



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Mayor Brianne Zorn
Vice Mayor Debbie McKillop
Councilmember Jay Howard
Councilmember Mark Ross
Councilmember Satinder S. Malhi

DATE: Wednesday, January 17, 2024
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Council Chamber, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553; and via Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER - *Pledge of Allegiance*

ROLL CALL - *Councilmembers Jay Howard, Mark Ross and Satinder S. Malhi; Vice Mayor Debbie McKillop, Mayor Brianne Zorn*

SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS

1. Receive report, hold discussion and provide feedback to staff about revisions to the Special Event Policy and special events for the 2024 calendar year.
[Staff Report - Special Events Workshop](#)
[Attachment A - List of Special Events 2023](#)
[Attachment B - Current Special Event Policy](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT - *Agenda Items Only.*

ADJOURNMENT - *Adjourn to a Regular City Council Meeting on January 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM.*

On January 12, 2024, a true and correct copy of this agenda was posted on the City Hall Kiosk, located at 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553, and on the City website at www.cityofmartinez.org.

/s/ Kat Galileo, Assistant City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

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CIVILITY STATEMENT - *As your elected Governing Board, we will treat each other and the public with patience, civility, and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in Martinez for the conduct of all City business and community participation. This includes respect for everyone's First Amendment Right to voice their opinion on matters within the City's subject matter jurisdiction, even if that opinion is different from our own. The decisions made tonight will be for the benefit of the Martinez community and not for personal gain.*

PRESENTATIONS

1. Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month
January 2024 - Tacos Don Chai
2. Present the 2023 Eco Awards to Copper Skillet and three John Muir Elementary School teachers, including Mary Hardesty, Melinda Metcalf, and Paula Parker.
[Staff Report - Eco Awards Program](#)
[Attachment A – Martinez Eco Award Winners: 2015 to 2023](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT - *For items not on the agenda. Non-agenda public comment is limited to matters which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, and which are not action items listed elsewhere on the agenda.*

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Motion waiving reading text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.
4. Motion to Approve City Council Action Minutes for December 20, 2023.
[Action Minutes 12-20-23](#)
5. Motion to reject claim submitted by Kylie Klein.
[Claim - Klein, Kylie \(Redacted\)](#)
6. Motion to reject claim submitted by Tracy Jones-Williams.
[Claim - Jones-Williams, Tracy \(Redacted\)](#)
7. Motion to Approve Check and EFT Registers for the months of November and December 2023.
[Check Register - December 7, 2023](#)
[Check Register - November 22, 2023](#)
[Check Register - November 30, 2023](#)
[Check Register - December 14, 2023](#)
[Check Register - December 20, 2023](#)
8. Waive the reading and adopt the Ordinance approving a Municipal Code Amendment and Zoning Text Amendment to amend the Martinez Municipal Code by: 1) merging Martinez Municipal Code Chapter 8.08 (TREES AND SHRUBS – PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE) and 8.12 (TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY-PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND REMOVAL), amending the definition of Protected Tree, establishing a tree replacement ratio, establishing a list of recommended and discouraged trees, and establishing a tree replacement in-lieu fee; 2) amending Chapter 22.04 (DEFINITIONS) and Chapter 22.12 (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS) to revise and establish new definitions for apiary, chicken, and coop; and 3) adding Chapter 22.58 (SMALL ANIMALS) to establish standards and best practices for bees and chickens.
[Staff Report - Chickens, Bees, and Trees Regulations](#)
[Ordinance - Chickens, Bees, and Trees Regulations](#)

9. Waive the reading and adopt the Ordinances approving Zoning Text and Zoning Map Amendments establishing a) the Community Services Overlay District and b) the Alhambra Avenue Overlay District; and waive the reading and adopt the Ordinance approving a Zoning Map Amendment amending the zoning district for 32 parcels in the downtown for consistency with the General Plan 2035.
[Staff Report - Zoning Text and Map Amendments](#)
[Ordinance - Alhambra Avenue Overlay District](#)
[Ordinance - Community Services Overlay District](#)
[Ordinance - Downtown Zoning Map Amendment](#)
10. Adopt a resolution authorizing the request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2024/25 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project funds.
[Staff Report - TDA Article 3 Application](#)
[Resolution - TDA Article 3 Application](#)
[Attachment A - Resolution Findings](#)
[Attachment B - Fiscal Year 2024/25 TDA 3 Project Application Form](#)
11. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Consultant Services with Allana Buick & Bers, Inc. (ABB) in an amount not to exceed \$183,500 to provide professional services for the City Hall Roof Replacement Project No. C4019 and the Ozone Building Roof Replacement Project No. C7062, and allocating \$50,000 of Water bond funds to Project No. C7062.
[Staff Report - City Hall Design and Ozone Building Roof Replacements](#)
[Resolution - Authorizing Contract with Allana Buick & Bers, Inc.](#)
[Attachment A - Proposal for City Hall Roof Replacement Design \(10.3.2023\)](#)
[Attachment B - Proposal for Ozone Building Roof Replacement Design \(10.16.23\)](#)
12. Receive and file the Military and Specialized Equipment 2023 Annual Report and find the equipment has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code §7071(d).
[Staff Report - AB481 Annual Review of Military Equipment Ordinance](#)
[Attachment A – Martinez Police Department Policy 706: Military Equipment](#)
[Attachment B – AB481: Military and Specialized Equipment 2023 Annual Report](#)
13. Continue the Waterfront Marina Trust Land Use Plan, without consideration, to the regular City Council meeting of February 7, 2024.
[Staff Report - Waterfront Marina Trust Lands Use Plan](#)

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

14. Receive report, hold discussion, and provide direction to staff regarding potential revisions to the City's cannabis regulations.
[Staff Report - Cannabis Regulations](#)
[Attachment A - Existing Martinez Municipal Code Chapter 5.29 \(Commercial Cannabis\)](#)
[Attachment B - HdL Survey of Area Retail Cannabis On-Site Security Requirements](#)
[Attachment C - Public Comments](#)
15. Receive report and hold discussion regarding the City's Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Programs implementation during calendar year 2023.
[Staff Report - 2023 Climate Action Plan & Sustainability Programs Annual Report](#)
16. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a standard form contract with Insidesource in an amount not to exceed \$182,900, transferring \$190,043 from ARPA fund balance and \$63,000 from the Management Information Systems fund balance to project C4014, and finding the project to be categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a).
[Staff Report - Phase 3 City Hall Office Remodel Order](#)
[Resolution - Phase 3 City Hall Office Remodel Order](#)

[Attachment A - ARPA Priorities and Funding Allocations](#)

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

17. Conduct a public hearing and adopt a Resolution, upholding the appeal of the Planning Commission’s decision to approve Planning Application 23PLN-0035 and approve the request from Discovery Builders, Inc. to modify Conditions of Approval #8 to eliminate the requirement for a vehicular entry gate for the Laurel Knoll subdivision, subject to modified conditions of approval.
[Staff Report – Laurel Knoll Change of Conditions Appeal](#)
[Resolution – Laurel Knoll Subdivision Change of Conditions Appeal](#)
[Attachment A – Planning Commission Resolution No. 23-11](#)
[Attachment B – Planning Commission Meeting Minutes \(July 25, 2023\)](#)
[Attachment C – Draft Planning Commission Meeting Minutes \(November 14, 2023\)](#)
[Attachment D – Appeal Documents](#)

CHIEF OF POLICE

18. Comments/Updates

CITY MANAGER

19. Comments/Updates
- Muir Oaks Update

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

20. Adopt a resolution approving the appointment of Ben Therriault as a regular member of the Civil Service Commission with a term set to expire on June 30, 2024.
[Staff Report - Appointment of Ben Therriault as Regular Civil Service Commissioner](#)
[Resolution - Appointment of Ben Therriault as Regular Civil Service Commissioner](#)

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

21. Republic Services Franchise Negotiations Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update
22. Budget & Finance Subcommittee Report Out

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23. Comments/Updates

ADJOURNMENT - *Adjourn to a City Council Study Session on February 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM.*

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Special Events Study Session

City Council Meeting
January 17, 2024

Agenda



- Overview of 2023 events
- Revisions to the Special Event Policy and Application
- Overview of 2024 events



Objectives



- Streamline the application process (reduce time and administrative costs to the city)
- Create more equity in the application process
- Receive feedback on recurring City-organized events
- Receive feedback on new event opportunities



Background



In preparation of this report:

- Collected and reviewed data
- Evaluated fiscal and human resources
- Conducted internal focus groups
 - Conducted surveys of outside cities
 - Consulted DEI consultant



Overview of 2023 Events



- Events directly organized by city: **11**
 - Youth Baseball Parade
 - Pumpkin Dunkin
 - Egg Hunt
 - Memorial Day
 - 4th of July Parade & Fireworks
 - Veterans Day
 - Holiday Frolic
- Special Events facilitated by staff: **120**
- Average number of events involving city staff: **10/month**
- Number of unique events : **49**



Overview of 2023 Events



Main Annual City Events

- Largest event:
 - King of the County BBQ Competition: **20,000-25,000 attendees**
- Multiple Events:
 - Farmer's Market: **1,500-3,000**
 - Open Air Markets: **3,500**
- One Time Events:
 - 4th of July: Parade **3,000**; Fireworks: **5,000**
 - Bay Area Craft Beer Festival: **2,500**
 - Halloween spooktacular: **2,500**



*Note: Rough estimated attendance

Current Special Event Policy & Application



Priority Scheduling

- Determines sequencing of scheduling process
- Identifies which groups are considered priority
- (1) Chamber & Downtown Martinez, (2) School Districts, (3) Nonprofits that have received city grant (4) General Public
- Two-month process

Preferred Status

- Prohibits outside parties from holding similar events in the same area six weeks prior or six week after (Chamber/Downtown Martinez & Co)
- Purpose is to support economic vitality & longstanding history of financial & resource support

