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Dear Council Members and City Staff,

In case I am not able to attend Wednesday's council meeting, I would like to make the follow public comments on Agenda items 11 and 12:

- 1) I wholeheartedly support the choice of Karkin Park as the name of the new park at Pine Meadow Drive. I commend the PRMCC for making this choice to honor and respect the indigenous community and its long, rich history in this area. Thank you for the detailed staff report documenting the process and information on the history of the Carquins.
- 2) I would like to register my opposition to redirecting \$300,000 in ARPA funds from the Mt. View basketball court repaving project to the park at Pine Meadow. As I stated in a previous public comment, the condition of that basketball court is very poor and I believe poses a potential safety hazard to those who use it. This is a heavily used park amenity that serves the established residential communities of Parkside and Westaire. There is not another public basketball facility within easy walking distance of those who live in these residential areas. As someone who lives near Mt. View Park, I can attest that that court is often in full use during after-school and weekend hours. I believe that these AARPA funds should be used to repair and improve established facilities that have fallen into various states of deterioration before they are used to fund new amenities in the city. The condition of this court is particularly disappointing as Mt. View Park underwent a major renovation only about a decade ago and the court, which was repaved at that time, really should have held up better than it has. I would encourage council members and staff who haven't seen the court recently to pay a visit to it ahead of Wednesday's vote to see for yourself just how poor a condition it is in with large cracks in the concrete. On a related issue, there's long been a safety concern with the slope abutting one of the basketball rims that results in balls routinely rolling onto Parkway Drive. Children routinely run into the street to

retrieve rolling balls in the face of oncoming traffic. As part of any improvement, I would request that the city look at possible mitigations to this issue.

Thank you for considering my point of view ahead of Wednesday's vote.

Best regards,

Craig Lazzeretti

# ALHAMBRA WAY MURAL



# Two 125' Walls



- Improve neighborhood vibe
- Deter graffiti / Promote street arts
- Educate the public about local wildlife

# Initial Support From



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CITY COUNCIL**



**MAYOR**

# Sponsorships & Donations



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## The Artist(s)



**ILLUMINARIES**

- Local Martinez Resident
- 100+ Public Murals around the US

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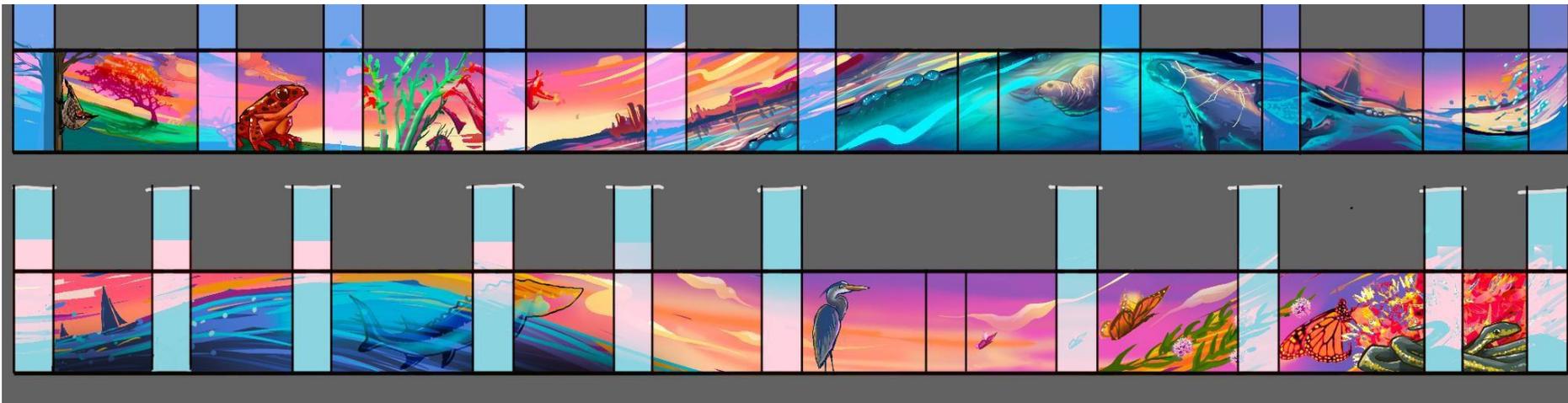
15+ Projects for Steph Curry & Under Armour

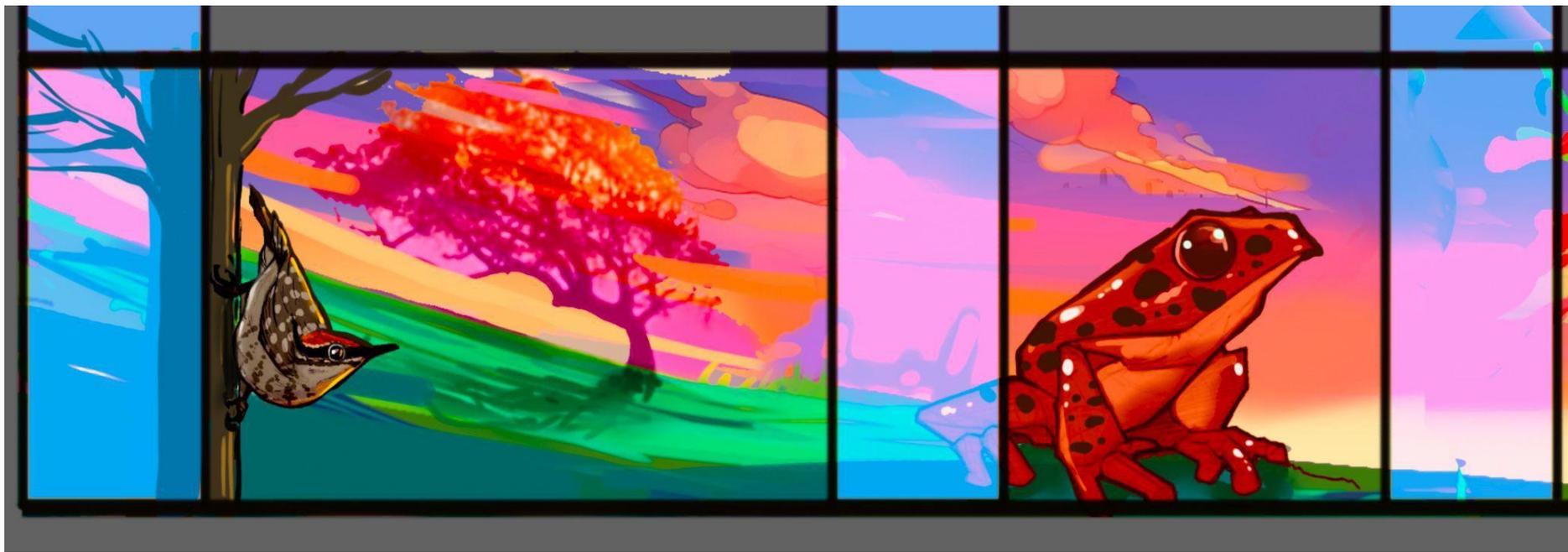


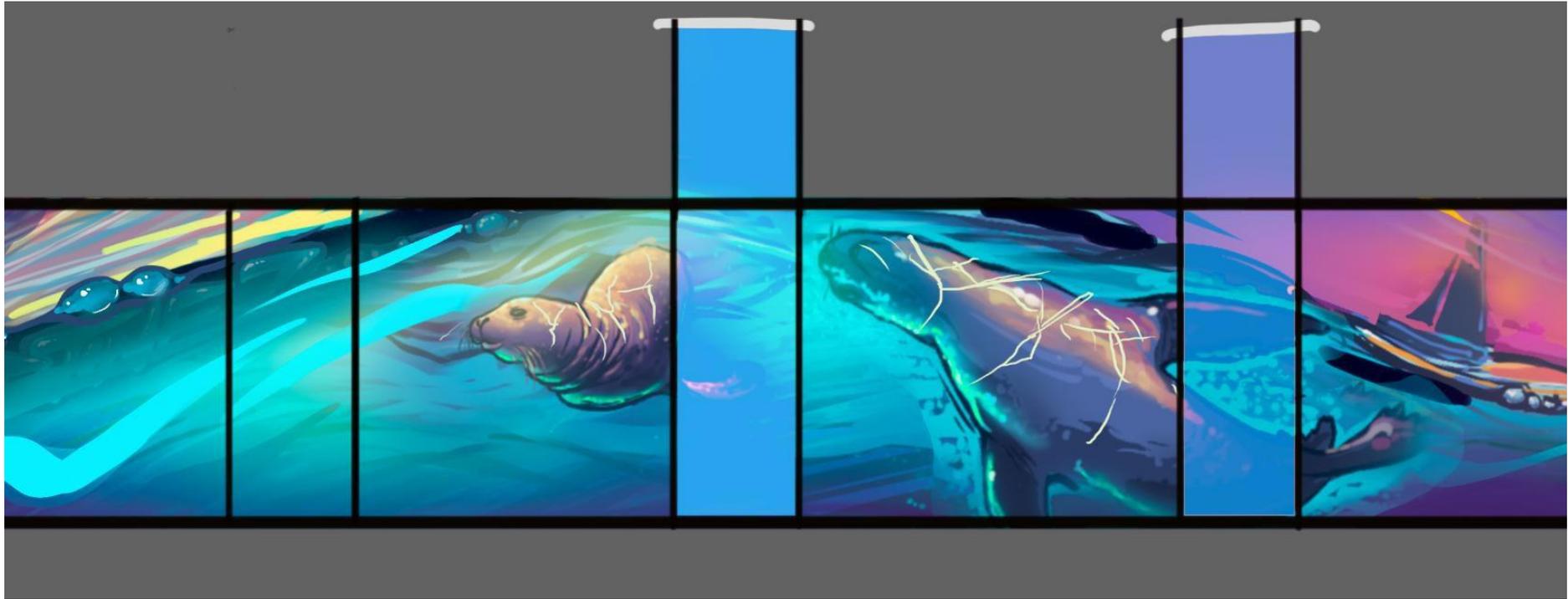
# **DESIGN GOALS FOR ALHAMBRA WAY**

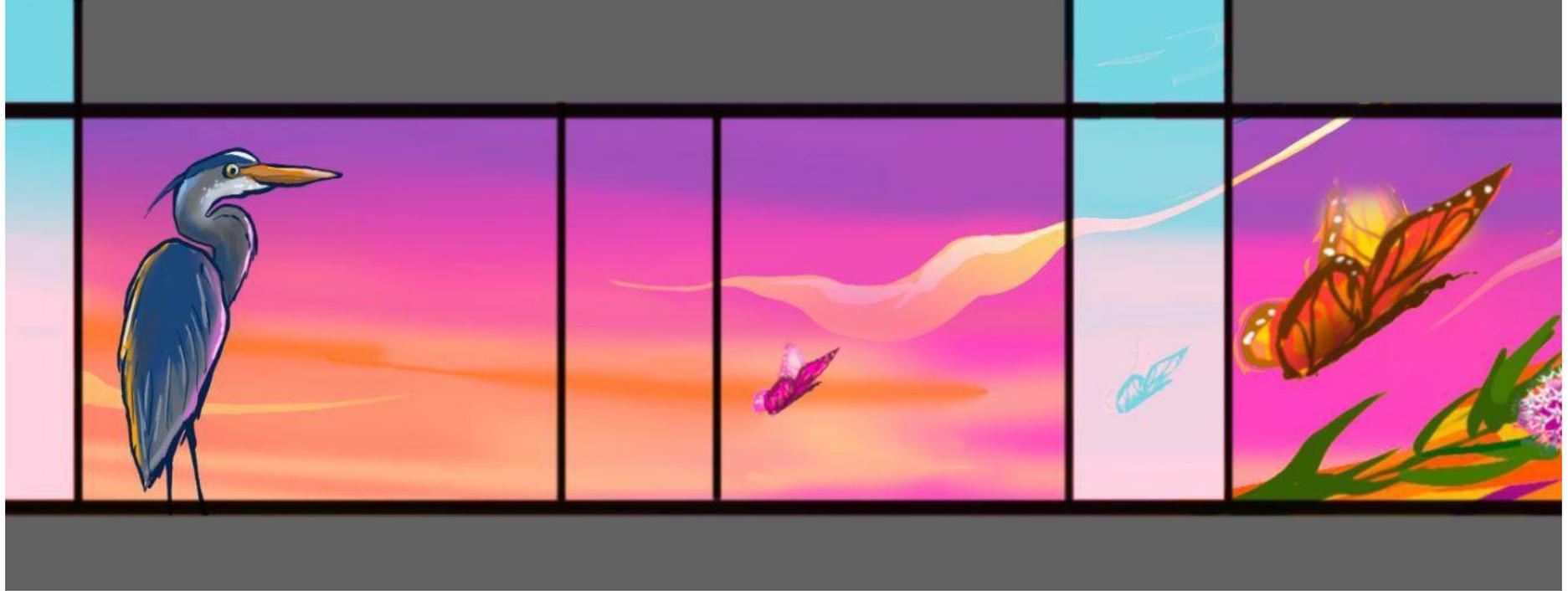
- Bright & Joyful
- Energy & Motion
- Local Wildlife

# Draft Version 3 (NOT FINAL)











# OTHER SPECIES THAT MAY BE ADDED:

- Newt (California Newt)
- CA Tiger Salamander
- Crayfish
- Birds
  - Annas HummingBird
  - Turkey Vulture

## Flowers/Plants

- CA Poppy
- Mt Diablo Ferry Lantern Flower
- Milkweed
- Pipevine

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# Annual Tree Program Update

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City Council

December 6, 2023

# Tree City USA Program Requirements

- Maintaining a Tree Board or Department
  - Fulfilled by the Franchise and Public Infrastructure Subcommittee, which met on October 19, 2023, to receive year-to-date Annual Report
- Having a Community Tree Ordinance
  - Pending proposed revision, to be discussed as Item #13 of this agenda
- Spending at Least \$2 Per Capita on Urban Forestry
  - Contractor and in-house expenses for 2023 meet this standard
- Celebrating Arbor Day
  - Annual Arbor Day Celebration Event coordinated through Recreation

