Are the beavers in Martinez worth Public Art? Worth A Dam thinks so. At this years' Beaver festival, children were invited to paint ceramic tiles showing what "lived in Alhambra Creek". Other tiles were created at the John Muir Mountain day camp. Some 100+ entries were achieved in all, and the proposal before the council Wednesday evening will be to install these on the cement portion of the Escobar Street Bridge as a permanent memorial to the dynamic presence of the beavers in this historic city. The project was approved last month by the Parks, Recreation, Marina, and Cultural Commission, and is slated for final approval by the council Wednesday night. General Contractor Dimitry Doronkin will volunteer his labor to install the tiles and treat them with anti-graffiti protection. Artist Frogard Butler of the East Bay Artists Guild worked with the children to create the panels. Materials were donated by the wildlife Park Safari West in Santa Rosa and the students of Rona Zollinger's Environmental Studies Academy will be designing the explanatory panels.

"It's has been a great way to involve the community as advocates for the beavers and improve our understanding of the watershed." said group president, Heidi Perryman.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 pm at City Hall in downtown Martinez. For more information about this project, or the beavers in general, you can contact Worth A Dam at mtzbeavers@gmail.com or go to the website at www.martinezbeavers.org.

Meeting Agenda

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