Current Special Event Policy & Application



Application

- 17-page fillable PDF
- 40 day submission requirement via email (partial and fully completed)
- Includes event write up, site plan, insurance, permits, location map, ABC license
- Reviewed by 8 city staff, including final approval by City Manager
- No fees charged

Current Special Event Policy & Application



City Resources

- 2-4 hours public works support
- 2-4+ hours for administrative review per application
- Recreation, public works, police work all major events to ensure risk management, public safety, cleanliness



Recommended Revisions



- Rescind Priority Scheduling and Preferred Status Policy
- Streamline the policy and application
 - Online; must complete entire application
 - Shortened application
 - 90-day minimum application submission
 - Monthly limit
 - Strengthen solid waste and sustainability provisions
- Track and evaluate costs in 2024 for special events



Next Steps

- Administrative policy approved by the City Manager
- Webinar for event organizers
- Launch 2024 calendar

City-Organized Special Events 2024



Criteria

- Council's priority of bolstering cultural events
- Increasing family-friendly opportunities
- Ensuring all parts of the City are served
- Limited staff resource capabilities



City-Organized Special Events 2024



Annual Events (Continued)	Date	Budgeted (Y/N)
Health Fair	February 23, 2024	Yes
Youth Baseball Parade	March 2, 2024	Yes
Waterfront Egg Hunt	March 30, 2024	Yes
Arbor Day	April 26, 2024	Yes
Memorial Day	May 27, 2024	Yes
July 4 th Parade & Fireworks	July 4, 2024	Partially
Homecoming Parade	October 4, 2024	Partially
Pumpkin Dunkin	October 13, 2024	Yes
Candy Hunt	October 30, 2024	Yes
Veterans Day	November 11, 2024	Yes
Holiday Frolic	December 6, 2024	Yes
Frosty's Holiday Boutique	December 6 & 7, 2024	Yes
Proposed New Events	Date	Cost
Movie in the Park Series	June 29, July 27, August 24	Not funded; \$5,000
Diversity Festival (pilot)	September 2024	Not funded; \$30,000

City-Organized Special Events 2024



What type of feedback are we looking for?

- Do you want us to continue with the current slate of events? (budgeted)
- Movies in the Park? (sponsored)
- Multi-cultural Festival? music, art, food (hybrid of sponsorships & ARPA)



Questions / Comments?



City of Martinez Cannabis Regulations Discussion

January 17, 2024



Background

- City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1421 on April 3, 2019, establishing Cannabis regulations, which are outlined in Martinez Municipal Code Chapter 5.29
- The following types and number of “commercial cannabis” businesses are permitted in Martinez:
 - Dispensary/Retail Cannabis – maximum of two
 - Manufacturing – maximum of one
 - Distribution – maximum of one
 - Testing Laboratory – maximum of one
 - Non-Storefront Retail – maximum of one

Cannabis Operating Permits



- Since adoption of the regulations, the City has selected and issued Commercial Cannabis Operating Permits (“CCOP”) to four cannabis operators:
 - Retail (2) – Velvet Cannabis and Embarc
 - Manufacturing (1) – Opposite Coast
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Tonight's Discussion



- Purpose of tonight's Cannabis discussion is to consider a number of policy revisions and administrative updates to the regulations, which, if approved, could be implemented in early 2024, including:
 - Site Security
 - Diversity-Equity-Inclusion (DEI) considerations
 - Billboard advertising prohibitions
 - Temporary cannabis event prohibitions
 - On-site health information posting requirements
 - On-site consumption prohibitions
 - Expanded buffer zone requirements
 - Delivery location restrictions/prohibitions & require delivery business to carry CCOP

Site Security – State Requirements



- Storefront retailers are required to have security personnel on-site during all hours of operation.
- Security personnel must be at least 21 years old and be licensed by the Bureau of Security Investigative Services (BSIS).
- State regulations do not specify a minimum number of security personnel.
- State regulations are silent on whether security guards are allowed to be armed.
- These regulations do not apply to non-storefront retailers.
- **City Ordinance requires two on-site security personnel, 24/7.**

Site Security Requirements – Survey Results



HdL conducted a recent survey which revealed that of 26 other jurisdictions that allow storefront retailers:

- One requires more than one guard
- Twenty-five (25) require only one security guard
- Three require guards on-site 24/7
- Twenty-three (23) require security guards only during hours of operation
- Three specifically allow security guards to be armed, two specifically prohibit security guards from being armed, and twenty-one (21) jurisdictions remain silent on this matter
- Finding: Martinez is the **only** jurisdiction requiring two guards on-site 24/7

Site Security Requirements – Recommendation



- A more flexible approach representative of best practices would allow for the increasing or decreasing of the number and times for on-site security guards to be required
- The determination to ramp security up or down would be issued at the discretion of the City Manager and Chief of Police, and based upon various factors, such as:
 - Crime trends
 - Success of deterrent measures, such as target hardening, remote surveillance, and random patrols.

Additional Cannabis Regulation Recommendations



- **Equity** – Require applicants to propose specific DEI measures.
- **Signs** – Prohibit advertising on all billboards in Martinez.
- **Events** – Prohibit temporary cannabis events, which is the State default but could be called out explicitly.
- **Health Information** – Require posting of on-site health information, subject to review and approval by Planning Division.
- **Consumption** – Prohibit on-site consumption of cannabis products.
- **Delivery Permit** – Require cannabis delivery businesses operating in Martinez to have a CCOP.

Additional Cannabis Regulation Recommendations - continued



- **Delivery Locations** – Prohibit cannabis deliveries to parks, playgrounds, daycare centers, residences located on school campuses, workplaces involving trucking or transportation, and transit centers.
- **Buffer Requirements**
 - Add a 1,000-foot buffer zone requirement from parks, playgrounds, colleges, universities, and libraries
 - Expand the existing 600-foot buffer for schools (K-12), daycares, and youth centers to 1,000 feet
- **Terminology** – Use the term “adult-use” rather than “commercial” or “recreational” cannabis, to distinguish from medicinal cannabis.



Recommendation

Hold discussion and provide direction to staff regarding proposed changes to City's Cannabis regulations.



**City of Martinez
City Council Meeting
Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Programs
Annual Report for Calendar Year 2023**

January 17, 2024

Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Programs Annual Report for Calendar Year 2023



Background

2006 - The California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) passed and established a statewide goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

2009 - The City adopted a Climate Action Plan (“CAP”). CAP focuses on transportation, energy, solid waste, water, and climate adaptation. The City continues to make CAP implementation progress through sustainability programs, infrastructure improvements, and dedicated community member efforts.

Future - The City’s sustainability efforts may be further improved upon with a comprehensive update to the CAP to address legislative changes and emerging trends.

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CAP Topic Areas

- Transportation
- Energy
- Solid Waste and Recycling
- Water
- Adaptation and Carbon Sequestration

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General Sustainability

Green Business Recertification of City Hall and the Police Department

- Effective November 29, 2023-November 29, 2027
- Estimated savings: 3,145,198 pounds CO₂, 201,211 kilowatt hours ("KWh"), 127,224 gallons water



Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge Participation

- 332 Martinez households participating
- Savings reported: 26 tons CO₂e, 5,945 KWh, 719 therms, 768 gallons of gas, 44,872 gallons water



CLEANER
CONTRA COSTA
CHALLENGE



Transportation

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Upgrade at City Hall

- Outdated single-port station replaced with dual-port station, increasing the total number of available ports to four.
- Funding support:
 - \$7,000 from MCE
 - \$4,000 from CCTA



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Energy

Rankin Aquatic Center Pool Heater Replacement

- Replaced old heaters with new pool heaters with a 96-percent efficiency rating and are built to last 20 to 24 years.



HVAC Upgrade at City Hall

- Replaced three Air Handling Units and pneumatic building controls. Estimated 19-25 percent electrical savings, along with savings of \$920 to \$1,210 per month in utility costs.
- Funding source: \$766,812 in General Fund Infrastructure Reserves



Energy

Solar and Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installations

- Issued building permits for 425 solar permits and electric vehicle charging stations.
- Received \$40,000 California Automated Permit Processing Program grant to establish online automated solar permit processing, with anticipated launch in early 2024.

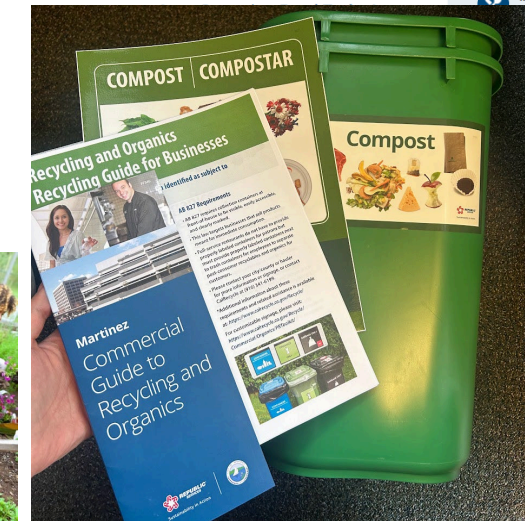
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Solid Waste and Recycling

Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Composting Education and Outreach

- The City's Sustainability Assistant completed site visits at 85 restaurants to inform them of SB 1383 and AB 1276 requirements.
- Sent direct mailers to residents and businesses and provided information on the City website, e-newsletter, and through social media channels.



New California Law Requires Donation of Edible Food

CA State Law SB 1383 and requires certain Commercial Edible Food Generators to donate edible food to feed people and reduce organic waste to landfill.

The law establishes a target to increase recovery by 20% of currently disposed edible food for human consumption by January 1, 2025.

Edible food recovery programs will feed hungry people, create new green collar jobs, strengthen relationships between food donors and food recovery organizations, help create sustainable funding for food recovery organizations, and build more resilient communities.

