



MacIntosh Pipe Band would volunteer to handle all pre-event planning, logistics and publicity as well as the coordination of the event date activities. The band intends to apply for a Community Arts Grant of approximately \$3,000 through the Marin Arts Council to cover the costs of judges, facilities, rent and administrative expenses not covered by participant entry fees. The band would not be looking at this event as a fundraiser but rather as an opportunity to provide a forum to further develop the artistic and musical skills of the participants. They are not asking for a waiver of rental fees and estimate approximately \$1,000 in revenue to the Recreation Department. The band has practiced on a regular basis for many years at Hall Middle School and the issue of noise should not be a problem.

Commissioner Scammell asked how the group would promote the event. Mr. McKown stated they would promote the event to the piping community in the greater Bay Area. The Western U.S. Pipe Band Association who would provide a mailing list to the group would sanction the event.

Commissioner Wall asked about the estimated number of participants. Mr. McKown stated this would be a pure solo competition and there would be approximately 40 to 50 participants. There should not be any problem in terms of the capacity of the park.

Chair Hauser asked about the fundraising aspect of the event. Mr. McKown stated the event would not be a fundraiser as conditioned by the grant. Chair Hauser asked if they would be serving any food or drink. Mr. McKown stated they would be selling bottled water and baked goods.

Chair Hauser asked about the entrance fee. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated Mr. McKown based his fee on the overall charge for use of the facilities.

Commissioner Wall asked about the shoe policy in the gym. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated there is no formal policy but participants are encouraged to wear tennis shoes.

Commissioner Aschwald asked if this would be an annual event. Mr. McKown stated they would like this to become an annual event if it is well received.

Commissioner Scammell stated it was a wonderful idea and she liked the idea of using judges.

It was the consensus of the Commission to wholeheartedly support his event.

## 2. Review of 2004 Meeting Schedule

Recreation Director Wilkinson presented the staff report. He pointed out several meeting dates including the joint meeting with the Corte Madera Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Commission briefly discussed the schedule and it was approved.

#### RECREATION DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORT

Recreation Director Wilkinson reported the Larkspur Walkers are putting together the first sock hop dance on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the gym. Commissioner Scammell asked if they would be charging a fee. Recreation Supervisor Whitley stated they would be charging \$3.00 at the door. Commissioner Scammell stated this was a great idea. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated progress was being made on the multi-use field. He met yesterday with the Larkspur School District Superintendent and the project architect. The bid packets will be mailed next week. A site visit is planned for all interested contractors on January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Redwood High School is also conducting a site visit on January 7<sup>th</sup> for their fields. The hope is to get one contractor to bid on both projects thereby lowering the cost. Chair Hauser asked about conduits for the project. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated the issue of conduits was addressed at the meeting and were written into the bid. The tentative bid opening is February 10<sup>th</sup> with a starting construction date of March 1<sup>st</sup>. The project is scheduled to be completed by July 30<sup>th</sup>. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated the Corte Madera City Council decided to discontinue the use of Body and Soul for their dance classes. The Corte Madera skate park will reopen next week on a trial basis. Larkspur City Hall will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the involuntary furlough. The Winter Art 'n Sport Camp will be held the week of December 22<sup>nd</sup> (except for Christmas Day) with approximately 30-40 participants expected.

#### COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS/OUTREACH PROGRAM REPORTS

There were no reports.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary