

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

**6:30pm**

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

**Members Present:** Johnny Calkins, Jane Fusek, John Kulstad, Heidi Conzelmann, Jennifer Ortega, Scott Binder, Julie Giannini-Previde, Charlie Caldwell, Ciara Torres, Dana Merrill, Laura Bridy, Phil Heidrick

**Guests:** Patti Stuart

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

Parks & Rec Director will be out of town Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. If there are no actions needed from the committee in January the meeting will be cancelled. If actions are needed an alternate staff person will host the meeting.

Public Comment:

None

2024 Officer Elections

Laura Bridy nominated Phil Heidrick to the Chair position. Johnny Calkins seconded the nomination; the committee voted unanimously to elect Phil Heidrick as the 2024 Committee Chair.

Johnny Calkins nominated Jen Ortega as the vice-chair. Julie Giannini-Previde seconded the nomination; the committee voted unanimously to elect Jen Ortega to the Vice-chair position.

PARC Applicant

Patti Stuart submitted an application for the vacant alternate seat on the committee. She attended the meeting and introduced herself to the committee. Charlie Caldwell moved to recommend the MCSD Board appoint Patti to the vacant seat; Laura Bridy seconded the nomination; committee unanimously agreed to recommend appointment by the MCSD Board of Directors.

Community Garden:

Charlie is working with the Boys & Girls Club staff, the Humboldt Skatepark Collective to create a plan for collaborative efforts to rehab the garden space.

Dept. Director Report:

Recreation Program Updates

- Drop-in Pickleball is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 9:30am to 12:30pm at the McKinleyville Activity Center. 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. It is averaging 18-20 participants per week.
- Sunday Night drop-in Basketball is averaging 8-10 participants per week.
- Playgroup for children 0-5 years old is running every Thursday from 10:30am-12:30pm.
- The 2024 Youth Basketball League registration has been open since October. Three out of 6 divisions are full with waitlists. It is estimated the league will host a total of 26 teams, which is a record number of teams for this program. The league will run January 8-March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Registration for the Breakout: Skate Camp January 2-5, 2024 is now open. Breakout is a day camp program for youth age 6-11.

#### Park & Facility Maintenance Updates

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. Hiller Sports Site fields are now closed for the winter. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces.

#### Facility Rentals & Use

- 10 Azalea Hall Rentals plus a weekly and a bi-weekly meeting room rental in December through January.
- 2 sport league vendors are utilizing the Activity Center Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings through December.

#### Vandalism Report

Vandalism and misuse of Pierson Park has lessened in the last month but has not disappeared altogether.

#### Hewitt Ranch Property Updates

No updates at this time.

#### North Bank River Property Updates

No updates at this time.

#### Other updates:

- Staff has been participating in weekly training for a Recreation database software program upgrade.
- Staff continues to work with MUSD to provide staff for the school districts after school programs.
- 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.

#### Community Forest update:

Staff provided an update of the Community Forest property acquisition status.

#### AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park—benches to be installed in January
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— no report.
- BMX— staff gave update on project timeline and current status
- Community Garden—see agenda item note

#### Agenda Items for next meeting:

Community Garden Plan  
Community Forest

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> (maybe cancelled)

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 6:52pm