SB 1383 Requirements

Generators:

- Must maintain a written agreement with all Food Recovery Organizations and/or services that pick up or receive edible food.
- Must maintain monthly records of type, frequency, and pounds of food recovered.
- Shall not intentionally dispose of or compost edible food that can be donated.

Starting January 1, 2024, penalties may be issued for non-compliance.

Who Has to Comply?

Tier 1 Generators:

- **Inspections Begin January 1, 2022**
- **Enforcement Begins January 1, 2024**

- **Supermarkets:** gross annual sales of two million dollars or more.
- **Grocery Stores:** a total facility size equal to or greater than 10,000 square feet.
- **Food Service Providers:** Provides food services to institutional, governmental, commercial, or industrial locations.
- **Food Distributors:** Distributes food to entities including supermarkets and grocery stores.
- **Wholesale Food Vendors:** Receives, stores and prepares food for wholesale distribution to a retailer, warehouse, etc.

Tier 2 Generators:

- **Inspections Begin January 1, 2024**
- **Enforcement Begins January 1, 2024**

- **Restaurants:** 250 or more seats, or a facility equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet.
- **Large Venues:** Serve 2,000 or more individuals per day.
- **Large Events:** Charges an admission price, is operated by a local agency and serves 500 or more individuals per day.
- **Local Education Agencies:** with an on-site food facility.
- **Health Facilities:** with an on-site food facility and 100 or more beds.
- **Hotels:** with an on-site food facility and 200 or more rooms.
- **State Agency Cafeterias:** 250+ seats or a total cafeteria size equal to or greater than 500 square feet.

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Solid Waste and Recycling

Composting Workshop at City Hall

- Waste Sleuth and Associates held a free composting workshop on May 20th.
- Provided an overview of backyard composting, curbside organics collection, and requirements of SB 1383.
- Ruffled a free backyard composting bin and offered free kitchen food scrap pails.





Solid Waste and Recycling

Compost Giveaway to Residents

- Republic Services hosted two compost giveaways for Martinez residents.
 - March 25th: 110 cubic yards of compost, 198 residents
 - August 26th: 80 cubic yards of compost, more than 200 residents





Solid Waste and Recycling

Reuse Roundup Event for Gently Used Goods

- Republic Services hosted annual event on October 28th at Light of Grace Korean Presbyterian Church. Approximately 800 pounds of blankets, clothing, housewares, toys, shoes, and bicycles were collected.

Extra Recycling Collection to Residents

- Republic Services hosted two recycling events for cardboard and Styrofoam.
 - January 28th: 1,140 pounds Styrofoam, 1,000 pounds cardboard
 - October 28th: 1,100 pounds Styrofoam, 840 pounds cardboard





Solid Waste and Recycling

Cold In-Place Recycling Utilized for Howe Road Paving Project

- Resulted in approximately 5,200 tons of asphalt being saved through reuse and recycling. The method also prevented approximately 260 truck trips (18-wheel trucks) to the asphalt plant.



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Solid Waste and Recycling

John Muir Earth Day/Birthday Event

- Hosted a booth at the April 22nd event and shared sustainability program information and educational opportunities such as the home composting workshop.
- City partners, New Leaf Collaborative and Republic Services, also hosted educational booths featuring environmental education and free kitchen food scrap pails.



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Solid Waste and Recycling

Martinez Unified School District Recycling Project

- Completed 8th year of project with New Leaf Collaborative, Martinez Unified School District, and Republic Services.

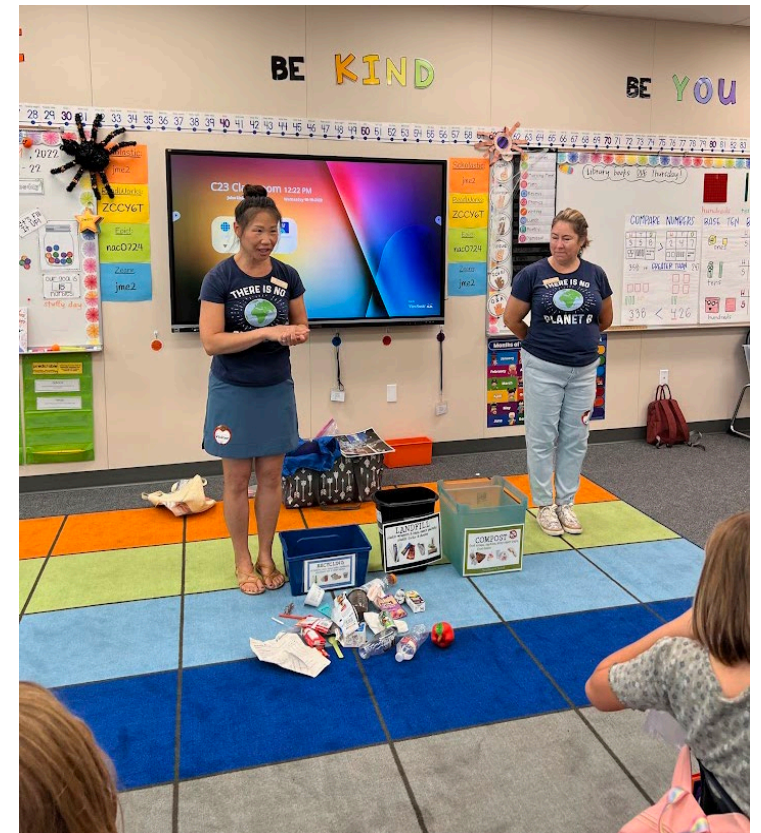




Solid Waste and Recycling

Martinez Unified School District Recycling Project

- NLC provided eco-literacy lessons to over 2,500 students at MUSD elementary schools.



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Solid Waste and Recycling

Martinez Unified School District Recycling Project

- Green Team participation:
 - John Muir Elementary School: 100 student volunteers
 - John Swett Elementary School: 18 student volunteers
 - Morello Park Elementary School: 64 student volunteers
 - Alhambra High School: 18 student volunteers
 - Las Juntas Elementary School and Martinez Junior High School plan to start Green Team monitoring in 2024.





Solid Waste and Recycling

Martinez Unified School District Recycling Project

- NLC provided presentations for Martinez Junior High School and Alhambra High School virtually and in person.
- Waste sorting games were facilitated after the presentations for students, parents, and staff.





Solid Waste and Recycling

Martinez Unified School District Recycling Project

- Green Team appreciation and outreach:
 - NLC hosted or supported Green Teams with outreach booths at orientations, appreciation events, and provided staff and classroom presentations upon request.



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Water

Eco-Kids Educational Workshops

- NLC hosted 54 students and 14 youth mentors at climate-related workshops at Susana Street Park and the Kiwanis Club of Martinez. Activities included a water cycle scavenger hunt, water conservation games, upcycled nature art, and more.



Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Programs Annual Report for Calendar Year 2023



Adaptation and Carbon Sequestration Contra Costa County Sea Level Rise Resilience and Adaptation Plan

- Worked with the Mayor to submit a letter of endorsement to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.
- The Plan will build upon foundational studies of sea level rise vulnerability along different sections of the Contra Costa County shoreline and establish adaptation strategies.

August 28, 2023

Attn: Dolores Barajas, Program Manager
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Contra Costa County Sea Level Rise Resilience and Adaptation Plan

Dear Dolores Barajas,

On behalf of the City of Martinez ("the City"), I am delighted to submit this letter endorsing the Contra Costa County Sea Level Rise Resilience and Adaptation Plan ("the Plan"). The Plan will build upon foundational studies of sea level rise vulnerability along different sections of the Contra Costa County shoreline and establish a range of adaptation strategies tailored to the unique needs and priorities of the various communities along the county's coastline.

The shifting landscape, due to sea level rise, poses a significant threat to the 1.16 million residents of Contra Costa County. With rising temperatures and more extreme weather events, increased instances of severe flooding impacting our marina and waterfront are inevitable, which will comprise both man-made structures and natural elements. In light of this challenge, the unincorporated communities and shoreline cities within Contra Costa County would greatly benefit from a comprehensive sea level rise resilience and adaptation plan that encompasses the entirety of the county's coastline.

The City fully supports the Plan and is committed to aiding its development and execution by participating in regional meetings, offering input, and ensuring alignment with and enhancement of the adaptation strategies identified through our own endeavors. The City is of the opinion that Contra Costa County's concentrated efforts to address sea level rise with a focus on community well-being along the continuous shoreline, in collaboration with stakeholders, will create a strong foundation that can support neighboring local and regional initiatives aimed at mitigating rising sea levels.

This work will safeguard the futures of residents, property owners, and vested interests that call Contra Costa County their home, guaranteeing the region remains a thriving hub for living, working, and recreational activities. We eagerly anticipate working closely with county agencies, community organizations, and elected officials to ensure that Contra Costa County flourishes in the face of the rising sea levels.

The City has a track record on partnering with the County and other cities in Contra Costa County on climate change, adaptation, and sustainability initiatives. Specifically, the City adopted a resolution in 2022 supporting the Bay Conservation and Development Commission's ("BCDC") Bay Adapt Report. Additionally, I was appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to represent Contra Costa County as one of two elected officials on BCDC's Sea Level Rise Task Force.

The City is in the final stages of developing the Martinez Waterfront Marina Trust Land Use Plan, where we have developed a variety of approaches to respond to sea-level rise and climate adaptation, satisfying the City Council's goal of developing a "vibrant, sustainable waterfront and marina." Our



Adaptation and Carbon Sequestration

Recognition as “Tree City USA” by Arbor Day Foundation

- 20th year of recognition
- Over 200 trees planted (largely related to Traditions Subdivision)



Tree Protection Regulations

- Introduced Municipal Code Amendments on December 20th to establish and enforce policies that protect existing trees and provide clarifications to existing tree definitions, replacement standards, and a list of discouraged trees.