# 2023 Recap - Overall Summary (year-to-date)

- **Tree Removals: 47**
  - 13 removed by staff
  - 34 removed by contractors (primarily Pine and Eucalyptus, for fire fuel reduction and other safety purposes)
    - 5 removed by ConFire Hand Crews (at Traditions park parcel)
- **Tree Plantings: 220**
  - Majority of plantings at Traditions Subdivision, plus some at Brittany Hills
  - New plantings also at Cappy Ricks/Hidden Lakes parks and near Indoor Sports Complexes
- **Tree Prunings: 377**
- **Tree Budget: \$87,717 (\$58,842 contractor + \$28,875 City in-kind)**

# 2023 Recap - Downtown Summary

- Priority Tree Removals and Replantings on Main and Ferry Street
  - New plantings Downtown are planned before year-end at 601 Main Street and 902 Main Street to replace old trees recently removed.
  - Other tree replantings planned late 2023/early 2024 utilizing preferred tree species identified in 2020 community surveys (Crape Myrtle, Greenspire Linden, non-fruiting Ginkgo Biloba, various Maples).



# Traditions Subdivision



# Sports Complexes



# Hidden Lakes Park



# Cappy Ricks Park

# 2023 Recap - Additional Highlights

- Hospice Tree of Lights Heritage Oak on Morello Avenue lost major branch in July
- Tree was evaluated by two arborists and found to be in good health



# Recommendations

- Continue priority tree removals on Main and Ferry Street
- Continue tree replanting program following arborist guidelines and survey results, including medians where trees removed (such as 6200 Alhambra Avenue)
- Continue arborist evaluations of City parks, open space, and public areas and take action as necessary
- Adopt Municipal Code Tree Ordinance revision



Traditions Street Trees along Center Avenue

# Questions?



# **City of Martinez City Council Meeting Name for new park at Pine Meadow Drive**

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December 6, 2023

Ali Hatefi – Assistant City Engineer

# Name for new park at Pine Meadow Drive



Consider Karkin Park as the name for the new park at Pine Meadow Drive, as recommended by PRMCC per naming policy.

- **Background**
- **History/Status**
- **Process for naming a new park**
- **Outreach Process**
- **Applications Received**
- **Review of Applications**
- **Next Steps/Schedule**

# Name for new park at Pine Meadow Drive



## Background

- July 2019: Park parcel created as part of subdivision final map for single family homes to construct at former golf course
- February 2022: City Council approved Park Master plan and first phase design elements.
- September 2022: City approved naming policy for new city facilities.
- June 2023: PRMCC (Parks, Recreation, Marina & Cultural Commission) received a report on staff for process of naming new park at Pine Meadow Drive, planned outreach efforts, and received input.
- October 2023: PRMCC reviewed applications/nominated, voted to recommend Karkin Park for City Council to consider for new park name



# Name for new park at Pine Meadow Drive



## History/Status (Continued)



Park Master Plan



Phase One Project

***Design of Phase One park project complete***



## Process for naming a new park

Three-step process for naming a new city facility

- 6/20/2023: Initial PRMCC meeting to receive presentation on new facility, community and public outreach process, and guidelines for submitting applications.
- 10/17/2023: Second PRMCC meeting with staff review of applications, input from historical experts if needed, and final name choice submitted to City Council.
- 12/20/2023: City Council meeting to determine recommendation from PRMCC and make a final vote for name of new facility.



## Outreach Process

- Social Media
- City website posting
- City newsletter
- Local newspaper posting
- Mailers to nearby residents
- Local Tribes
- MUSD/MDUSD

## **Application/Nomination Submission Methods**

- ***City website***
- ***PDF Form emailed to City***
- ***Paper application to City Hall***

# Name for new park at Pine Meadow Drive



## Applications Received

29 applications received by August 25, 2023 deadline

- Pine Meadow Park/Pine Meadows Park (15)
- Three Hundred Park /300 Park/The Three Hundred Park/The 300 Park (2)
- Platt Park/Tim Platt Park (2)
- Bay Miwok Park
- Coyotes Park
- The Dean Family Park/The Dean Park
- Eagle Park/Eagle Nature Area Park/Eagle Open Space Park
- Gold Rush Park
- Harlan Baily Park
- Karkin Park
- Los Verdes (The Greens) Park
- Louisa Strentzel Park
- Muir Meadows Park

