

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

Members Present: Laura Bridy, Charlie Caldwell, Johnny Calkins, Phil Heidrick, John Kulstad, Heidi Conzelmann, Jennifer Ortega, Scott Binder

Members Absent: Jane Fusek, Julie Giannini-Previde

Members Resigned: Ben Winker

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

Checked in to make sure the members received Ben Winkler's resignation email. Introduced myself(Kirsten Messmer) and gave a brief explanation to why I was filling in for Lesley.

Public Comment:

None

Community Forest Update:

- Jennifer Ortega advised that there should be a communication plan between Green Diamond, MCSD and McKinleyville residents about trees down being taken down that are hazardous in preparation of the community forest property transfer.

BMX Track & Park Update:

- Charlie Caldwell shared that a local BMX kid is going to the Olympics.

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.
- 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. We averaged 9 participants per session, serving a total of 24 unique participants over the 6 weeks.
- 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

No updates at this time.

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.
- Jennifer Ortega and Johnny Calkins reported that there is a tent 50 yards off the Hammond trail by the bridge near the waste water treatment plant.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park—Charlie Caldwell reported they have broken ground and concrete should be being poured starting next week.
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— Nothing to report
- BMX— See notes in Dept. Director Report
- Community Garden—Discussion around that the Community Garden does not have a representative now that Ben Winkler has resigned. No one present volunteered to take on this role.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, September 20th

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:20pm