

Regular Meeting
Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission
June 18, 2013
Martinez, CA

A regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Karen Bell-Patten at 7:05p.m on June 18, 2013, at Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California 94553.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with all members present except Chair Radke and Commissioner Pallotta.

Staff present: Senior Civil Engineer Joe Enke, Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin

PRESENT: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair, Brian Eychner, Commissioner, John Fuller, Commissioner, Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, Richard Patchin, Commissioner

EXCUSED: Dylan Radke, Chair and Donald Pallotta, Commissioner.

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Staffelbach discussed eight alternate locations for a dog park, because he thought the two locations being considered were inadequate.

Marlene Haws, Friends of the Library, discussed the placing of a small statue and planter in the courtyard at the library in honor of Ann DeFraga.

Phil Ciaramitaro spoke regarding much-needed improvements for the Marina, including removal of the pile of dumped asphalt near the launchers parking lot. He asked for the Commission's assistance, perhaps with a letter to the Council regarding the dumping.

Seeing no further speakers, Vice Chair Bell-Patten closed public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes Special Meeting May 28, 2013

a.

PRMCC May 28, 2013 minutes

Commissioner Patchin corrected page 3, the first paragraph, to say, "The Commission was supportive of the concept, at least for moving forward to investigate the possibilities and specific dates ~~were discussed.~~"

On motion by Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner, seconded by Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on May 28, 2013, as corrected. Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller,

Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner and Richard Patchin, Commissioner

i. Recreation

May Staff

Written report provided; no comments made.

ii. Parks Maintenance

Parks Staff Report

Written report provided; no comments made.

c. Special Requests for Uses in Parks

i. Beaver Festival request for Park on Alhambra Ave, Heidi Perryman, Worth a Dam
Worth a Dam request

Heidi Perryman discussed plans for the 6th Annual Beaver Festival in the park on Alhambra Avenue. Commissioner Patchin asked how many beavers there are now; Ms. Perryman said there were seven.

On motion by Gay Gerlack, Commissioner, seconded by Richard Patchin, Commissioner, to approve Beaver Festival request for the Park on Alhambra Ave, Heidi Perryman, Worth a Dam Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner and Richard Patchin, Commissioner.

PRMCC SUB -COMMITTEE REPORTS

Measure H

Senior Civil Engineer Joe Enke updated the Commission on the progress of Measure H projects at Cappy Ricks, Nancy Boyd and Hidden Valley Parks. He also responded to questions/comments from the Commission and public regarding the play equipment at Cappy Ricks, the fishing pier at the Waterfront Park, umbrella holes for the concrete picnic tables, ballfield and soccer field renovations, details of the plans and scope of work for Waterfront Park, and public involvement in the planning process for Waterfront Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Cultural Facility 6-12-13

Commissioner Patchin said this is the first time he had heard of the \$139,000 in Cultural Facilities fees. Mr. Enke explained that the cultural impact fee was added in 2003 for new development projects. He indicated that the updated Fee Schedule is available at City Hall and also on the City's website. Mr. Enke also discussed the purpose of the fee and potential allocations of the collected funds. He noted that Assistant City Manager Alan Shear is the contact person for the Cultural Facilities Plan.

The Commission discussed its potential role in the development of the Plan, especially the cultural subcommittee. Commissioner Gerlack mentioned that special molding has been installed for art displays in the lower level of the library.

Marina update

Mr. Enke informed the Commission that the Marina is on the agenda for the Closed Session and the Regular Meeting at the next City Council meeting, June 19th. Contract Community Service Manager Mitch Austin will update the Commission at its August meeting.

Mr. Ciaramitaro reiterated his earlier concerns with the disrepair at the Marina.

c. Amphitheater update

Amphitheater Appointment

Mr. Enke noted that the John Muir Amphitheater is also on the City Council Agenda for June 19th, and an update will be provided to the PRMCC at the August meeting. Vice Chair Bell-Patten said the REDS subcommittee will meet to plan for the amphitheater.

Mr. Ciaramitaro said the dumped materials need to be removed or any plans for the amphitheater will be useless.

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
- l. Joint meeting with the City Council

Commissioner Olsson especially asked for Items d, h, i, j, k, and the dog park on the next agenda. Commissioner Patchin suggested the dumped materials at the Marina as expressed by Mr. Ciaramitaro, and Vice Chair Bell Patten added the statue for the library mentioned by Ms. Haws.

COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

Vice Chair Bell-Patten noted that the painting in the plaza by Starbucks and Bank of America has been stained by scratches and spills. Commissioner Patchin expressed concern about the play equipment at Cappy Ricks Park.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Thank you card from Mr. and Mrs. Foss

Vice Chair Bell-Patten asked if this is the first wedding in the Gazebo; staff said no. Commissioner Fuller said that the Gazebo is the new place to take prom pictures. Commissioner Patchin said there have also been impromptu weddings in other parks.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 16, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Richard Patchin, Commissioner, seconded by John Fuller, Commissioner, adjourn at 8:10 p.m. to the next meeting on July 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Motion unanimously passed 6 - 0. Yes: Karen Bell-Patten, Vice Chair Brian Eychner, Commissioner John Fuller, Commissioner Gay Gerlack, Commissioner Ingemar Olsson, Commissioner and Richard Patchin, Commissioner.