

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**6:30pm**

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

**Members Present:** Laura Bridy, Johnny Calkins, Scott Binder, Jennifer Ortega, Heidi Conzelmann, Charlie Caldwell, NO QUORUM \*\* Julie Giannini-Previde (showed up at 7:21pm)

**Members Absent:** Jane Fusek, Ben Winker, Phil Heidrick, John Kulstad,

Guests: Sequoyah Hudson, Kira Franklin

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

- Staff updated committee on Azalea Hall renovations.

Public Comment:

- Sequoyah Hudson and her daughter Kira attended the meeting to discuss recent use conflicts at Hiller Park and the conversations taking place on social media regarding multiple uses of the park and trails. They offered suggestions for additional signs.
  - Staff reported that additional signs had been purchased and are scheduled to be installed next week.

Draft Operating Budget:

- Committee members inquired as to the District's practices in providing livable wages and increases to ensure that employees are adequately compensated.
- A Public attendee asked about the allocation of property taxes in the budget and how that was allocated and whether or not McKinleyville residents were taxed extra.
  - Staff explained the ad valorem allocation from the county as well as the Measure B assessment, which is a separate revenue stream from property taxes, but is assessed to property owners only in McKinleyville.

BMX Track and Park Project:

- Staff provided an update on the design status of the project and that the final master plan for design will be presented at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> MCSD Board meeting for approval.

Community Forest:

- Staff updated the committee on the current status of the property acquisition and communications with Green Diamond Resource Co.
- Member Jennifer Ortega, asked if residents in the neighborhood adjacent to the additional acreage where MCSD is requesting GDRC assess some trees for possible hazards, would be consulted before decisions to cut trees down would be made.
  - Staff said that the request that residents be considered and consulted would be passed along to GDRC.

Dept. Director Report:

- No comments from committee

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park— HSC received approval from MCSD board to move forward on beginning construction on 3400 square feet. The contractor will be able to get started in late June or early July. Still hoping to do a ceremonial ground breaking at the Pony Express Days festival on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— Nothing to report
- BMX— See notes on above

- Community Garden—Nothing to report

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Several committee members indicated they will be unable to attend the May PARC meeting.

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:39pm