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Recommendation

Receive report and hold discussion regarding the City's Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Programs implementation during calendar year 2023.

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Questions?



**City of Martinez
City Council
Laurel Knoll Subdivision – Entry Gate
Change of Conditions Appeal**

January 17, 2024



Recommendation

Conduct a public hearing and adopt a Resolution, upholding the appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to approve Planning Application 23PLN-0035 and approve the request from Discovery Builders, Inc. to modify Conditions of Approval #8 to eliminate the requirement for a vehicular entry gate for the Laurel Knoll subdivision, subject to modified conditions of approval.



Original Approvals

- **July 24, 2013:** Planned Development and Subdivision proposing 76 townhomes approved by City Council.
- **July 28, 2015:** Design Review approved by Planning Commission.





Vehicular Entry Gate Condition of Approval

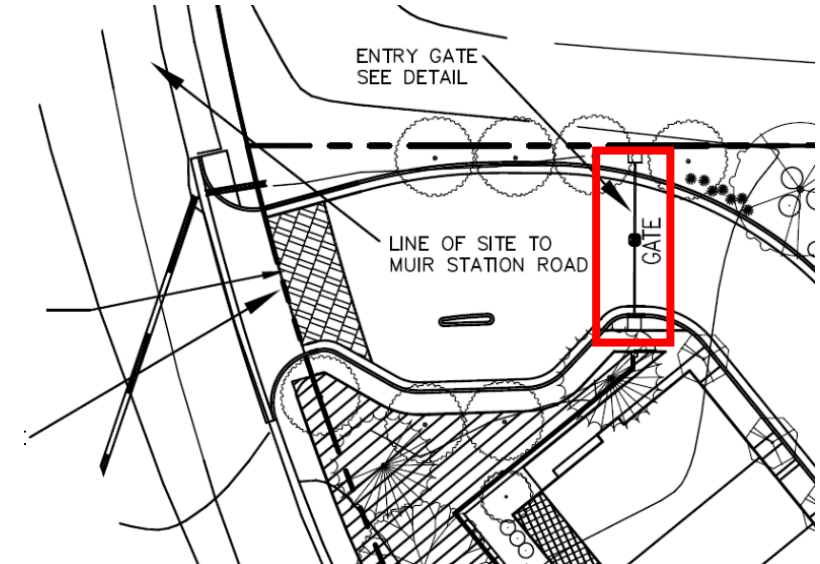
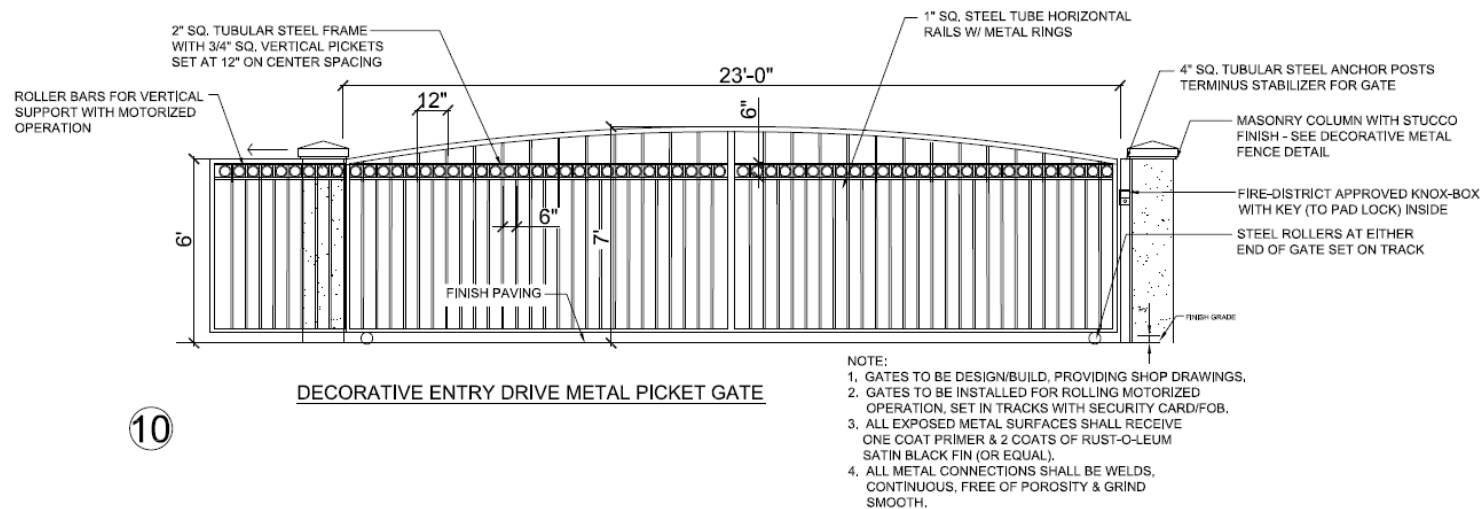
- Construction near completion.
- Condition of Approval #8 states:
“Front entry gate shall be designed as shown on page 64 [of the project plans]. Gate materials and colors shall match those shown on page 65 [of the project plans].”





Vehicular Entry Gate Details

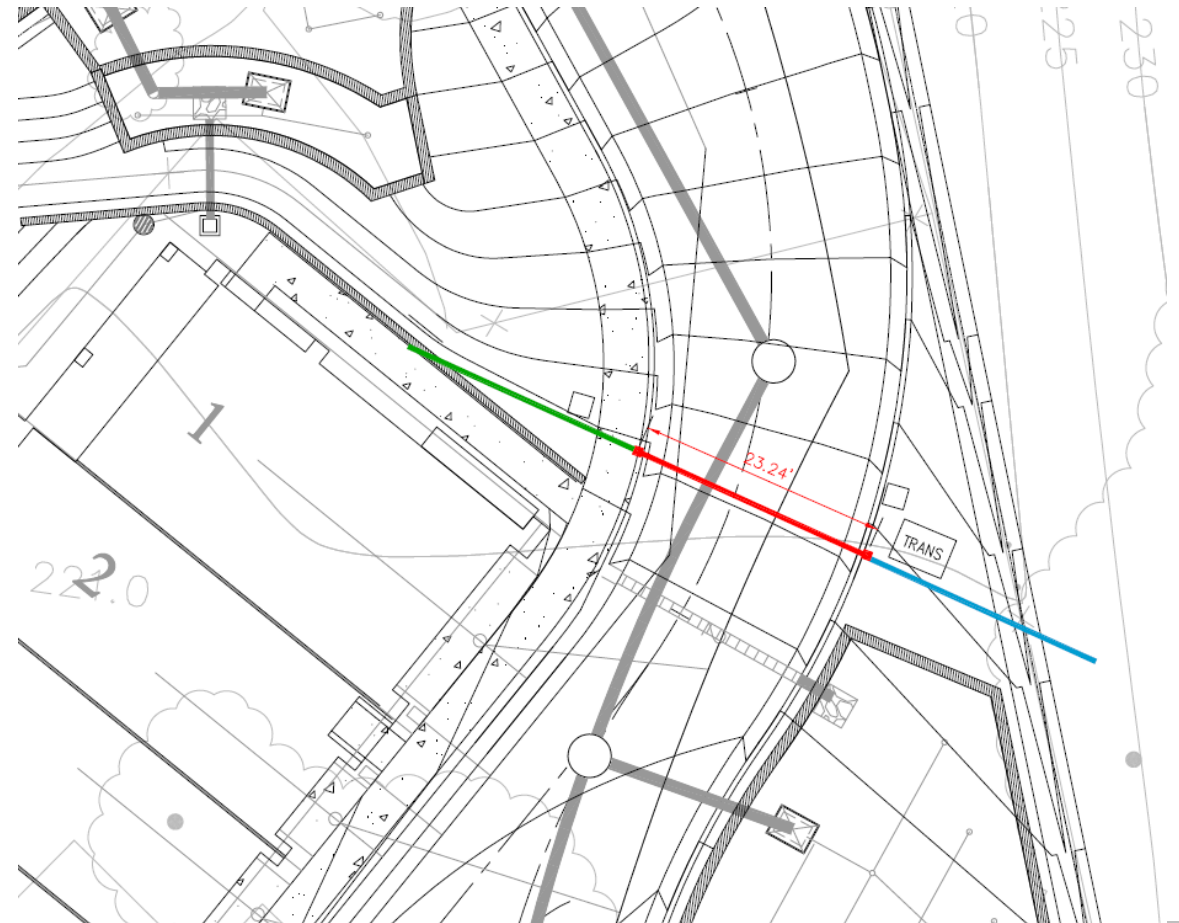
- Entry gate's location was approved to be approximately 75 feet south of the Muir Station Road.
- The entry roadway was also designed to provide additional width for a turn out area along the west side of the driveway to accommodate a keypad area for visitors.





