

**Thursday, September 17, 2020**

**6:30pm (6:45pm-call to order: no quorum)**

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

NO QUORUM

**Members Present:**, Johnny Calkins, Jeff Dunk, Scott Binder, Chad Sefcik, Director David Couch, Beth Frink

Late: Charlie Caldwell (arrived after 7:00pm)

**Members Absent:** Laura Bridy, John Kulstad, Josh Zender, David Coelho, Ben Winker,

**Guests:** Jaqueline (from Burn Ranch for BMX); Pat Kaspari

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

- Staff reported that Committee member Josh Zender submitted his resignation from the committee as he has had to move out of the McKinleyville area.

Public Comment:

- None

Recreation Director Report

- We began a Recreational Afternoon Program this month serving elementary school children in the afternoon. Program activities are focused on social and emotional skills, art, and physical movement. Staff continue planning for alternative youth sports activities to be offered this winter and spring.
- New Heart Community Church intends to resume use of the Activity Center for Sunday services beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>. The McKinleyville Senior Center is working on their plan to submit to the County Public Health Dept. in order to get approval to reopen the Senior Center at Azalea Hall.
- Staff is working to update the cost estimates for the Pierson Park Expansion and Renovation project for the Statewide Park Development and Revitalization Grant application due in December.
- As of the writing of these notes the County Public Health Dept. did not have an estimated date or timeline for re-opening picnic areas, playgrounds and community centers.
- No comments or questions from Committee members.

Re-Name of the Recreation Advisory Committee

- Committee members discussed various options for renaming the committee to reflect the broader scope of the committee to include open spaces and natural resources. No recommendations were voted on due to lack of committee quorum.

Dedication In Memory of George Wheeler

- Committee members agreed that this topic is not something requiring recommendation to the MCSD Board given it does not involve naming of District property.
- If any member of the public, committee member or otherwise, wish to purchase a park amenity and dedicate it, it does not require board approval, but merely needs to meet all standard and specification criteria required for the amenity as established by applicable safety requirements, laws and/or District policies.

### BMX Proposal for Washington and School Rd. Property

- Staff will coordinate with Jason & Wendi Orlandi to draft an MOU/Operating Agreement as requested by the MCSD Board in consideration of granting a Right of Entry Agreement.
- Staff will work with GM to finish drafting a Right of Entry Agreement.

### Community Garden

- Committee member, Ben Winker was not present to report on Community Garden work.

### Community Forest

- Staff reported on status of the Trust for Public Land's grant application for the purchase of 550 acres of forest property, which if funded, will be deeded to MCSD for the operation and management of a Community Forest.
- Staff reported on current planning work being done for the project and for the future need of 1-2 Recreation Advisory Committee members to participate on a Forest specific committee in the future.

### Virtual Tour-Social Media Campaign Project

- Beth Frink outlined the general components and objective of an awareness campaign to promote use of outdoor parks and spaces. The outline included opportunities for potential partnerships with other outdoor activity organizations
- Beth Frink spoke with Jeff Dunk and was referred to a Natural Resource professor at HSU to present the idea as a potential capstone project
- Charlie Caldwell reported that the McK. Chamber of Commerce is also discussing a similar project that will connect residents and businesses.

### AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Hewitt Ranch—no report
- Skate Park—Design plan docs are being revised and will hopefully be ready for review within next two weeks
- School and Washington Property—no report
- River Property—trail to river is clear
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—CEQA docs approved
- BMX— See notes on above

### Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Committee Re-naming
- Community Garden
- Community Forest
- BMX proposal
- Virtual Property Tour-Social Media campaign project

### Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:29pm