Two applications included alternative name nominations

- Platt Park
- Volunteer Park



## Applications Received (Continued)

### Petitions Received at City Hall on August 24, 2023

- Petition to name new park Pine Meadow Park
- 384 Signatures from various residents in Martinez
- Justifications for name included in cover of petition, based on identification and prior use of area (Pine Meadow Public Golf Course)



## Review of Applications

Martinez Historical Society divided applications to categories:

### Names of Peoples and Groups

- The Dean Family Park or The Dean Park
- Platt Park
- Harlan Bailey Park
- 300 Park or the Three Hundred Park or The 300 Park
- Volunteer Park

### Native American Names

- Karkin Park (Carquin Park)
- Bay Miwok Park

### Wildlife Names

- Coyotes Park
- Eagle Park or Eagle Nature Area or Eagle Open Space

### Historic Martinez Names

- Gold Rush Park
- Louisa Strentzel Park
- Muir Meadows Park
- Pine Meadow Park

Martinez Historical Voted Unanimously to recommend name of Pine Meadow Park, has most historically appropriate for new park



# Name for new park at Pine Meadow Drive

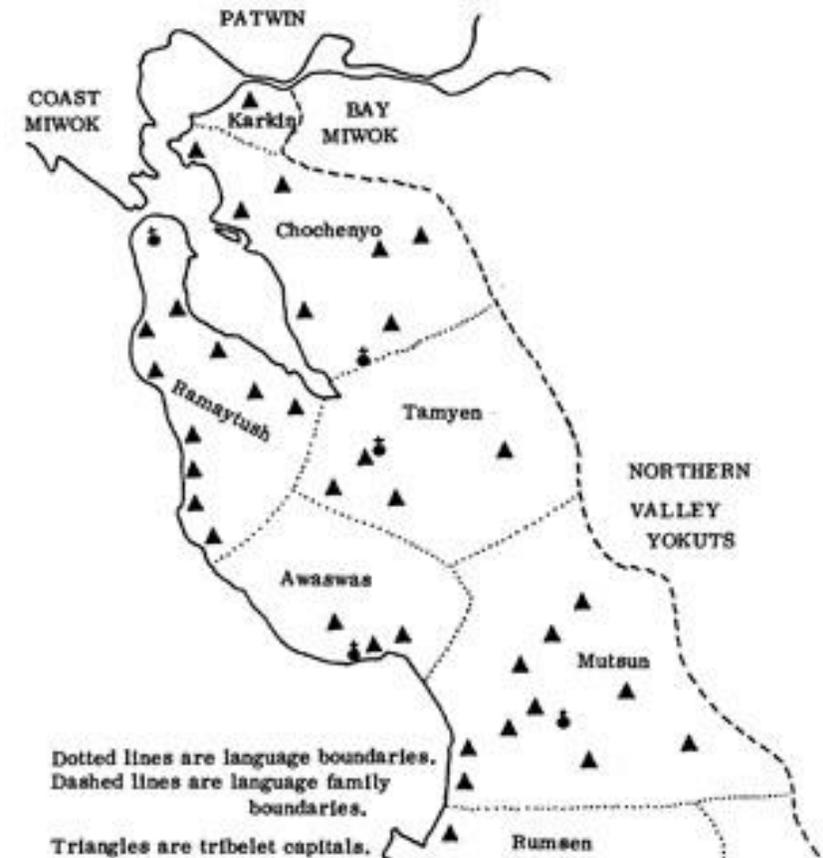
## PRMCC Recommendation

Karkin Park name recommended by motion

- Karkin represents Carquins who spoke the Karkin language, of origin of the Ohlone languages
- Located in Carquinez Strait and Martinez/Concord area
- Estimated 200-300 Karkin speakers prior to colonization



Source: EBRPD– Native Peoples of the East Bay, past to present



Source: Richard L Levy. *Costanoan internal relationships*. Berkeley: Archeological Research Facility, University of California



## Next Steps/Schedule

- June 20, 2023: Meeting with PRMCC to initiate naming of new park.
- August 25, 2023: Deadline for submission of applications.
- October 17, 2023: Meeting with PRMCC to review applications/recommended name of new park to be Karkin Park.
- December 6, 2023: Meeting with City Council to review PRMCC recommendation and consider name of new City park.
- December 20, 2023: Meeting with City Council to approve **(Resolution)** name of new park at Pine Meadow Drive.



