

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

Members Present:, Charlie Caldwell, Johnny Calkins, Jane Fusek, John Kulstad, Heidi Conzelmann, Jennifer Ortega, Scott Binder

Members Absent: Laura Bridy, Julie Giannini-Previde, Phil Heidrick

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

Jane Fusek gave an update on the Botanical Garden volunteer work. There will be a workday planting new plants on Oct 2nd at 10:00am.

Staff communicated that the Measure B ballots are out and the next steps in the renewal process. PARC members were encouraged to attend the MCSD Board meetings on Oct. 4th and Nov. 1st.

There will be a grand opening & ribbon cutting as well as a full day of skating activities for the skatepark on Saturday, Oct 7th starting at 11:00am.

Public Comment:

None

Community Forest Update:

Jennifer Ortega mentioned that there should be a communication plan between Green Diamond, MCSD and McKinleyville residents about activities occurring in the forest property adjacent to residences.

BMX Track & Park Update:

Staff shared the current status of the design process and the anticipated schedule for construction bidding and construction.

Community Garden:

Committee discussed the need for renovation of the garden and volunteer coordination for on-going maintenance and sustainability. Charlie Caldwell volunteered to work with staff to outline needs and possible strategies. This topic will continue to be discussed and worked on by the committee until a plan is created and can be implemented.

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.
- Beginning Pickleball Skills Class begin on September 13th. The class is full with 12 participants.
- Playgroup for children 0-5 years old is running every Thursday from 10:30am-12:30pm.

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. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces.

Azalea Hall renovations yet to be completed include replacing the front doors and replacing the dish sanitizer in the kitchen. The renovation is scheduled to be complete by December of this year.

Facility Rentals & Use

- 14 Azalea Hall Rentals plus a weekly and a bi-weekly meeting room rental in September through November as well as two kitchen vendors using the kitchen 1 to 3 days per week.
- 12 Pierson Park rentals September through November.
The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Teen Club at the Teen & Community Center is averaging 25-30 youth per day since school started.

Vandalism Report

Teens in the after-school hours who are not attending the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center have been misusing the park on a consistent basis. Sometimes there's vandalism, often there is a lot of trash.

Hewitt Ranch Property Updates

No updates at this time.

North Bank River Property Updates

No updates at this time.

Other updates:

- Staff is preparing the Fall/Winter Newsletter and Activity Guide which will be mailed in the second week of October.
- Staff has been engaged in work related to the renewal of Measure B.
- 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.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park—Grand opening events Oct. 7th.
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— signs for the public access trail system are in the works
- BMX— See agenda item note
- Community Garden—see agenda item note

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Community Engagement and marketing

Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, October 18th

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:46pm