

**Thursday, October 21, 2021**

**6:30pm**

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

**Members Present:** Johnny Calkins, Scott Binder, Charlie Caldwell, Laura Bridy, Jeff Dunk, Phil Heidrick

**Members Absent:**, John Kulstad, Ben Winker

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

- None.

Public Comment:

- None.

PARC Applicants:

- Committee reviewed the applications submitted. Neither applicant was in attendance.
- Committee members voiced some concern about applicants having a singular focus for participating on the committee and want to ensure the applicants have a clear understanding of the entire scope of the PARC.
  - Committee requested that the applicants be invited again, to the November meeting with the understanding that a recommendation to the board regarding appointment to the committee would be contingent upon attending a PARC meeting first and meeting the existing committee members.

Recreation Director Report:

- Recreation Program Updates
  - Drop-in Pickleball is running on Friday evenings 6:30pm-8:30pm. Masks are required to play.
  - Tot-letics Basketball began on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Program is full and has a waiting list.
  - Youth 3 on 3 Basketball After School began on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade division is full at 30 participants and the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade division is almost full at 28 participants. This is a new program created to fill the gap in youth sport programming left by the COVID-19 virus and subsequent safety requirements. Youth meet one afternoon a week at the Activity Center where staff lead them through skill drills and a facilitated scrimmage.
    - The future of a modified Youth Basketball League is still under discussion by staff. Staffing is an obstacle as we are having a difficult time finding applicants for part-time positions.
- Park & Facility Maintenance Updates
  - Several open space zones received mowing, hedging and weeding maintenance and detention basins received clearing as part of the Open Space Maintenance Zone agreements. The Parks crew and NHES continue the routine schedule for maintenance on Central Ave. landscaping. Redwood mulch continues to be placed along Central. Gopher trapping, mowing, and hole filling continues at Hiller Sport Site. Staff continues to keep up with daily/weekly routine facility and vehicle maintenance. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces.
- Community Forest Updates
  - BBW & Associates will be presenting the DRAFT Community Forest Framework report to the MCSD Board on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a framework plan that will be used to guide

MCSD in the development of a comprehensive Community Forest Management Plan. It is not a management plan as it is.

- The MOU between Trust for Public Lands and MCSD was approved by the MCSD Board of Directors on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Hewitt Ranch Property Updates  
No updates at this time.
- North Bank River Property Updates  
No updates at this time.
  
- Other updates:
  - Staff is working on grant applications for both the BMX track and the Skatepark through the Rural Recreation and Tourism grant program from the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation
  - Ballots to renew the Central Ave. OSMZ through the 218 process were mailed to all Central Ave. property owners. The Central Ave. OSMZ sunsets every 5 years and must go through the renewal process. The public hearing will take place at the December 1<sup>st</sup> MCSD Board meeting.
  - ALL-District Employee Emergency Operations Training will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Staff continues to provide support to other departments of the District; assisting with accounts payable, payroll, and facilitating professional development workshops.

BMX Track & Park Project:

- Staff filed the “Class-32 Categorical Exemption” for CEQA compliance for the BMX track and park project. The filing was sent to the Statewide Park Development grant program officer. Grant awards have not yet been announced.

Intermodal Transportation Committee (Hum. County) Report:

- No report

Report on Actions of MCSD Board

- Staff informed the committee of actions taken at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park—Charlie Caldwell reported the Headwaters Fund approved a \$25k grant contingent upon a \$25k match from a private donor, however the funding is still pending County approval.
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—Nothing new to report
- BMX— See notes on above
- Community Garden—no report

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- PARC applicants

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 6:56pm