**City of Martinez  
City Council Meeting  
Name for new park at Pine Meadow Drive**



**City of Martinez  
City Council Meeting  
Approve Plans/Bid and Purchases of play structure and restroom  
for park at Pine Meadow Drive**

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December 6, 2023

Ali Hatefi – Assistant City Engineer

# Plans/Bid/Purchases for park at Pine Meadow Drive



Approval of plans, authorization to bid, and resolution authorizing purchase of play structure and restroom building, and approve budget transfer

- **Background**
- **History/Status**
- **Phase 1 Design**
- **Purchase of Play Structure**
- **Purchase of Restroom Building**
- **Fiscal Impact**
- **Alternatives**
- **Motion/Resolution**



## Background

- July 2019: Park parcel created as part of subdivision final map for single family homes at former Pine Meadow golf course.
- December 1, 2021: Park Recreation Marina & Cultural Commission (PRMCC) provided recommendations on park components/elements and priorities for first phase.
- February 2022: City Council approved Park Master plan and first phase design elements.
- February 2023: City Council approved MOU with DeNova to start design for the first phase of park at Pine Meadow Drive.
- June 2023: PRMCC provided feedback/recommendation for play structure.

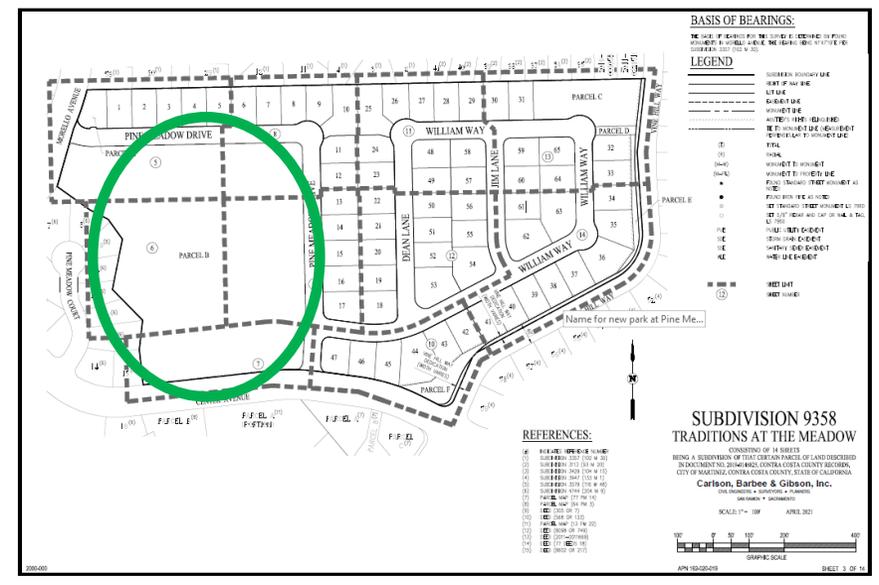
# Plans/Bid/Purchases for park Pine Meadow Drive



## History/Status



Pine Meadow Golf Course



Traditions Subdivision





## History/Status (Continued)



Park Master Plan



Phase One Project



## Phase One Design

- (A) ACCESSIBLE PARKING
- (B) BIO RETENTION
- (C) MONUMENT SIGN
- (D) NATURE PLAY TRAIL
- (E) NEW TREES
- (F) ORIGINAL OAK
- (G) PATHWAY - PAVED CONCRETE
- (H) PATHWAY - CRUSHED AGGREGATE
- (I) PICNIC AREA + TABLES
- (J) PLAYGROUND
- (K) RECREATIONAL TURF
- (L) RESTROOM



### Design Team

- Civil engineering plans by CBG
- Landscape plans by BK&A
- Utility plans by Tarrar

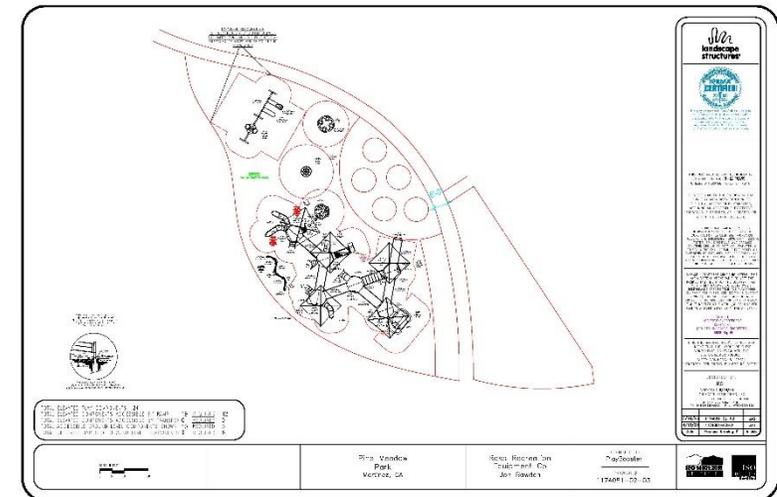
### City To Perform Following Tasks

- Develop bid documents
- Purchase playground structure and restroom building
- Advertise for construction bids
- City contractor to construct