Applicant Reasoning

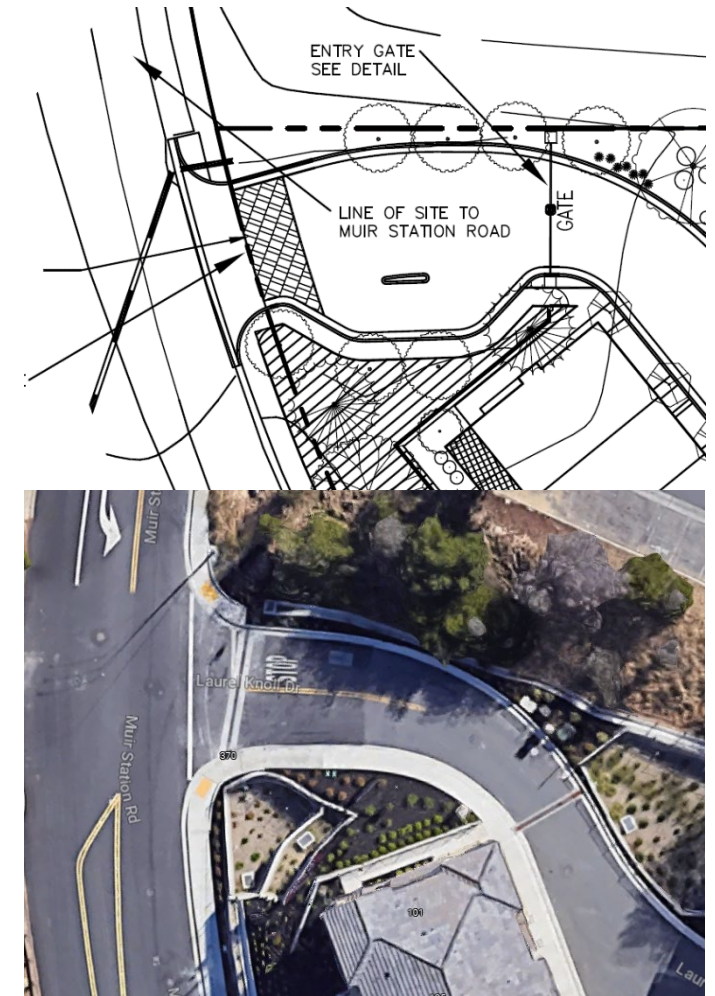
- Applicant submitted Planning Application 23PLN-0035 requesting to modify the Condition of Approval #8 from the Design Review approval to eliminate the requirement for a vehicular entry gate.
- New Project Engineer expressed concerns about the slope and safety issues.
- Rolling gate not feasible due to site constraints.
- Concerns related to the safety of vehicles queueing on the sloped entryway that could potentially spill over onto Muir Station Road.
- Relocating the gate would be difficult.





Staff Reasoning

- Increase ease of access for emergency vehicles
- Eliminates scenarios where the gate may break or loses power
- Reduces upkeep cost to the Homeowner's Association
- Increases connectivity with surrounding neighborhoods
- Preserves already difficult sightlines
- Additional improvements (such as vehicle turnout and relocation of stormwater facilities) would be required if the entry gate is installed.
- **All design review criteria can be made.**





July 2023 Planning Commission

- Planning Commission considered the application.
 - Staff recommended approval of Applicant’s request.
 - Concerns from residents included:
 - Told that a vehicular gate would be installed
 - Issues with package theft and non-residents
 - Disagreement that the vehicular gate is infeasible
 - Lack of outreach from the Applicant and HOA
 - Planning Commission continued the item to a later date.
- **September 12, 2023 and October 10, 2023:** Planning Commission continued the application, without discussion.





November 2023 Planning Commission

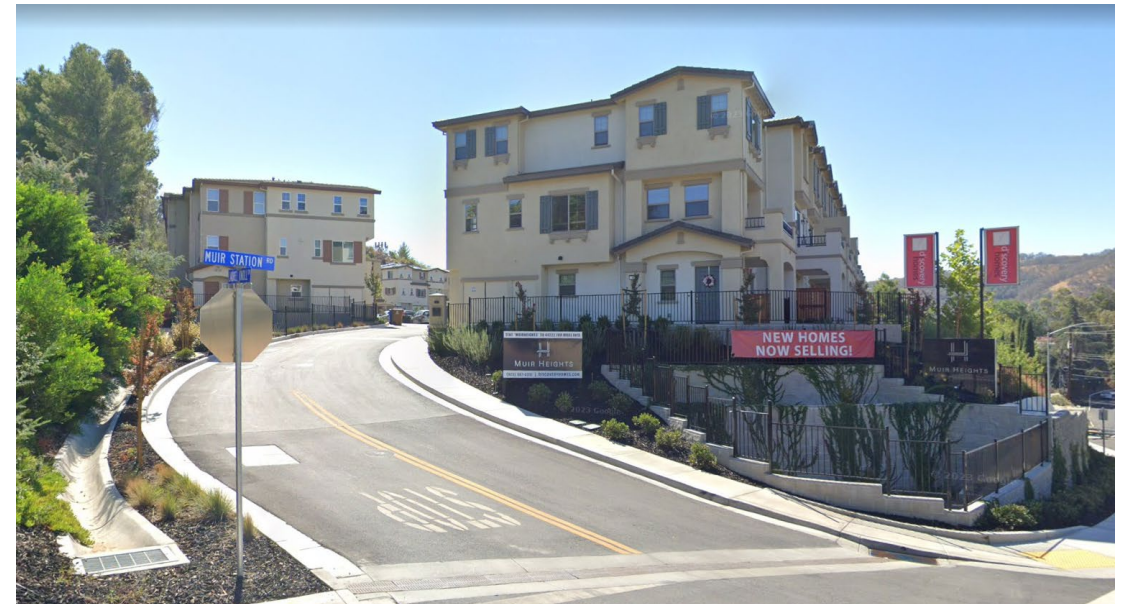
- Planning Commission considered supplemental information and revised proposal, including:
 - Applicant had meeting with HOA on November 7, 2023.
 - Applicant proposed to utilize a License Plate Reader system in lieu of a front entry gate.
 - Chief of Police supported concept.
- Staff recommended approval of Applicant's request.





November 2023 Planning Commission Decision

- Concerns from the public included:
 - Same concerns from first Planning Commission meeting
 - License Plate Reader was not a suitable alternative to the vehicular gate
 - Outreach to the HOA was not sufficient
- Planning Commission approved an alternative motion to approve the project with additional revisions to the conditions of approval.
 - Implementation of a package security system
 - Require study by independent Engineer to determine if a vehicular gate is feasible
 - Build gate if determined feasible, or do License Plate Reader if infeasible





Appeal

- On November 27, 2023, the Applicant filed an appeal, stating they agreed with staff's previous recommendation and conditions of approval, but did not agree with the adopted revisions imposed as conditions of approval by the Planning Commission.
- **The City Council shall hear the matter de novo and may affirm, reverse, or modify the previous decision.**



Design Review Criteria

- Since the proposed project would amend the previous design review decision, the project is subject to the design review criteria.
- Criteria are very general and are focused mostly on aesthetics (colors, massing, materials, etc.).



Findings

Finding “J” states: *“Establishing a circulation pattern, parking layout and points of ingress and egress (both vehicular and pedestrian), designed to maximize pedestrian safety and convenience and to minimize traffic congestion resulting from the impediment of vehicular movement. When applicable, access for handicapped individuals should be considered.”*

Staff found that removing the vehicular gate further aligns the project more closely with finding “J” since it would:

- 1) Eliminate the possibility of queueing at the vehicular gate and spilling over onto the adjacent roadway;
- 2) Minimize traffic congestion as residents and guests would no longer have to wait for the vehicular gate to open to access the subdivision; and
- 3) Improve the accessibility for emergency vehicles into the subdivision.



Summary

- Staff support the Applicant's appeal request because:
 - All findings can be made
 - The additional COAs from the Planning Commission lack a nexus to findings
 - The approved gate is infeasible, due to site constraints
 - The Applicant inclusion of the License Plate Reader system is a welcomed gesture



