

**Thursday, November 18, 2021**

**6:30pm**

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

**Members Present:** Johnny Calkins, John Kulstad, Ben Winker, Laura Bridy, Jeff Dunk, Phil Heidrick

**Members Absent:** Charlie Caldwell, Scott Binder

**Guests:** Jane Fusek, Heidi Conzelmann

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

- None.

Public Comment:

- None.

PARC Applicants:

- Committee reviewed the applications submitted. Jane Fusek and Heidi Conzelmann attended and introduced themselves to the Committee members. Corey Mascio did not attend.
- After Committee members chatted with the two candidates present member Jeff Dunk moved to recommend that the Board of Directors appoint Heidi Conzelmann and Jane Fusek to the PARC. John Kulstad seconded the motion and all members voted unanimous agreement.
  - The committee did not want to recommend appointment of Corey Mascio without first meeting him and getting an opportunity to ask him about his interests in participation on the committee.

Recreation Director Report:

- Recreation Program Updates
  - Drop-in Pickleball is running on Friday evenings 6:30pm-8:30pm. Masks are required to play.
  - Tot-letics Basketball began on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The program was successful and ended on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The next session will be in the early spring
  - Youth 3 on 3 Basketball After School began on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The program ended on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be hosting a similar program during after school hours beginning in mid-January as well as offering a Saturday program for youth in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Park & Facility Maintenance Updates
  - Several open space zones received mowing, hedging and weeding maintenance and detention basins received clearing as part of the Open Space Maintenance Zone agreements. The Parks crew and NHES continue the routine schedule for maintenance on Central Ave. landscaping. Staff have been trimming trees in parks and along Central Ave. Hiller Sports Site fields are now closed for the winter. Staff continues to keep up with daily/weekly routine facility and vehicle maintenance. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces.
- Community Forest Updates
  - BBW & Associates will presented the DRAFT Community Forest Framework report to the MCSD Board on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a framework plan that will be used to guide MCSD in the development of a comprehensive Community Forest Management Plan. It is not a management plan as it is.

- The MOU between Trust for Public Lands and MCSD was approved by the MCSD Board of Directors on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Committee members Laura Bridy voiced a concern over the maintenance cost of the pending Community Forest. In reviewing the framework plan developed by BBW & Associates, it does not appear that the property will have significant revenue potential in the near future. Has the Board considered the costs of management prior to the properties ability to generate revenue?
  - Member Jeff Dunk mentioned revenue from Carbon Sequestration as an opportunity.
- Hewitt Ranch Property Updates
  - No updates at this time.
- North Bank River Property Updates
  - No updates at this time.
- Other updates:
  - Staff is working on grant applications for both the BMX track and the Skatepark through the Rural Recreation and Tourism grant program from the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation. The grant application deadline has been extended to January 20, 2022.
  - Ballots to renew the Central Ave. OSMZ through the 218 process were mailed to all Central Ave. property owners in October. The Central Ave. OSMZ sunsets every 5 years and must go through the renewal process. The public hearing will take place at the December 1<sup>st</sup> MCSD Board meeting. Staff is collecting and logging ballots as they are received.
  - Staff met with an individual interested in providing martial arts instruction at the Activity Center in 2022.
  - Staff continues to provide support to other departments of the District; assisting with accounts payable, payroll, and facilitating professional development workshops.

BMX Track & Park Project:

- Staff filed the Notice of Exemption for CEQA compliance for the BMX track and park project on October 7<sup>th</sup>, after the MCSD Board approved the intent to file. The filing notification was forwarded to the California Office of Grants and Local Services to be included in the Prop 68 Statewide Park Development grant application for the BMX Track and Park project. We are still waiting to hear from the state regarding awards for this grant.
- Mad River Rotary hosted a fundraising dinner at Cher-ae Heights Casino on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff attended the dinner.

Intermodal Transportation Committee (Hum. County) Report:

- Ben Winker reported on the current work of RCAA and the county studying areas in most need of improved safety for alternative transportation such as bicycles and pedestrians.

Report on Actions of MCSD Board

- Staff informed the committee of actions taken at the November 3rd Board meeting.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park—No report
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—Nothing new to report
- BMX— See notes on above
- Community Garden—no report

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- None offered. Next meeting will be January 21, 2022

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:22pm