

**Wednesday, August 18, 2021**

**6:30pm**

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

**Members Present:** Johnny Calkins, Scott Binder, Charlie Caldwell, Laura Bridy, John Kulstad; Ben Winker, Jeff Dunk, Phil Heidrick, Chad Sefcik

**Members Absent:** none

**Guests:** Pat Kaspari

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

- Update on program cancellations due to indoor masking mandate.

Public Comment:

- None.

Recreation Director Report

- Recreation Program Updates
  - The Kids Camp Summer Day Camp is serving 30+ youth per week in the last few weeks of the program. Camp ends on August 20th. The Adult Wood-bat softball league started on August 1<sup>st</sup>. It is off to a great start with 9 teams. Due to the recent COVID surge, all other indoor programs that had been planned to re-start this month have been postponed or cancelled.
- 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. Redwood mulch continues to be placed along Central this month. Three different homeless camps were cleaned out of various OSMZ's this month. Staff continues to keep up with daily/weekly routine facility and vehicle maintenance. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces. At Hiller Sports Site sprinkler repairs were completed and fields were fertilized and aerated.
- Other updates:
  - Staff is preparing to renew the Central Ave. OSMZ through the 218 process. The Central Ave. OSMZ sunsets every 5 years and must go through the renewal process.
  - Mad River Youth Soccer League will be hosting games and practices at Hiller Sports Site beginning August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Staff is preparing for an ALL-District Employee Emergency Operations Training to be held in October.
  - Staff compiled maintenance hours data of OSMZ's, parks and facilities for FY 20/21.
  - Staff met with the Prop. 68 Grant program officer at both the BMX Track and Park project site as well as Pierson Park.
  - 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 reported on site visit with Statewide Park Development Grant program officer.

- Staff reported on movement towards filing a Class 32 Categorical Exemption to meet CEQA requirements for the project.

### Community Forest

- Staff reported on the DRAFT report from BBW Associates outlining the elements of a Community Forest Management Plan.
  - Committee members asked questions about the report and the recommendations within the report

### Parks & Recreation Development Guidelines

- Staff presented the most recent draft of guidelines to the committee for review.
  - Discussion of the usefulness of the guidelines followed the presentation.
  - The following additional questions were requested to be added to the guidelines:
    - What are the short and/or long term benefits of the proposed development?
    - What factors contribute to the urgency or uniqueness of the proposed development (i.e. Will the opportunity disappear if not acted upon right now? And why?)

### Ad Hoc Committees Review of Need and Purpose

- Staff asked the PARC to review and clarify the need and purpose of the existing Ad Hoc Committees.
- Discussion of existing adhoc committees, specifically Hewitt Ranch and the River Property was had.
  - The committee agreed that not all existing adhoc committees needed to continue as such, but did not want to eliminate the subjects of the committees from PARC and public awareness.
  - Staff proposed that adhoc committees that currently do not have any actions or projects associated with them will no longer be reported on as adhoc committees, but would be included in the Dept. Director reports so that the PARC and the public continue to be informed of the status and potential associated with District owned properties.
- Adhoc committees that will remain include:
  - BMX Track (combined with Washington and School Rd. property)
  - Fischer Ranch estuary project
  - Skate park
  - Community Garden

### Report on Actions of MCSD Board

- Staff reported on the Board's approval to initiate the formation of OSMZ #28 (Avelar/Imeson subdivision).

### AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Hewitt Ranch— no report
- Skate Park—groundbreaking postponed due to COVID. Design team working on updating cost estimates
- School and Washington Property—no report
- River Property—no report
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—Construction to begin in 2022.
- BMX— See notes on above
- Community Garden—no report

### Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Qtrly Skate Park Report

- Park and recreation development guidelines
- Intermodal transportation committee report—B. Winker

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:30pm