Promoting Cultural/Arts Programs	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	15.4% (2)	7.7% (1)	<b>23.1%</b> <b>(3)</b>	15.4% (2)	15.4% (2)	0.0% (0)	<b>23.1%</b> <b>(3)</b>	8.00	13
Improving Streets and Roads	<b>23.1%</b> <b>(3)</b>	<b>23.1%</b> <b>(3)</b>	7.7% (1)	15.4% (2)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	15.4% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.00	13
Maintaining Public Safety	<b>46.2%</b> <b>(6)</b>	23.1% (3)	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	15.4% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.62	13
Initiating New Beautification/Aesthetic Enhancement Projects	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	15.4% (2)	15.4% (2)	15.4% (2)	<b>23.1%</b> <b>(3)</b>	0.0% (0)	15.4% (2)	0.0% (0)	6.54	13
Implementing Climate Action Plan Objectives and Sustainable Community Programs	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	15.4% (2)	15.4% (2)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	15.4% (2)	7.7% (1)	<b>30.8%</b> <b>(4)</b>	7.62	13
Updating the City's General Plan	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	7.7% (1)	<b>30.8%</b> <b>(4)</b>	<b>30.8%</b> <b>(4)</b>	7.7% (1)	8.54	13

Expanding Code Enforcement Efforts	0.0%	7.7%	<b>38.5%</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	0.0%	23.1%	23.1%	6.77	13
	(0)	(1)	<b>(5)</b>	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1)	(0)	(3)	(3)		
												<b>answered question</b>	<b>13</b>
												<b>skipped question</b>	<b>1</b>

**7. Please tell us one area in particular you are MOST satisfied with the level of City services you are receiving.**

												Response Count	
												7	
												<b>answered question</b>	<b>7</b>
												<b>skipped question</b>	<b>7</b>

**8. Please tell us one area in particular where you feel the City should be doing more.**

												Response Count	
												8	
												<b>answered question</b>	<b>8</b>
												<b>skipped question</b>	<b>6</b>

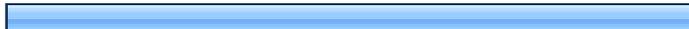
**9. . If you have any additional feedback, or specific concerns related to your neighborhood and/or the City services you are receiving, please let us know here:**

	<b>Response Count</b>
	4
<b>answered question</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>10</b>

## 10. Please identify the area nearest your residence

	Pick one	Rating Count
Virgina Hills	100.0% (3)	3
Forest Hills	100.0% (1)	1
Morello Avenue	100.0% (1)	1
Muir Oaks	0.0% (0)	0
East of Morello Avenue	0.0% (0)	0
Nob Hill	100.0% (2)	2
Hidden Lakes Dr.	0.0% (0)	0
Pleasant Hill Road East	100.0% (1)	1
Alhambra Hills	100.0% (2)	2
Non-resident	0.0% (0)	0
Non-resident business owner	0.0% (0)	0
City of Pleasant Hill	0.0% (0)	0
Unincorporated Martinez	100.0% (3)	3
Other	0.0% (0)	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>

**11. This question does not require an answer, but would allow us to follow up with you on your concerns.**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Name:</b>		100.0%	5
<b>Email Address:</b>		100.0%	5
<b>Phone Number:</b>		60.0%	3
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>9</b>

**Page 1, Q1. Police Services**

1	I almost never see a police car patrolling in the Forest Hills neighborhood. True, there is little crime, but it would be nice to see them rolling through once in awhile.	Apr 7, 2013 1:52 PM
2	I hope the City of Martinez will not experience a large increase in the number of residential burglaries like some other cities are experiencing.	Apr 7, 2013 10:50 AM
3	I have had great experiences with the Martinez PD throughout my time as a Martinez resident. Keep up the good work! :)	Apr 5, 2013 10:33 AM

**Page 1, Q2. Public Infrastructure – Streets and Roadways**

1	Many of the streets are over due for maintenance and repair, some of the roads are major like Morello.	Apr 9, 2013 1:41 PM
2	Some pretty large pot holes out there...	Apr 7, 2013 11:43 PM
3	The large and very heavy garbage trucks are damaging my street (Henson Creek Court).	Apr 7, 2013 10:50 AM
4	The stretch of Reliez Valley between Hidden Pond and Tavan Estates is bordering on dangerous with the way the waves/bumps in the road ended up and without a rail on the east side. I've seen many cars swerving through there too fast and almost out of control!	Apr 6, 2013 8:40 AM
5	Overall fine. Some of the roads could stand to be worked on (rough pavement and holes). Two examples are Center Ave. on the stretch in between Contra Costa Cinemas and Starbucks/Raley's shopping center. Another is on Morello Ave. next to Petco.	Apr 5, 2013 10:33 AM
6	Reliez Valley Rd in the vicinity of Tavan Estates is in terrible condition in terms of paving, signage, and pedestrian safety. Paving is especially poor between Apex Circle and Tavan Estates Drive. Consider reducing the speed limit in this area from 35mph to 30 mph for the following reasons: (1) vehicle safety, (2) pedestrian safety, (3) bicycle safety, and (4) reduce wear and tear on the road given the steady flow of heavy trucks. Speed limit signs are needed for Reliez Valley Rd southbound lane; none currently exist near Corte Briones/Blue Ridge/Tavan Estates. There is a significant amount of use of Reliez Valley Rd (itself, not the bike/ped path) by bicyclists, especially on weekends ( large groups of street cyclists). Signage is needed to warn drivers to beware of cyclists. A striped bike path would be useful too. It is unconscionable that no safe pedestrian crossing exists between the Tavan Estates neighborhood and the Blue Ridge area. I regularly walk my two small children to Golden Hills Park, and routinely fear for my family's safety when I make the dangerous crossing over Reliez Valley Rd. Signage, signage, signage. Signage. Please. limit signs are needed for the southbound lane of Reliez Valley Rd from	Apr 4, 2013 9:33 PM
7	Reliez Valley road is possibly the worst city-maintained road ever. The county portion is well maintained but the city portion has more grade failures, potholes and patches than there is original road. The section from Donegal north past Blue Ridge to the curve is terrible. When will this be repaired or rebuilt?	Apr 3, 2013 3:10 PM

