

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

**6:30pm**

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

**Members Present:**, , Johnny Calkins, Jane Fusek, John Kulstad, Heidi Conzelmann, Jennifer Ortega, Scott Binder, Julie Giannini-Previde, Charlie Caldwell, Ciara Torres, Dana Merrill

**Members Absent:** Laura Bridy, Phil Heidrick

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

Staff reported on the Art's of McKinleyville event held on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Public Comment:

None

PARC Applicant

Moved to December agenda meeting so applicant can attend.

Community Garden:

Charlie presented an assessment of what needs to be done to rehab the garden as well as cost estimates. He is researching funding options and possible community partners to involve.

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 began on November 7 and will run through December 12th.
- We are offering a new cooking class: Savory Cooking with Jessica, Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00pm-4:00pm. Registration is \$50 for McKinleyville residents, \$55 for non-residents.
- Playgroup for children 0-5 years old is running every Thursday from 10:30am-12:30pm.
- Registration for the Breakout: Skate Camp November 20-22 is now open. Breakout is a day camp program for youth age 6-11.
- Tickets are on sale for the second middle school dance of the year to be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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. Hiller Sports Site fields are now closed for the winter. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces.

Azalea Hall renovations are complete. A new dish sanitizer was installed earlier this month and the front doors were replaced on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Facility Rentals & Use

- 18 Azalea Hall Rentals plus a weekly and a bi-weekly meeting room rental in November through January.
- 2 sport league vendors are utilizing the Activity Center Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings November through December.
- 2 Pierson Park rentals November through January.  
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

Vandalism and misuse of Pierson Park has lessened in the last month, but has not disappeared altogether.

#### Hewitt Ranch Property Updates

No updates at this time.

#### North Bank River Property Updates

No updates at this time.

#### Other updates:

- Staff co-hosted the Art's of McKinleyville event with the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Staff has been engaged in work related to the renewal of Measure B, which passed on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Staff continues to work with MUSD to provide staff for the school districts after school programs.
- 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—lots of use and positive feedback from users
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— Caltrout is working with CalPoly Humboldt capstone students removing invasive plants and replanting natives.
- BMX— McK. BMX is hosting a fundraiser on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Azalea Hall
- Community Garden—see agenda item note

#### Agenda Items for next meeting:

Community Garden Plan  
Marketing and sticker shwag  
Officer elections for 2024

Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, December 20th – Committee Potluck at 6:15pm. Meeting at 6:30pm  
Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:25pm