## Purchase of Play Structure

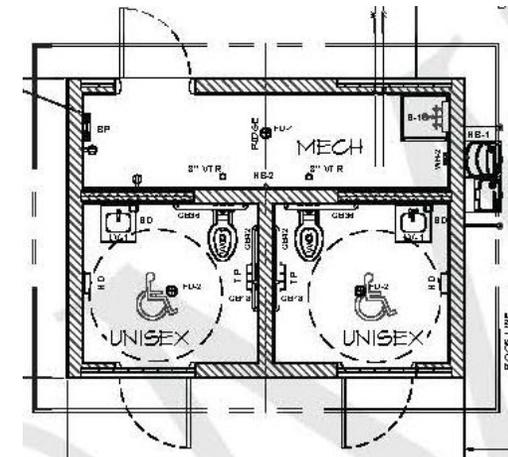
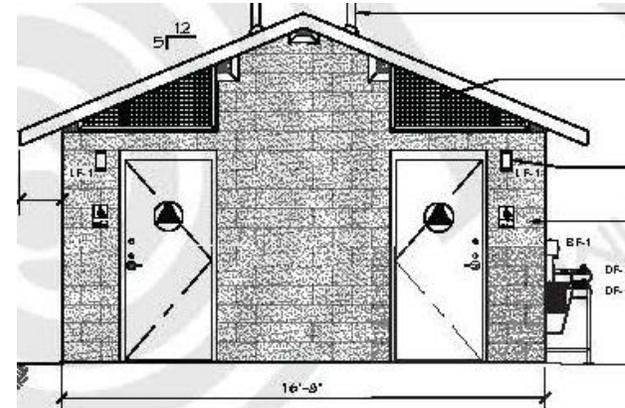
- All ability playground with ramp access
- Main features (interconnected):
  - Block Climber, Conical Climber, Crawl Tunnel Horizontal Ladder, Plank Ladder, Play Panels, Pod Climber, Ramp Access, Roller Slide, Shade Toppers, Slide Winder, Sway Fun
- Stand-Alone Features
  - Cozy Dome, Sensory Play Wall, Omni Spinner (for ages 2-5), Swing Structure, Topsy Turner
- Structure and coloring recommended by PRMCC
- Landscape Structures Quote: \$251,394





## Purchase of Restroom Building

- Two single user/unisex stalls
- Mechanical/utility closet for maintenance
- Outdoor water fountain
- Anti-graffiti coating walls
- Interior/exterior lighting
- Timed locks for closure at night
- Romtec Quote: \$116,139





## Fiscal Impact

Project has current funding of **\$1,833,240**

- ARPA Funds: \$1,074,153
- Parkland Dedication Fees: \$275,847
- DeNova contribution: \$483,240

Total Cost for Project is **\$2,727,765**

- Construction: \$2,350,000
- Design team \$150,000
- Design Coordination \$36,765
- Bid and Award \$12,000
- Construction Management \$185,000

***Shortfall of \$900,000 to fully fund Phase 1***



## Fiscal Impact (Continued)

Staff recommends a budget transfers of \$900,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds:

- \$300,000 from Mt. View Basketball Court Resurfacing Project
- \$600,000 from un-allocated ARPA funds



## Alternatives

City Council has discretion to not fully fund construction of Phase 1.

Defer purchase of play structure and restroom building.

Staff recommendation of establishing bid schedules for various project elements:

<u>Bid Options-Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
• Base Bid: Pathways, landscape/irrigation around pathways/basins, drainage, parking lot	\$1,210,000
• Additive 1: Play structure purchase/install, surface foundation/pad	\$580,000
• Additive 2: Landscape/irrigation overlook hill at southwest corner	\$200,000
• Additive 3: Pathway lighting and conduits/wiring	\$90,000
• Additive 4: Site furnishing for benches and tables	\$85,000
• Additive 5: Restroom building purchase, and construction	\$185,00



## Motion/Resolution

Adopt a motion approving the plans and specifications, and authorizing staff to advertise for bids for the park at Pine Meadow Drive, Project No. C5048.

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute standard form contracts with Landscape Structures, Inc. for new play structures in the amount of \$251,394, and with Romtec Inc. to design and supply a new restroom building in the amount of \$116,139, and, approving an additional allocation of \$600,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and re-allocation of \$300,000 of ARPA funds from Mt. View Park Basketball Court Replacement (Project C5046) to the park at Pine Meadow Drive, (Project C5048).



**City of Martinez  
City Council Meeting  
Approve Plans/Bid and Purchases of play structure and  
restroom for park at Pine Meadow Drive**

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Questions?



