

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

**6:30pm**

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

NO QUORUM

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

**Members Absent:** Director David Couch,

**Guests:** Jason Orlandi

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

- Staff reported that Committee member David Coehlo submitted his resignation from the committee as his work schedule could not be changed to accommodate his attendance and participation on the committee.
- Staff will be posting announcements regarding vacant seats through email lists, news and social media outlets as well as at McK. High School.

Public Comment:

- None

Recreation Director Report

- The Recreational Afternoon Program is running smoothly currently serving 15 elementary school children per day.
- The Fall-Winter Newsletter and Activity Guide went out this week.
- Staff is working to update the cost estimates for the Pierson Park Expansion and Renovation project for the Statewide Park Development and Revitalization Grant application due in December.
- The state released guidelines for the re-opening of playgrounds this month. Staff have created signs for each playground according to the guidelines and will have them installed by October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- We are currently hiring Leaders for the MUSD Expanded Learning Program that will offer support and assistance during the school day to students participating in distance learning classes.
- New flooring for the McKinleyville Activity Center Lobby is scheduled to be replaced on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This project is funded by a grant from the Humboldt Area Foundation as well as Quimby funds.
- Committee members had no comments or questions regarding the Director's report

Re-Name of the Recreation Advisory Committee

- Charlie Caldwell moved to not change the name of the committee. Chad Sefcik seconded.
- Jeff Dunk suggested "Park and Recreation Committee" (PARC)
- Vote on motion to not change the name failed to pass with 5 votes against the motion and 4 for the motion.
- Beth Frink moved to recommend the name "Park and Recreation Committee (PARC). Charlie Caldwell seconded. Motion passed with 6 aye votes and 3 no votes.

BMX Proposal for Washington and School Rd. Property

- Jason Orlandi reported contact with Justin Travis, the director of new track development at USABMX and potential support for engineering and funding that USABMX might be able to provide to the project.

- Staff reported that Devin Medrud spoke with General Manager, Pat Kaspari, and got clarity on what the MCSD Board will want to see in order to grant permission for the development of the park and track.
- It is anticipated that the group will be ready to make a request for a Right of Entry Agreement to the MCSD Board in December.

#### Community Garden

- Ben Winker did not have anything new to report. He is hoping to connect with the community volunteer coordinator of the garden in the near future to plan some kind of gardening event for the early spring.

#### Community Forest

- Staff reported that the Trust for Public Lands has still not received notice regarding the grant for the purchase of the property. Staff discovered an opportunity for Technical Assistance funding from the North Coast Resource Partnership and submitted a proposal this week requesting the maximum amount of \$15,000 in technical assistance for the preparation of a forest management plan in preparation for acquisition of the property.
- The MCSD Board of Directors has designated an Adhoc committee for the Community Forest. Staff met with the Board members assigned to that committee this week to discuss the scope and formation of the committee to include community members, RAC members, and field experts.
- Committee members requested to see a map of the proposed forest. Staff committed to emailing the map to the committee before the November meeting.

#### Virtual Tour-Social Media Campaign Project

- Beth Frink reported having contacted HSU professor Jen Tarelton and has a meeting with her scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the potential of creating a student project.

#### AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Hewitt Ranch—no report
- Skate Park—Design plan docs are being revised and will hopefully be ready for review within next two weeks
- School and Washington Property—no report
- River Property—trail to river is clear
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—CEQA docs approved
- BMX— See notes on above

#### Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Skate Park Right of Entry Agreement Extension
- Community Garden
- Community Forest
- BMX proposal
- Virtual Property Tour-Social Media campaign project
- RAC vacancies and recruitment
- Committee Description for the MCSD Rules and Regulations.

#### Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:33pm