

Thursday, June 17, 2021

6:30pm

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

Members Present: Johnny Calkins, Chad Sefcik, Scott Binder, Laura Bridy, John Kulstad, Ben Winker, Jeff Dunk

Members Absent: Charlie Caldwell (called in for a few minutes)

Guests: Jennifer Ortega, Phil Heidrick

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

- Staff initiated the discussion regarding returning to in-person meetings given the lifting of restrictions related to COVID-19.
 - Committee members expressed concern over sharing small spaces with people who are not vaccinated and wondered about options for larger meeting space and/or hybrid meetings that include in-person and virtual participation
 - Staff will bring possible options for meeting spaces and hybrid meetings to discuss at the July meeting.
- Member Ben Winker informed the committee of a Intermodal Transportation study being initiated in McKinleyville and he will bring more information to the July meeting.

Public Comment:

- John Kulstad asked for clarification regarding the committee's obligations to comply with the Brown Act.
 - Scott Binder provided information affirming that the committee is bound by the Brown Act.
 - Jeff Dunk suggested that Brown Act training could be a good thing for committee members to have.

Recreation Director Report

- The Recreation in the Afternoon Program for elementary school youth ended on June 4th. Staff is preparing for the Kids Camp Summer Day Camp program which will begin on Monday, June 21st.
- Tot-letics T-ball for 3- to 5-year-olds started on Saturday, June 5th. The program is at full participant capacity and will run through June 26th.
- Registration for the Co-ed Woodbat Softball League is currently underway. The league will run August 1 through October 10.
- 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 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.
- Staff attended Board meetings for board service on both the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Board of Directors.
- Staff continues to provide administrative support to the Support Services Dept.
- Staff is preparing to re-open the Parks and Recreation office to the public, as well as preparing to open facilities for event rentals.
- The California Dept. of Parks & Recreation has requested some additional and clarifying information for the Prop 68 grant applications and has requested site visits on July 28th and 29th for both project sites.
- Chad Sefcik inquired about the schedule for installing the second set of swings at the playgrounds.

BMX Track & Park Project:

- Staff reported that the California Dept. of Parks & Recreation has requested some additional and clarifying information for the Prop 68 grant application and has scheduled a site visit for July 28th.
- The BMX community has been meeting monthly, working on fundraising and planning. McKinleyville BMX has a tentative fundraiser date of July 10th.

Community Forest

- Staff reported on recent meetings held with Green Diamond Resource Co. staff and Trust for Public Lands. Access points continue to be discussed and staff is working on the MOU between MCSD and TPL.
- Staff is working on the application for the General Plan Conformance review and anticipates having it submitted in the coming weeks.

Considerations and Process for Parks & Recreation Development

- Staff shared an outline of questions to be considered for any new park or recreation developments with the committee. Additional considerations were added by committee members.
- Committee discussed strategies for group to work together during July meeting to flesh out the guidelines.
- This topic will come back to the committee for further discussion and decision in July and/or August.

Message option on MCSD Water Bill

- Staff shared information pertaining to the use of the box to communicate with water customers messages specific to their account. Any general messages would be over ridden by account specific messages.
- Ben Winker suggested that a reminder to “Round up for Recreation” should be a consistently running general message.

PARC Member Application

- Committee reviewed an application for appointment to the committee submitted from Phil Heidrick.
- Several committee members knew Mr. Heidrick from other community involvements.
- Member Chad Sefcik moved to recommend Mr. Heidrick be appointed to the committee; John Kulstad seconded the motion. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend Mr. Heidrick for appointment.

Report on Actions of MCSD Board

- Staff reported on actions taken by the Board of Directors on June 2, 2021

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Hewitt Ranch— entry trail needs string trimming. J. Kulstad is going to try to access from Cochran Rd. before next meeting.
- Skate Park—Permits for the construction of the Skate Park have been acquired.
- School and Washington Property—No report
- River Property—no report
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—staff reported that the final permit from the Coastal Commission has been granted and the trail design is moving forward.
- BMX— See notes on above

- Community Garden—3 garden plots are available.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Community Forest
- MCSD water bill “Message from MCSD” use
- Park and recreation development guidelines
- Intermodal transportation committee report—B. Winker

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:50pm