

Thursday, July 20, 2023

6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

Members Present: Laura Bridy, Johnny Calkins, Jane Fusek, Ben Winker, Phil Heidrick, John Kulstad, Heidi Conzelmann

Members Absent: Jennifer Ortega, Charlie Caldwell, Julie Giannini-Previde, Scott Binder

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

None

Public Comment:

None

Meeting Day (added to agenda at start of meeting):

- PARC members requested to add changing the meeting day for all future meetings to the agenda.
 - Thursdays often conflict with other community events. It was suggested to move the meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. John Kulstad made a motion to change the meeting day to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Jane Fusek seconded. It was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Botanical Garden Update:

- Jane Fusek has been volunteering at the Botanical garden for the last several months. She has recruited a couple of other volunteers and they have done much weeding and mulching; over 200 hours of volunteer work. Volunteers are working on a sign for the garden to increase visibility and awareness. Would like to recruit more volunteers. Staff agreed to posting on social media to help recruit volunteers.

Parks & Recreation Services Presentation:

- Staff shared the presentation being distributed to the public regarding Parks & Recreation services and soliciting feedback from the community.
 - PARC members asked questions about Measure B and potential funding strategies.

Dept. Director Report:

Recreation Program Updates

- Drop-in Pickleball is running on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 9:30am to 12:30pm at the McKinleyville Middle School campus for the summer. Drop in is \$4 per person.
- Drop-in Kung Fu is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5:30pm-7:00pm \$10 per person per class. Bulk class passes are available to purchase at \$7.50 per class.
- Drop-in Tai Chi is Sundays 11:00am-12:00pm \$10 per person per class. Bulk class passes are available to purchase at \$7.50 per class.
 - The Martial Arts classes are averaging 10-14 people per class.
- NEW PROGRAM! Fast Break Friday's, a drop-in basketball program for youth ages 13 to 17. Drop-in is \$5 per participant. Since it started it is averaging 18-20 participants per week.
- Sunday Night drop-in Basketball is averaging 8-10 participants per week.
- Summer Basketball for youth in 3rd-6th grades started on June 27th and will run through August 10th.
- The summer tot camp has been a success so far. The teen camp did not get enough enrollment and had to be cancelled, as did the first two sessions of specialty camps. Specialty camp session 3, Cooking Camp, has enough enrollment to run. Session 5, Fostering Artist's camp will run, and we are still accepting registration for it as well as for sessions 6 through 8.

- Playgroup for children 0-5 is on summer break until August 31st.

Park & Facility Maintenance Updates

Staff is diligently working to stay on top of weeds and hedges in the park landscapes and Open Space Maintenance Zones. Unfortunately, the weeds grow faster than our crew can clear them during the spring and summer months, and spaces are not as tidy as we'd like them to be. The Parks crew and NHES continue the routine schedule for maintenance on Central Ave. and Open Space Zone landscaping. Staff continue to keep up with daily/weekly routine facility and vehicle maintenance. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces.

Interior renovations at Azalea Hall are moving along smoothly. The walls have been textured and painted. New flooring is installed, and new blinds are up. New front doors are slated to be installed sometime late summer or early fall and the HVAC system will be getting an upgrade between September and October. Interior renovations at Azalea Hall are funded by the Prop 68 Per Capita Grant program. It is anticipated that all renovations will be complete by the end of the 2023 calendar year.

Facility Rentals & Use

- 7 Azalea Hall Rentals plus a weekly and a bi-weekly meeting room rental in July through August as well as two kitchen vendors using the kitchen 1 to 3 days per week.
- 19 Pierson Park rentals July through August

The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Teen Club at the Teen & Community Center is averaging 10-15 youth per day since school let out.

Vandalism Report

The park maintenance crew has had to address a consistent series of vandalism incidents at Pierson Park in recent months.

BMX Track & Park Updates

Melton Design Group submitted the 30% construction design docs on July 14th. Staff is reviewing them. 75% construction design docs are anticipated to be submitted by the end of Sept. and 100% by December.

Other updates:

- Summer-Fall Newsletter and Activity Guide was mailed mid-June
- Staff is participating in the District's 5 year strategic plan update process.
- Staff continues to participate as members of the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the McKinleyville Family Resource Center Board of Directors and the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Board of Directors.
- Staff continues to provide support to other departments of the District; assisting with accounts payable, and payroll.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park—Fisher Ranch Estuary project— Nothing to report
- BMX— See notes in Dept. Director Report
- Community Garden—Nothing to report

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:33pm