

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

6:30pm

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting NO QUORUM

NOTES

Members Present: Johnny Calkins, Scott Binder, Charlie Caldwell, Laura Bridy, John Kulstad

Members Absent: Chad Sefcik, Ben Winker, Jeff Dunk, Phil Heidrick

Guests: Wendy Orlandi, Jason Orlandi, Pat Kaspari

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

- None

Public Comment:

- None.

Recreation Director Report

- Recreation Program Updates
 - The Kids Camp Summer Day Camp is serving 20 youth per week. We are currently taking registration for Tot-letics Soccer and the Co-ed Woodbat Softball League. We are still seeking part-time employees for drop-in programs, youth sport programs and playgroup. Lack of staff is contributing to our inability to resume pre-pandemic programming.
- 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. Applying redwood bark mulch on Central Ave OSMZ is taking place during July and August. Three different homeless camps were cleaned out of various OSMZ's this month. Staff continues to keep up with daily/weekly routine facility and vehicle maintenance. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces. At Hiller Sports Site sprinkler repairs were completed and fields were fertilized and aerated.
- Other updates:
 - The McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce has booked Pierson Park for several additional "Music in the Park" dates for Thursdays through mid-September.
 - Staff is preparing for an ALL-District Employee Emergency Operations Training to be held in September.
 - Staff compiled maintenance hours data of OSMZ's, parks and facilities for FY 20/21.
 - Staff has provided the additional information requested by the California Dept. of Parks & Recreation for the Prop 68 grant applications and is preparing for site visits on July 28th and 29th for both project sites.
 - Staff continues to provide support to other departments of the District; assisting with accounts payable, payroll, and facilitating professional development workshops.
 - Staff facilitated the hanging and removal of the MHS Senior Banners on Central Ave.

BMX Track & Park Project:

- Jason & Wendy Orlandi reported on the July 10th fundraiser outcomes.
- Staff reported on recent meeting at planning dept and the county's conditions for issuing a grading permit, as well as the CEQA requirement.
 - Jason will send staff contact information for environmental engineer who may be willing to do the CEQA study for less than originally quoted.

Community Forest

- Nothing new to report

Considerations and Process for Parks & Recreation Development

- Staff shared an outline of questions to be considered for any new park or recreation developments with the committee.
- Committee members shared thoughts on the outline
- As there was no quorum in order to vote on adoption this item will be brought back to the committee in August.

In Person Meetings

- Staff presented the location options for the PARC to meet in person.
- Some committee members expressed concern and discomfort for meeting in person if everyone at the meeting is not vaccinated.
 - Committee members present at the meeting agreed that if any one committee member is uncomfortable meeting in person, then the committee should continue to meet virtually.

PARC Member Application

- Committee reviewed an application for appointment to the committee submitted from Phil Heidrick.
- Several committee members knew Mr. Heidrick from other community involvements.
- Member Chad Sefcik moved to recommend Mr. Heidrick be appointed to the committee; John Kulstad seconded the motion. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend Mr. Heidrick for appointment.

Ad Hoc Committees Review of Need and Purpose

- This item was not discussed as there was not a quorum. It will be discussed at the August meeting.

Report on Actions of MCSD Board

- No actions to report.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Hewitt Ranch— no report
- Skate Park—HSC will be meeting with MCSD staff July 30th to discuss groundbreaking.
- School and Washington Property—no report
- River Property—no report
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—Construction to begin in 2022.
- BMX— See notes on above
- Community Garden—no report

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Ad Hoc Committee Review of Need and Purpose
- Park and recreation development guidelines
- Intermodal transportation committee report—B. Winker

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:14pm