Recommendation

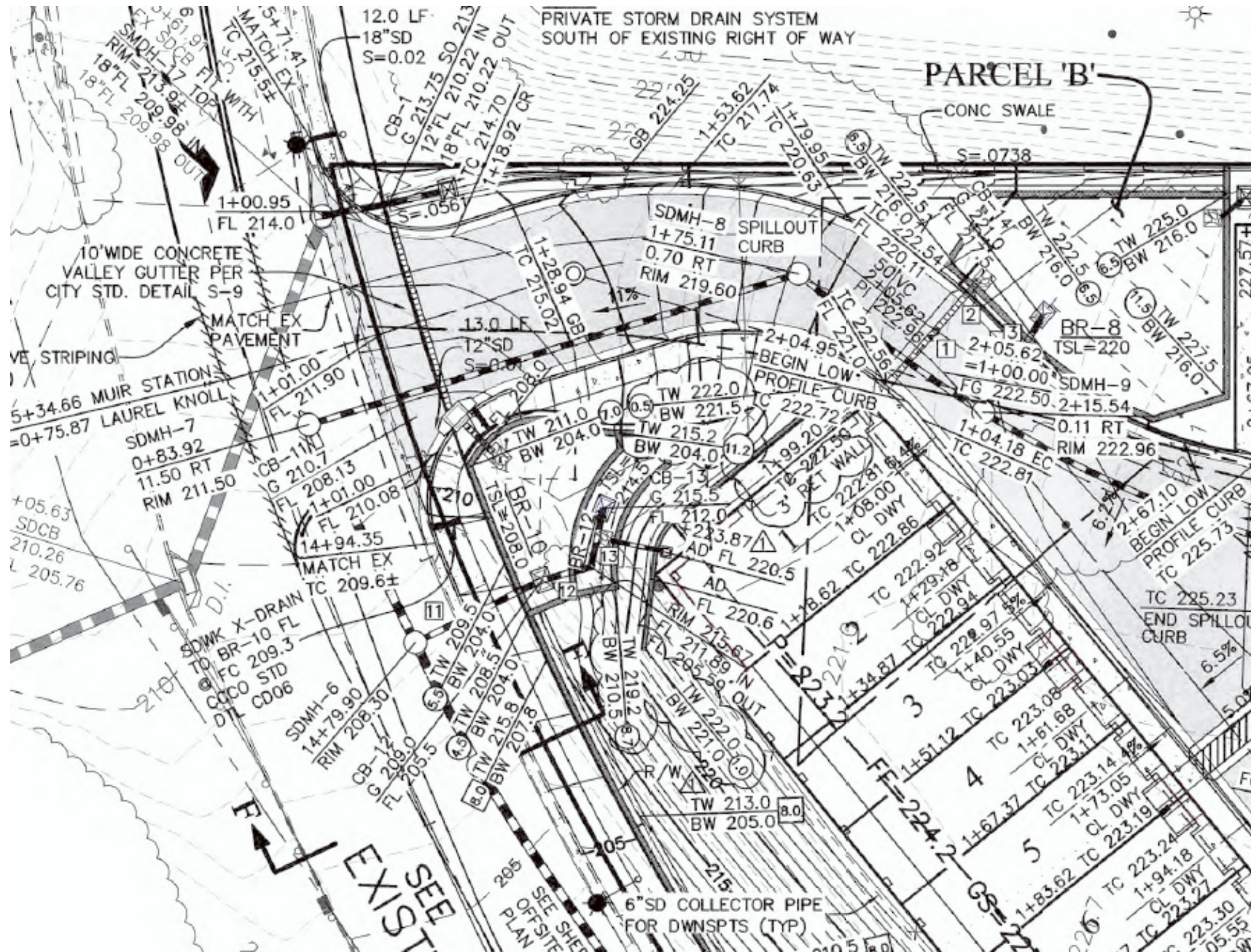
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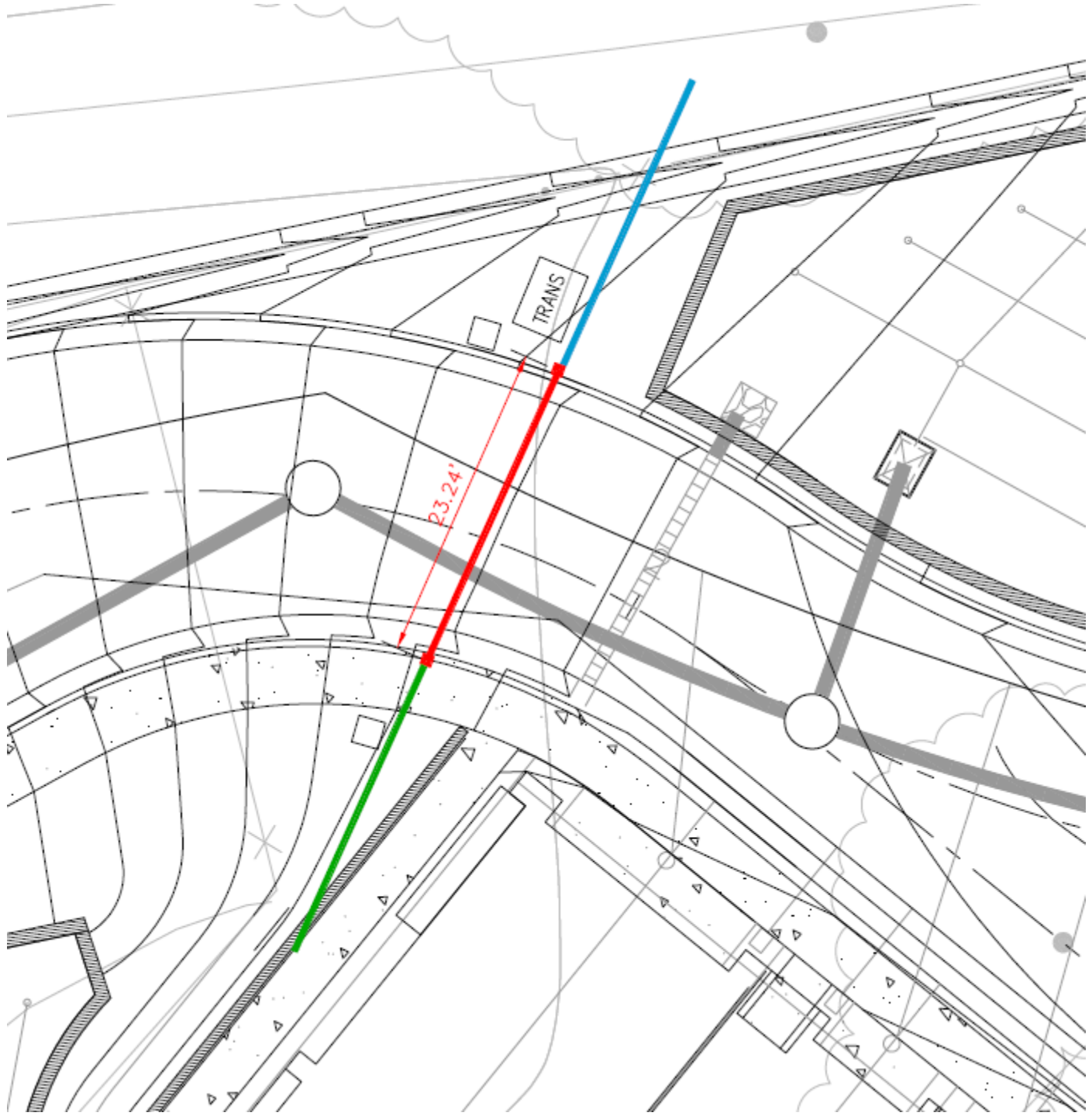
Laurel Knoll Subdivision – Change of Conditions Appeal



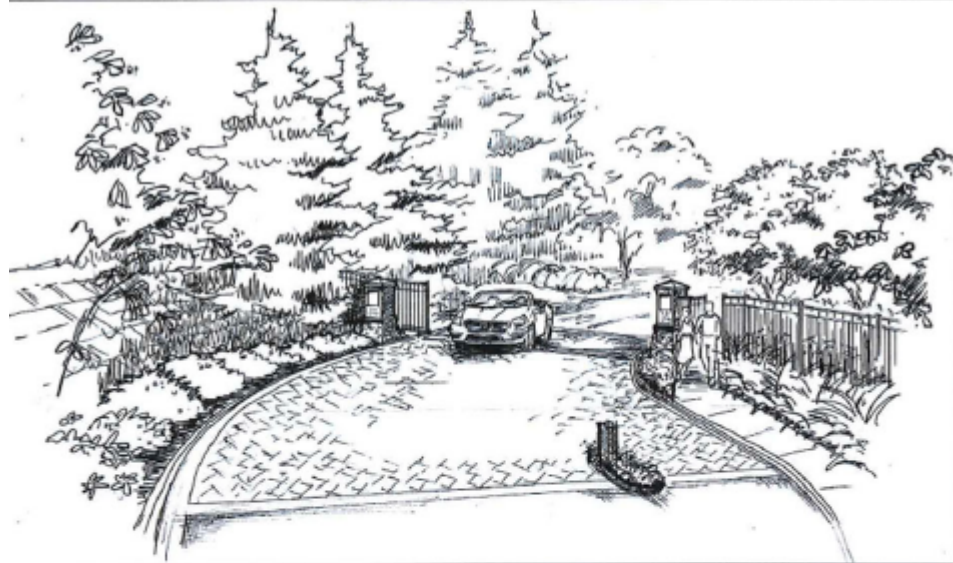
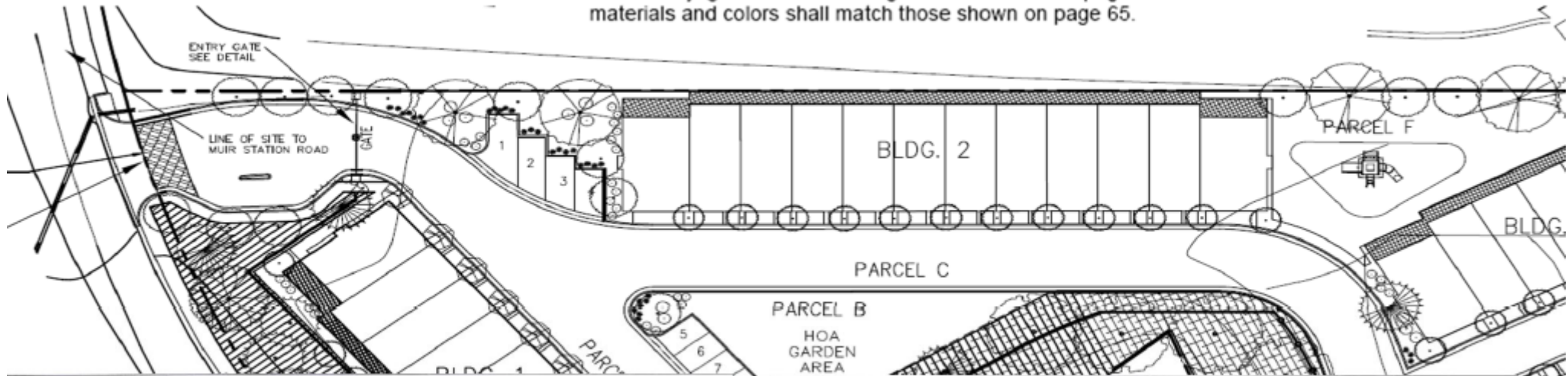
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EXISTING DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE AT MUIR STATION ROAD