**Page 1, Q3. City Parks, Aquatic Center and Library (Measure H)**

1	I've been to a few parks and they seem well maintained. I haven't been to the aquatic center or library yet, but have heard the the story time at Pleasant Hill Library is the best in the area by far.	Apr 6, 2013 8:40 AM
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**Page 1, Q3. City Parks, Aquatic Center and Library (Measure H)**

2	The only ones of these that I use are the local parks, which I enjoy.	Apr 5, 2013 10:33 AM
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**Page 1, Q4. Recreation and Community Services**

1	no experience yet	Apr 6, 2013 8:40 AM
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2	Haven't used any of these.	Apr 5, 2013 10:33 AM
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**Page 1, Q5. Code Enforcement**

1	There are numerous unoccupied and/or unsightly and unmaintained homes throughout the city which appear to get no attention from Code Enforcement. Several residents including myself made complaints about one home which had been left a garbage heap, including presence of rats, and to my knowledge no action was taken, or even a response received from the inspector.	Apr 7, 2013 1:52 PM
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2	no experience yet	Apr 6, 2013 8:40 AM
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3	I strongly appreciate code enforcement in the City of Martinez.	Apr 5, 2013 10:33 AM
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**Page 2, Q7. Please tell us one area in particular you are MOST satisfied with the level of City services you are receiving.**

1	We like the City, the Marina Park area is very nice, we don't go to the other parks so can't comment.	Apr 9, 2013 1:55 PM
2	Safer, cleaner, more attractive downtown and efforts to draw crowds with events	Apr 7, 2013 1:57 PM
3	Loving the affordable swim classes at the pool for my kid!	Apr 7, 2013 12:27 PM
4	I've been impressed by the response to the notifications I have sent regarding code violations	Apr 6, 2013 1:10 PM
5	Police services- Also what I consider the most important.	Apr 5, 2013 10:43 AM
6	The parks are in good shape: I recently went to the new Rankin Park and loved it. Drinking water service and quality is good.	Apr 4, 2013 9:44 PM
7	Police Services and Public Outreach & Communication	Apr 4, 2013 1:05 PM

**Page 2, Q8. Please tell us one area in particular where you feel the City should be doing more.**

1	The streets are in bad condition and need maintenance and repair.	Apr 9, 2013 1:55 PM
2	Code enforcement; neighborhood beautification	Apr 7, 2013 1:57 PM
3	Public safety. Particularly with homeless/mentally ill downtown.	Apr 7, 2013 12:27 PM
4	Maintaining roads	Apr 6, 2013 5:11 PM
5	Revitalize the marina and waterfront park area - it has so much potential!	Apr 6, 2013 1:10 PM
6	I would like to see a continued focus on keeping a safe, clean, small town feel to Martinez. Please prevent developers like Seeno from building high density housing that would destroy what we currently have. One example I can think of right now that is of great concern to members of the local community is the proposed development next to the Raley's shopping center at Muir Station Rd. Please do not allow this!	Apr 5, 2013 10:43 AM
7	Roads: Reliez Valley on the far south side of town is in awful condition.	Apr 4, 2013 9:44 PM
8	Roadways	Apr 4, 2013 1:05 PM

**Page 2, Q9. . If you have any additional feedback, or specific concerns related to your neighborhood and/or the City services you are receiving, please let us know here:**

1	The City is spending too much money studying and restudying and trying to annex areas when it cannot maintain the streets. With each new City Council they restudy objectives like should you purchase cost effective lighting. Why pay for a study the cost of the study would have paid for the lighting. This is just one small example, it does not make sense. It seems each study is \$100k or more	Apr 9, 2013 1:55 PM
2	I appreciate the requests for input from the community. Please continue to give us the opportunity to speak up. The online survey was a great idea.	Apr 5, 2013 10:43 AM
3	I am a new Martinez resident and home owner. Mid-thirties with 2 kids, a husband and a good job. We bought here because when we couldn't afford a place in Walnut Creek and saw good opportunity here with the schools, rural proximity, and charming downtown. We look forward to our future in Martinez. I know you focus a lot of efforts on downtown but young families like us entering on the south side of town are going to reinvigorate and bring \$ to Martinez. Attract more by paying. attention to services (roads! medians! landscaping on pedestrian paths!) on the south side of town! Thank you for the opportunity to give this feedback.	Apr 4, 2013 9:44 PM
4	You are doing pretty well in general.	Apr 4, 2013 1:05 PM