

Thursday, February 18, 2021

6:30pm

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

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

Members Absent: Beth Frink, Chad Sefcik

Guests: Wendi Orlandi, Joellen Clark-Peterson, Pat Kaspari

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

- MCSD Job Opening in Support Services Dept.

Public Comment:

- None

Recreation Director Report

- Staff have been working with the BMX community to host a series of public input meetings for the design and development of a BMX Track & Park for which staff will be seeking grant funding from the Prop 68 funded Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program. Staff has prepared and uploaded much of the SPP grant application for the Pierson Park Expansion and Renovation project and is currently drafting the narratives for the BMX Track and Park application.
- Staff facilitated staff development workshops for District employees.
- Staff continue providing the Recreation Afternoon Program to 16 elementary age school children. Staff is providing a full day program February 16th -22nd.
- Staff prepared the Spring-Summer Newsletter and Activity Guide. It will be printed and mailed the week of February 15th -22nd.
- Park Maintenance staff provided routine maintenance to several OSMZ's and all parks and facilities.

BMX Track & Park Project:

- Staff reported on recent public input meetings, and the progress of the Prop 68 SPP grant application.
- A presentation to the MCMAC will take place on February 24th.

Community Forest

- Staff reported on recent meeting of the adhoc Community Forest Committee and the next steps being taken by that committee.
- Staff reported on the estimated property acquisition timeline for TPL and GDR.
- Staff reviewed public messaging bullet points that staff, board members and committee members should use to respond to inquiries from the public.
 - The following bullet points contain what MCSD staff and Board members are consistently messaging to the public regarding the Community Forest project:
 - As of right now MCSD does not own the property. Transfer of the property to MCSD will not be complete until Summer of 2022.
 - MCSD cannot and will not begin any Community Forest development projects before the property transfer is complete.

- MCSD will not begin any development projects until a Community Forest Management plan is in place.
- Formal Public access to the forest is not likely within the next two years. There is a lot of planning and research that the District will need to do before the Community Forest can be formally accessed by the public.
- Updates on the Community Forest project status will be made at monthly Park and Recreation Committee meetings as well as at monthly MCSD Board of Director meetings. The public is welcome to attend these meetings to get the most recent information on the project.

Budget Review

- Staff presented modified budget projections for the remainder of FY 20-21 based on the fact that Recreation Programming and Facility rentals were not able to resume in January as had been predicted in the original fiscal year budget process. The projections presented were based on actual revenue and expense data from July 2020 through December 2020. There are several unknowns that could not be predicted and so the projection is very much an estimate.
 - The projected modification shows a 38% loss in revenue compared to the end of FY 19-20.
- Staff presented the DRAFT Parks & Recreation CIP budget for FY 21-22 to the PARC members.
 - It was the same DRAFT that was presented to the MCSD Board on February 3, 2021.

Report on Actions of MCSD Board

- Staff reported on actions taken by the Board of Directors on February 3, 2021
- There were no comments or questions on the report.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Hewitt Ranch—No report
- Skate Park—HSC's Headwater's Fund grant application made it to the 3rd round of reviews. Notification is anticipated in March. A Coast Central Credit Union grant request was submitted. Engineers are currently responding to County questions for the permit application.
- School and Washington Property—no report
- River Property—no report
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—Still awaiting the Coastal Development permit.
- BMX— See notes on above

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Community Forest
- BMX Update

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:05pm