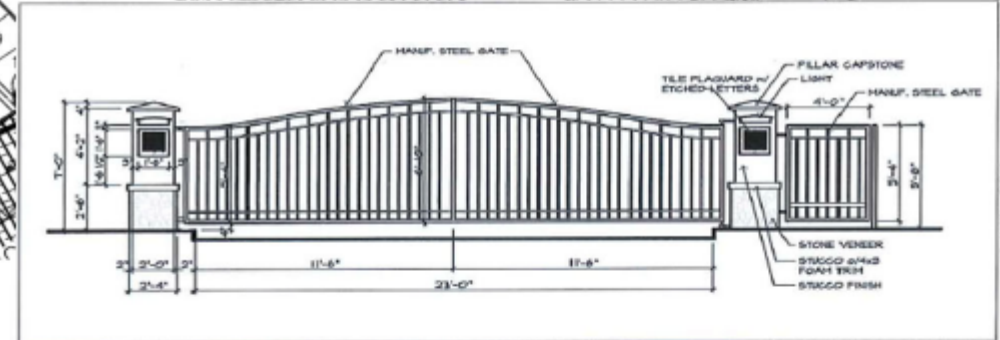




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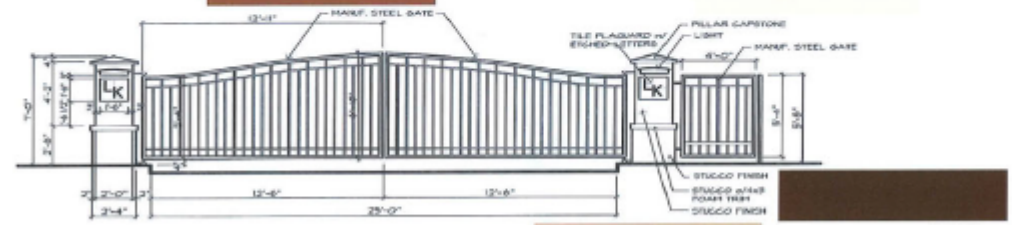
PERSPECTIVE OF PROJECT ENTRY



PROJECT ENTRY ROLLING DRIVEWAY SECURITY GATE

Kelly-Moore
Sattile #213
(apply to gates)

Kelly-Moore
Soft White #22
(apply to pillar capstone & trim)



Kelly-Moore
Spanish Sand #231
(apply to stucco column)

Kelly-Moore
Latte Please #KM402-5
(apply to stucco base)

- JULY 25, 2023: PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED OUTREACH TO HOA COMMUNITY
- DISCOVERY REACHED OUT TO NIA LANDEROS AT HOMEOWNERS MANAGEMENT CO.
- HOA BOARD MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023
- DANIEL HAGAN (FLOCK SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE) EXPLAINED THE FLOCK SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED BENEFITS
- HOMEOWNERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF INSTALLING FLOCK SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM, SOME STILL VOICED A PREFERENCE THAT A VEHICULAR GATE BE INSTALLED

Ethics-Driven Innovation

Flock's Solution!

- Transparency
- Secure AWS Gov't Cloud Server storage
- Footage 100% owned by customer
 - Deleted after 30 days
 - Never sold or shared
- Cameras detect unbiased, objective data
- No connection to the DMV
- No facial recognition software
- No personal Data in the system
- Search reason field required for audit trail
- Provide the same technology to HOA's & commercial businesses and law enforcement



Installation Examples





70%

Decrease in
Residential
Burglaries

19%

Decrease in part
1 crimes

Part 1 crimes include - Murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, human trafficking

**Police Chief and City Council Attribute
Crime Decrease to More Cases
Cleared With Flock LPR cameras**

“As the number of cleared cases increases, crime correspondingly decreases. One of the first places we put cameras used to get a ton of hits - now there are barely any. These cameras are working as a deterrent in keeping out crime.”

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In closing, I do not see the feasibility of installing an automated gate system at this location. Again, it would require a reconstruction of the driveway entrance and even if redesigned there is not sufficient space to complete the work.

Sincerely,



Gabe Blom
VP of Operations

Valley Entry Systems, INC.

P.O. Box 126, Escalon, CA 95320

Phone: 209-577-2023

Contractors Lic #508299

DIR # 1000012368

www.ValleyEntry.com

January 9, 2024

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabe Blom', written over a white background.

Gabe Blom

VP of Operations

Kat Galileo

From: Rachel deikman <racheldeikman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:00 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Festival Funding

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Hello,

I am so excited to hear there is discussion about the special events process here in Martinez!

I am asking for the city of Martinez to sponsor Pride and Juneteenth. These are important community led events that deserve support!

Thank you,
Rachel

Kat Galileo

From: Lisa Sanders <leesesanders@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 11:32 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Comment 1-17 meeting- 2024 city events calendar

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Dear City Council,

I want to submit a comment in responses to the presentation of the 2024 city events calendar.

Specifically, I want to address the idea of a Diversity Festival in September that might allocate \$30k in city funds.

As you know, we had the first-ever Martinez Pride event put on by dedicated community members this September. Also, the first-ever Juneteenth event in June 2023! Although, these are amazing community-led events, 2024 brings with it an opportunity for the City of Martinez to sponsor these important initiatives in collaboration with the community!

There can be an illusion that a Diversity festival is inclusive and is the best way to celebrate everyone, but off the heels of two important community-led celebrations, it doesn't feel reflective of what the community is truly asking for. In lieu of allocating a larger budget and staff support to one event, we sincerely ask that the City sponsors 3-4 community cultural events that more appropriately reflect our needs. This would include city-led sponsorship of Pride and Juneteenth events, and it could also solicit community input on the additional cultural events.

Martinez has great momentum, passion, dedication, and rich diversity that the City can best honor with multiple city-led cultural events.

Thank you,

Lisa Sanders
Martinez Pride Planning Committee Member

Kat Galileo

From: Molly Woodward <mollywoodward1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 11:28 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Public Comment: Special Events session

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Dear City Council Members,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on tonight's special session about special events.

I helped with the permit applications for last year's Juneteenth and Pride events. I am glad the city is considering measures to make event applications simpler and easier to complete, as well as an equitable process for reviewing them.

I was confused and concerned when I saw mention of a "diversity festival" in September that could receive \$30K of city funding. I don't know what is meant by a diversity festival (and I will attend the meeting virtually to find out more). But it sounds like it carries the risk of lumping together diverse marginalized groups, rather than supporting existing community-led events—like Juneteenth and Pride—that represent the true diversity of Martinez. I am also concerned that the event is proposed without a process of actively soliciting public opinion.

I feel that if the city has \$30K to spend on special events, it should instead channel that funding into events like Juneteenth and Pride. As other local cities have done, the City of Martinez could actively sponsor and lead these events, developing planning committees that include both city staff and community members with background and knowledge about the particular events.

With thanks for your time and leadership,

Molly Woodward

Kat Galileo

From: Michael Cass
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2024 6:06 PM
To: Kat Galileo
Cc: Michael Chandler; Andrew White; Daniel Gordon; Jill Bergman
Subject: FW: Proposed changes to city cannabis ordinance

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Hi Kat,

Below please find public comments for Wednesday's City Council meeting.

Thank you.



Michael P. Cass, he/him
Planning Manager
City of Martinez
525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553
Direct (925) 372-3524 | Main (925) 372-3515
mcass@cityofmartinez.org | cityofmartinez.org

From: Craig Lazzeretti <lazzeretti@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2024 9:49 AM
To: Brianne Zorn <bzorn@cityofmartinez.org>; Debbie McKillop <dmckillop@cityofmartinez.org>; Jay Howard <jhoward@cityofmartinez.org>; Michael Chandler <mchandler@cityofmartinez.org>; Satinder S. Malhi <smalhi@cityofmartinez.org>; Mark Ross <mross@cityofmartinez.org>; Andrew White <awhite@cityofmartinez.org>; Michael Cass <mcass@cityofmartinez.org>; Helen Rossi <hrossi@martinez.k12.ca.us>; cmasellaobrien@martinez.k12.ca.us
Subject: Re: Proposed changes to city cannabis ordinance

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Dear City Council members and staff,

I just reviewed the amended [staff report](#) for the proposed changes to the cannabis ordinance. Thank you for responding to my comments and those of others by amending the proposed buffer from 600 to 1,000 feet to schools and other sensitive locations. That is a very positive development in my mind. I would like to follow up with some additional thoughts on this and other proposed modifications ahead of Wednesday's discussion:

1) I noticed that the proposed 1,000 foot buffer would extend to the following facilities: **parks, playgrounds, colleges, universities, and libraries, in addition to the existing school buffer of 600 feet** (which also would be increased to 1,000 feet). However, it is not clear from the staff report how this new buffer would impact Martinez Adult Education, which literally borders the Embarc property. If colleges and universities are to be included in this new buffer, certainly an adult school that serves students as young as 18 should be included as well? Assuming you agree, it is clear that the new standard would have to apply to future applications for dispensary locations and that Embarc would be grandfathered based on the rules that were in place at the time it was approved. I think it's important that if Embarc were at some point to move or close that this site would be off limits for a new dispensary, given your proposal for this new 1,000-foot buffer that would include higher-education facilities. I would also like to note that while the distance between Embarc and Alhambra High School would still fall beyond the 1,000 foot buffer, the issue there is much more around visibility and prominence than distance. Embarc is located on the city's most traveled thoroughfare that hundreds of students pass by either on foot, bicycle, car or public transportation on their way to and from school each day. While it may not be realistic to include such considerations in an ordinance of this sort, it's something that should certainly be taken into account when future dispensary applications are considered, and which was clearly overlooked when Embarc was approved.

