

Regular Meeting  
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission  
April 16, 2013  
Martinez, CA

A regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission was called to order by Chair Radke. on April 16, 2013, at Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California 94553.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair, Brian Eychner, Commissioner, Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, and Dylan Radke, Chair.

EXCUSED: Commissioner, Richard Patchin

ABSENT: John Fuller, Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present except Commissioner Patchin, who was excused; Commissioner Fuller, who was absent; and Commissioner Eychner, who arrived after roll call.

Staff present: Mike Chandler, Senior Management Analyst

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kristin Henderson discussed recycling from garbage cans in City parks. She also noted that she hopes to have the Olive Grove named a historic point of interest in the City, and she asked the Commission to support her efforts.

(Commissioner Eychner entered and was seated during her presentation.)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. *Minutes March 19, 2013*

Minutes

On motion by Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, seconded by Brian Eychner, Commissioner, to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2013. Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, Dylan Radke, Chair.

b. *Staff updates*

i. *Recreation - No comments made.*

Recreation report

ii. *Parks Maintenance - No comments made.*

Parks staff report

c. *Special Requests for Uses in Parks*

i. *Remembering Martinez, Raymond Gentry for approval*

Remembering Martinez

On motion by Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, seconded by Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, to approve use of Waterfront Park Group area and the parking lot adjacent to the bocce courts for

Remembering Martinez. Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, Dylan Radke, Chair.

- ii. *Day for Kids Celebration, Martinez Boys and Girls Club, Tuong Trung, fee waiver and use of Ignacio Plaza for approval*

Boys and Girls Club

On motion by Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, seconded by Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair, to approve use of Ignacio Plaza for the Day for Kids Celebration. Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner , Dylan Radke, Chair.

- iii. *Boy Scouts of America, fee waiver and use of the lawn area at Waterfront for approval*  
Boy Scout request

On motion by Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, seconded by Brian Eychner, Commissioner, to approve use of the lawn area at Waterfront Park and a fee waiver.

**IV. PRMCC SUB -COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. *Measure H Updates*

Measure H update

The Commission asked about the progress of the bids for construction of the picnic areas in Nancy Boyd, Cappy Ricks and Hidden Valley Parks, which Mr. Chandler provided.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. *Martinez Bocce Federation Report*

Bocce Federation Annual Report

Mr. Gene Rittberg, Martinez Bocce Ball Federation, presented the report and responded to questions from the PRMCC regarding the amount of money in the Federation's bank accounts, the use of those funds for maintenance, vandalism (from bicycle riding in the courts, garbage cans turned over/stolen, and graffiti), and the purpose of the redwood trellis.

- b. *Large Event fee schedule*

Large Event Permit Fees

Mr. Chandler presented the staff report and the recommended fee chart, including rates for residents, non-residents, corporate events, potential fee waivers, requirements for reserve police, and recovery of City costs. He also responded to questions/comments from the Commission regarding the turf rehab fee, tracking of staff time for large events, which organizations bring large events to the City, security deposits, marketing, and recommendation for a one-year review of the fee schedule.

On motion by Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, seconded by Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, to approve the Large Event fee schedule, with an additional provision for review of the schedule after one year, and no difference in rate for events with alcohol service or no alcohol service. Motion passed 4 - 1. Yes: Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, Dylan Radke, Chair, No: ,Brian Eychner, Commissioner, Absent: , Abstain: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair.

c. *Recycling in the Parks*

Recycling in Parks

Mr. Chandler presented the staff report, noting that the Martinez Sea Scouts will again take over the task. He discussed the secure locking lids, the trial period for the downtown area, funding by the State Beverage Container Grant Fund, and required reporting to the State. Chair Radke asked that the new cans match the garbage cans in the parks, and staff indicated the City Engineer will ensure that the new cans aesthetically match the existing ones. Mr. Chandler promised another update after July.

d. *California Park and Recreation Society District 3 Aquatic Awards*

Awards

The Commission indicated they would like to have the two awards displayed at the pool.

**OLD BUSINESS - None.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. *Conditions of the trees in Susana Park*
- b. *Revisit the meeting City Council and PRMCC*
- c. *Relocating entrance to Skateboard Park (park subcommittee)*
- d. *Marina Improvements*
- e. *Park Maintenance Overview and Goals*
- f. *Park Master Plan review*
- g. *Development of Cultural Plan*
- h. *Waterfront Planning*
- i. *General Plan and update review*
- j. *Marina Feasibility status*
- k. *Ferry point restrooms*

In addition to the items listed, Commissioner Olsson asked that a report on the dog park be included on the next agenda.

**COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Gerlack reported that former PRMCC member Katherine Hern ran in the Boston Marathon and her son Aaron was injured in the bombing. She announced upcoming fundraisers for the Hern family, and she volunteered to keep other commissioners updated by email.

Commissioner Olsson asked that a report on the dog park be part of the next agenda.

Commissioner Pallotta expressed appreciation to Park Supervisor Dave Lusty for the work done at the train station, and for the good job staff does in keeping up with graffiti. He congratulated Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin for being named Woman of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. The other commissioners expressed their congratulations as well.

Commissioner Bell-Patten thanked the other commissioners for the condolence cards and good wishes.

Chair Radke thanked the Recreation Department for assisting with the Annual Lions and Lioness Club Easter Egg Hunt. He noted that as always it was a great event and well attended; he thanked all those who attended.

**CORRESPONDENCE - None.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: May 21, 2013**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, seconded by Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, adjourn at 8:25 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting, May 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner Donald Pallotta, Commissioner, Dylan Radke, Chair.