

**Thursday, December 17, 2020**

**6:30pm**

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

**Members Present:** Johnny Calkins, Ben Winker, Jeff Dunk, Scott Binder, Chad Sefcik, Laura Bridy, John Kulstad, Charlie Caldwell, Beth Frinke, Joellen Clark-Peterson

**Members Absent:** none

**Guests:** Wendi Orlandi, Amber Willis, Gwen Neu, Markel Appy, Jack Durham

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

- Staff gave an update on the NCRP Technical Assistance Grant—that MCSD had been notified that the grant was awarded.

Public Comment:

- None

Recreation Director Report

- Recreation staff had to work from home for a week and a half this last month due to COVID-19 exposure. Thankfully, none of us tested positive and did not develop any symptoms.
- The Recreation Afternoon Program continues to support 16 children in providing daily afternoon recreation at the Activity Center.
- Maintenance staff have been doing a lot of tree work in parks and landscape areas this month in addition to routine facility and park maintenance. A new dedication bench was installed at the Hiller Dog Park and holiday banners were hung along Central Ave.
- Staff has begun working on an additional Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization grant application for the development of a BMX track and park at the School Rd. and Washington Ave. property.
- The committee had no comments or questions

BMX Track Project, Right of Entry Agreement and Draft Operating Agreement.

- Staff sought a recommendation from the Committee to the Board of Directors for the approval of the Right of Entry and Design Agreement that is going before the Board on January 6, 2021.
  - Charlie Caldwell made a motion to recommend approval to the Board
  - Ben Winker seconded
    - Committee passed the recommendation with a unanimous vote

Community Garden

- Ben Winker reported that the broken wheel barrow has been removed and that he has spoken with Jamie Rutten and identified the most immediate improvements desired such as:
  - A new tool shed and some small tools
    - Charlie Caldwell said he has spoken to Jamie about the building of a tool shed, and the current pandemic has gotten in the way of accomplishing that project
  - Improved gates
  - Rebuilt beds
- Staff reminded the committee that renovation of the community garden is part of the Pierson Park Expansion and Renovation project for which MCSD is seeking Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program funds.

Community Forest

- Staff reported on the notification from Trust for Public Lands that the Calif. Natural Resources Agency awarded them the funding to purchase the 556 acres of land from Green Diamond Resource Co. for the purpose of creating a community forest.
- Staff gave the committee an approximate timeline for completion of the property acquisition, stating that it would likely be at least 18 months before the process is complete, and that in the meantime, the District would be conducting a variety of public input meetings to gather community input on various development and management plan components.
- Several community residents had comments and concerns about the location of public access points.
  - Staff re-iterated that the planning process would take time and would include significant outreach to the community for input.
  - Staff asked all community residents interested in staying informed of the process to send an email and request to be placed on a contact list for future information releases and public meeting announcements.

#### Report on Actions of MCSD Board

- Staff reported on actions taken by the Board of Directors on December 2, 2020.
- There were no comments or questions on the report.

#### AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Hewitt Ranch—the trail is wet.
- Skate Park—Quarterly Report will go to Board in February due to pending grant applications and pending permits at county
- School and Washington Property—no report
- River Property—no report
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—no report.
- BMX— See notes on above

#### Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Election of Officers
- Community Forest
- BMX Update
- Round up for REC campaign

#### Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:28pm