**City of Martinez  
City Council  
Chickens, Bees, and Trees Regulations**

December 6, 2023



## What is being proposed?

- Merge Chapter 8.08 and 8.12 together under new Chapter 8.08 (Protected Trees)
- Update definition of protected trees
- Establish a list of recommended and discouraged trees
- Add new definitions for apiary, chicken, and coop
- Add Chapter 22.58 (Small Animals)
- Add new regulations for beekeeping, such as quantity, size, and location requirements
- Update regulations for chickens, such as quantity and location requirements



## Tree Regulation Updates

- Merge Chapter 8.08 and Chapter 8.12 under new Chapter 8.08 (Protected Trees)
- Establish standardized tree replacement ratio:
  - One 15-gallon replacement tree for each street tree removed
  - One 15-gallon replacement tree for each tree removed that is 24 inches in diameter or less
  - Two 15-gallon replacement trees for each tree removed that is greater than 24 inches in diameter.
- Establish a list of discouraged trees, including trees that may pose a fire hazard, are invasive, or may otherwise pose an impact.
- Referencing a list of recommended trees that will be maintained by City staff.



## Tree Regulation Updates

- Amend definition of “Protected Tree” by
  - Measure protected trees by diameter, rather than circumference;
  - Remove Coast red elderberry;
  - Add trees within the public right-of-way or private access easement; and
  - Add trees within the Downtown Specific Plan area
- Add language on potential development moratorium on issuance of permits for intentional damage, destruction, or removal of a protected tree
- Clarify adjacent property owner responsible for maintenance of street trees



## New and Updated Definitions

New definitions:

- Apiary
- Chicken
- Coop

Updated definitions:

- Agriculture – Large Scale
- Small Animal Farming



## Bee Regulations

- **Quantity:** Two apiaries per parcel
- **Size:** Maximum 2' x 2' x 6'
- **Landscape:** Minimum of 500 square feet of pollinating garden
- **Location:**
  - Rear Yard or Roof;
  - Minimum of 5 feet from property lines;
  - Accessory Structure setbacks based on zoning district;
  - Minimum of 25 feet from public right-of-way and private street; and
  - Closer to primary residence on subject parcel than primary structure on adjacent parcel



## Bee Regulations Exceptions

- In agricultural zoning, an additional one apiary is permitted for every 5,000 square feet of gross lot area
- In commercial and industrial zoning districts, the twenty-five foot setback is not required for rooftop apiaries only.
- Conditional Use Permit required for:
  - More than two apiaries per parcel.
  - Not adhering to location requirements of apiaries.



## Chicken Regulations

- **Location:** Allowed in Residential and Agricultural zoning
- **Noise:** Roosters are prohibited
- **Enclosure:** Require enclosure or fenced area which:
  - Is kept in a clean and sanitary condition, free from odor, pests, and vermin.
  - Is located within a rear yard.
  - Meets the minimum required setbacks for accessory structures.
  - Closer to the primary residence or structure of subject property than to any adjacent or neighboring primary structure.
  - Is roofed.
- **Lot Coverage:** Coops and cages do not count towards lot coverage limits.
- **Feed Storage:** Feed shall be stored in a rodent-proof and predator-proof container.



## Chicken Regulations (Continued)

Maximum Number of Chickens Allowed	
Gross Lot Area	Maximum Number of Chickens Permitted
Between 4,000 square feet and 10,000 square feet	4
Between 10,001 square feet and 20,000 square feet	6
Between 20,001 square feet and 40,000 square feet	8
Greater than 40,001 square feet	16



## Planning Commission Recommendation

- Remove Coastal Redwood trees from the list of recommended trees
- Reduce the parcel size for the maximum of four chickens from 5,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet



## Mount Diablo Beekeepers Association Feedback

- Revise the definition of apiary to: “the assembly of one or more colonies of honeybees at a single location.”
- Distinguish beehive from apiaries.
- Require a flyaway barrier which is a minimum of 6 feet high and 20 feet long.
- Require an adequate water source.
- Allow beehives up to six square feet, rather than specific dimension requirements, to allow flexibility in design.
- Clarify that beehives may be stacked and/or placed on a stand.



## Mount Diablo Beekeepers Association Feedback (cont.)

Maximum Number of Beehives Allowed	
Gross Lot Area	Maximum Number of Beehives Permitted
Between 4,000 and 10,000 square feet	2
Between 10,001 and 20,000 square feet	4
Between 20,001 and 40,000 square feet	6
Between 40,001 and 200,000 square feet	8
Greater than 200,001 square feet	40



## Recommendation

Conduct a public hearing, provide feedback, and continue the matter to December 20, 2023 to re-introduce the Ordinance in response to feedback from the City Council.



## Next Steps

Either:

- City Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance: December 20, 2023
- Regulations Effective: January 19, 2024

If the Council supports the Mount Diablo Beekeepers Association feedback, then:

- City Council 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: December 20, 2023
- City Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance: January 17, 2024
- Regulations Effective: February 17, 2024

# Chickens, Bees, and Trees Regulations



## Questions?