2) On the issue of 24/7 security, I certainly hope that the recent death of an Oakland police officer while responding to an overnight dispensary burglary in that city, in addition to the fatal officer-involved shooting of a burglary suspect at Velvet in August, will end any thought of eliminating the 24/7 on-site security requirement. If anything, these incidents, in my opinion, show that other cities should be following our lead in implementing such a requirement, rather than Martinez following the lead of cities that have no such requirement. It seems obvious to me that one factor in why cannabis dispensaries have been targeted so frequently by thieves is the knowledge that there is no on-site security during overnight hours, making the businesses highly susceptible to theft. Richmond Police Officer, and Martinez resident, Ben Therriault has expressed to me that this has been the case in Richmond, where dangerous police chases have taken place on several occasions involving armed dispensary burglary suspects. If burglars realized that such on-site security existed, I think it's quite likely that many of these burglary attempts would never take place. As I stated in my public comment on Dec. 21, from the video footage I've viewed of the Velvet incident, I believe that it's quite likely the suspects would have left the premises had they known that security was on site at the time they arrived. Also, please know that should you decide to modify or eliminate the 24/7 on-site security requirement, I will be submitting requests for public records, including email correspondence, between the dispensary owners and city staff and officials pertaining to this matter. Finally, to amend my public comment from the Dec. 21 meeting about Velvet's owner having the financial resources to pay for a huge billboard on Interstate 680 inviting criminals to our town. I've noticed in recent weeks that Velvet now has no less than three billboard notices off 680 between Walnut Creek and Martinez advertising their products to motorists. If they have the resources to pay for such advertising that has the potential to attract criminals in addition to customers, they should have the financial wherewithal to pay for 24/7 on-site security. If the ordinance requirement is amended and such a requirement is eliminated, I believe that the policy of Martinez police going forward should be to no longer respond to such burglary reports unless there is an imminent threat to public safety involved. People's lives (whether officers or civilians) should not continue to be placed at risk over attempts to steal cannabis products, particularly if dispensary owners choose not to invest in the security measures necessary to deter such attempts.

3) I appreciate you including my public comments and those of Superintendent Rossi and the Public Health Institute in the agenda packet for Wednesday's meeting. I do wish that some reference had been made to the public comments delivered at the Dec. 21 meeting by Contra Costa County Health Officer Dr. Ori Tzvieli. I trust that his comments will be taken into consideration during Wednesday's discussion as well as the other comments raised by myself and the Public Health Institute about further steps we can take to protect our youths, particularly in the areas of flavored and high-potency products.

Thank you for considering my follow-up comments.

Best regards,

Craig Lazzeretti

On Thu, Dec 14, 2023 at 4:24 PM Craig Lazzeretti <lazzeretti@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Council Members and Staff,

I briefly [reviewed the staff report](#) on the proposed cannabis ordinance revisions for next Wednesday's City Council meeting and would like to offer the following initial comments (I may have more to say on Wednesday after I have additional opportunity to review the proposals).

1) In addition to adding the 600-foot buffer to playgrounds and parks, I request that you consider increasing the buffer for those facilities and schools from 600 to 1,000 feet. This would be consistent with Contra Costa County's ordinance: <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/7122/Commercial-Cannabis-Permitting>

2) I request that you also consider new restrictions on high-potency and flavored products, as recommended by the Public Health Institute in its "Getting It Right from the Start" scorecards. Their scorecard indicates that you currently do not have such restrictions (but Contra Costa County does). <https://gettingitrightfromthestart.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Martinez23.pdf> The issue of high-potency edibles has become a major issue of concern because many inexperienced cannabis users (particularly youths) are unaware of the delayed effects from these products and tend to overconsume them, leading to toxic reactions and a spike in emergency room visits. While not life-threatening, overconsumption of these productions can have major short-term physical and emotional impacts on users, and could also lead to longer-term problems. Even many adults are not aware of how potent these products are and how they work.

3) I would also request that you invite the county Health Officer, Dr. Tzveli, or another health officer from Contra Costa Health to this meeting to offer their input, particularly in regard to how the ordinance can be best crafted to protect our city's youths. I'll note that you've had CC Health officers attend several council meetings over the past year to discuss health impacts related to the Martinez Refining Co. releases. It would seem appropriate to also invite their expertise on this public health issue, given that research and medical science on this topic is constantly evolving. I attended this week's school board meeting, where board member Brugger noted a discussion from this year's California School Boards Association Conference that referenced increasing instances of cannabis products being laced with fentanyl and falling into the hands of youths.

I have copied MUSD Superintendent Helen Rossi on this email. Given the increasing concerns in recent years about growing cannabis use by school-age children, and the controversy that arose over the location of Embarc near school district property, this is certainly a topic where the local school districts should be consulted and given an opportunity to provide input and feedback.

Please note this October press release from the Public Health Institute on its latest "Getting it Right from the Start" grades, which spotlighted Contra Costa County's leadership in taking steps to protect youths, most notably by banning flavored products for inhalation. It seems to me that our city should be following the county's footsteps in this regard: https://www.gettingitrightfromthestart.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Press-Release_State-of-Cannabis-Report-Are-Local-Policies-Protecting-Us_2023.pdf

I am looking forward to this discussion next week.

Best regards,

Craig Lazzeretti

TO: Martinez City Clerk

Vistaviewse^{att.net}

925-202-3747

FROM: Cardyn Hill, Resident / Main St. Business Owner

As outlined in the Agenda for the Jan 17 Study Meeting and the City Council meeting the following questions are Submitted:

1. Will the Weekend Street closure Program Continue in 2024?
If so, are there new or modified requirements?
2. For the Past Year the Barricades and Signs used to close the Streets for events have been stored on various Street Corners downtown.
 - Ⓐ They are a Potential Safety hazard, children have to be told to leave them alone. Someone is liable to get hurt - Costly to City.
 - Ⓑ They do not present a professional & quality business area.
3. Sunday parking is effected by the Big white trucks & Vans owned by the Farmers Market Sellers. They take up precious space which should be available to customers - Could they please park further down Castro Park Green St



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- I am... In Favor Neutral Oppose ... this item.

Option 2: Non-Agenda Item/Topic

- Item/Topic: refinery / basketball court
BRIEF DESCRIPTION

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- Item # 1 - from Study Session Agenda

- I am... In Favor Neutral Oppose ... this item.

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- Item/Topic: _____
BRIEF DESCRIPTION

ITEM	QUANTITY
18" RCP CLASS III	1,518 LF
12" PVC SDR-35	3,424 LF
12" RCP CLASS III	42 LF
8" PVC SDR-35 (ROOF DRAIN TIE-INS)	163 LF

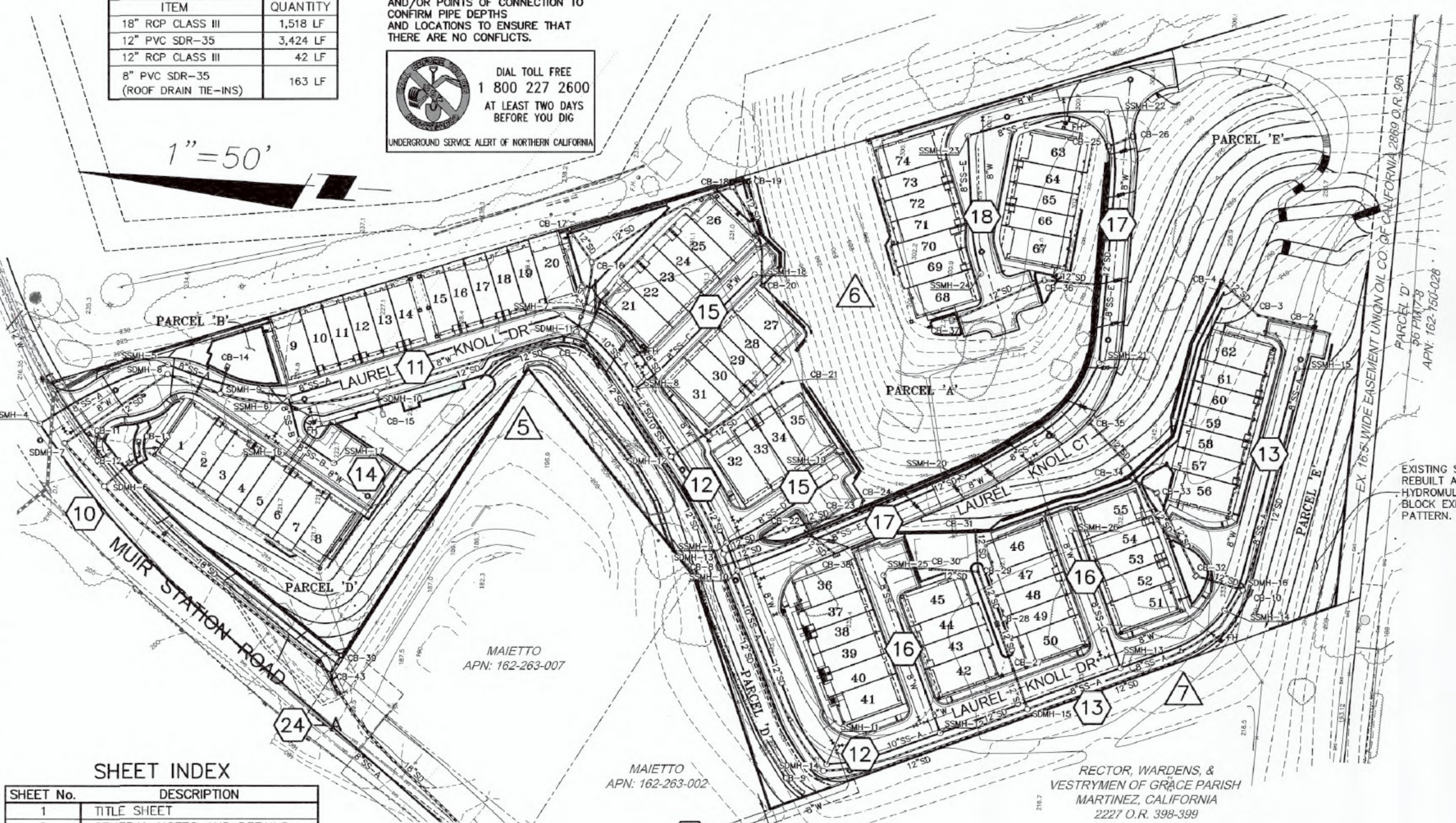
AND/OR POINTS OF CONNECTION TO
CONFIRM PIPE DEPTHS
AND LOCATIONS TO ENSURE THAT
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MAIETTO
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APN: 162-263-002

RECTOR, WARDENS, &
VESTRYMEN OF GRACE PARISH
MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA
2227 O.R. 398-399
APN: 162-263-010

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