

Thursday, July 16, 2020

6:30pm

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

Members Present:, Johnny Calkins, Jeff Dunk, Scott Binder, John Kulstad, Chad Sefcik, Director David Couch, Beth Frink (late)

Members Absent:, Charlie Caldwell, Josh Zender, David Coelho, , Laura Bridy, Ben Winker

Guests: Wendy Orlandi, Robert Canepa, Pat Kaspari

Meeting Notes: *There was not a quorum when the meeting was called to order, so all agenda items requiring action were not acted upon.*

Communications:

- Staff reported on the last day for retiring General Manager Greg Orsini
- Staff informed members of 3 MCSD Board seats up for election this November and the opening of the submission process for those wishing to run for the office.

Public Comment:

- None

Recreation Director Report

- The summer childcare program continues to serve 19-24 kids per week. The program will continue to run through August 14th.
- The McKinleyville Union School District will be contracting with MCSD Parks & Recreation to provide staff for the Extended Learning After School Program for the 2020-21 school year.
- Northern Humboldt Employment Services and the Sheriff Work Alternative Program resumed working this month bringing valuable labor back to our open space maintenance program. The Park maintenance crew continues to maintain OSMZ's, parks and facilities. The Hiller Sports Site parking lot received a new seal coating this month, and the Humboldt County Dept. of Public Health will be painting a Bicycle Skills Course at the parking lot. See **Attachment 1** for the course design.
- The California Dept. of Parks & Recreation released information for the Per Capita Program funding as well as the application guide for the final round of Prop 68 funding. The Per Capita Program funding is a non-competitive application for funding for capital outlay projects for up to \$177, 952. All eligible projects will be funded. The final round of Prop 68 funding totals \$395,302,155. Applications may request no less than \$200,000 and no more than \$8,500,00. Prop 68 Grant applications are due December 14, 2020 and award announcements are anticipated by summer of 2021. Prop 68 funded projects must be completed by March 2025.
- Staff reported that at the time of the meeting the County Public Health Dept. did not have an estimated date or timeline for re-opening picnic areas, playgrounds and community centers.

In Memory of George Wheeler

- Committee member Chad Sefcik requested the idea of raising funds to purchase and place a park element at Pierson Park in memory of George Wheeler. At the June MCSD Board meeting one of the Directors suggested considering broadening the scope of a memorial to include other MCSD Board members who have passed.
- Members discussed the political nature of naming public features.
- Member Jeff Dunk referred the committee to MCSD's existing Naming Policy for the purposes of naming anything in memory of George Wheeler or any other previous board members.

- Staff agreed to share the Naming Policy with the committee and keep the discussion on the agenda for the August RAC meeting.

BMX Proposal for Washington and School Rd. Property

- Wendy Orlandi reported that Devin Medrud is working on a more detailed grading plan, and that it appears that there is enough dirt existing at the site to build a track, but also that “in the world of BMX there can never be too much dirt”.
- Wendy also reported that there are community members ready to volunteer their time and equipment for the construction of the track.
- An online survey has been drafted to assess community support in terms of funding, materials and time. Wendy has shared the survey with MCSD’s Recreation Director and will call to discuss distribution strategies in the next week.

Community Garden

- Ben Winker was absent and could not report on communications with garden plot owners.
- RAC members made a plan to finish string trimming the garden.
- Staff reported that two more plots have been rented so there are now 19 out of 23 in use.

Round Up for Recreation

- Staff reported that as of May the Round Up for Rec program had raised \$1,319.22. The Round Up program is only available to customers who pay their water sewer bill via cash/check or credit card use at the office. Online bill payments are not capable of contributing to the Round Up fund for Parks and Recreation.
- Member John Kulstad requested that “Round Up for Rec” be mentioned in the MCSD Newsletters regularly.
- Member Jeff Dunk suggested that providing information related to what a donation to Parks and Recreation can provide (ex. The cost of providing the basketball league is approximately \$120 per player)

Quimby Funds

- Staff reported that currently there is \$44,372.72 in MCSD’s Coastal Quimby fund account and \$135,070.77 in MCSD’s Inland Quimby fund account

Measure B Status Report

- Staff shared the 2020-21 Measure B Engineer’s report summarizing the history and eligible uses of Measure B funding as well as the debt service schedule for the Teen & Community Center Construction which is funded by Measure B.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Hewitt Ranch—entrance mowed recently
- Skate Park—no report
- School and Washington Property—mowed recently
- River Property—trail to river is clear
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—CEQA documents are currently under review.
- BMX— See notes on above

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Community Garden
- BMX proposal
- Naming Policy for “In Memory of…” installations
- Social Media use and Strategies
- Increasing use of Teen Center

- Virtual Property Tour project

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:51pm