

**Thursday, February 20, 2020**

**6:30pm**

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

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

**Members Absent:** John Kulstad, Ben Winker, Charlie Caldwell, David Coelho

**Guests:** Devin Medrun, Sabra Steinberg, Gail Ericson

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

- Staff reported on the actions of the MCSD Board at the February 5, 2020 Board meeting:
  - Appointment of Joshua Zender to the Committee and renewal of committee member, John Kulstad's membership for another 4 year term.
- Staff reported the elimination of the Program Supervisor position resulting in laying off Brigit Fraga

Public Comment:

- Gail Ericson, long time McKinleyville resident spoke to the committee regarding his interest in providing a fishing program for youth, and inquiry as to if MCSD held land on which it would be feasible to build 1 acre ponds, in order to provide a fishing opportunity for youth.

Conflict of Interest Form 700's:

- Staff distributed the conflict of interest forms to the committee members for signatures.

BMX Community Interest in Building McKinleyville Track

- Devin Medrun reported to the committee recent data collections and meeting with the county planning department. He plans to develop a presentation outlining cost estimates, approximate timeline for construction and potential funding sources to the committee at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Botanical Garden:

- Member Beth Frink reported on meeting with staff and concluding that it was best to hold off on moving forward with planning the implementation of a pollinator garden at the botanical garden site, until the unknowns related to the WWMF microgrid project could be known.
- Staff reported that MCSD is entering into an agreement with New Directions to provide regular on-going landscape maintenance of the garden for a nominal fee.
- Sabra Steinberg spoke to the committee about her knowledge of the history of how the botanical garden was developed and how the project fell apart due to MCSD's lack of commitment to the project.

Parking at Hiller Park:

- Staff asked the committee for opinions regarding the possibility of decommissioning the eastern segment of the paved Hammond trail along the Hiller Park parking area.
- Committee members discussed the level and type of use for the section of trail and asked staff to consider the use of that portion of the trail by cyclists who are avoiding pedestrians and dogs using the western section of the trail.

- Cement bumpers were suggested as the possible simplest solution to preventing cars from parking on the trail.

Recreation Program Updates:

- Playgroup- Continues to have 30-35 families per day three days per week.
- Tot-letics- Soccer session ended February 15<sup>th</sup>. Next session begins in April
- Drop in Pickleball- 10-15 participants two days per week.
- Drop in Basketball- 20-25 participants every Sunday
- Youth Basketball League- over half way through the season. Pee Wee basketball registration open now.
- Paint Night- February paint night hosted 6 painters, Next class is March 18th.
- Family Skate Night- hosted almost 100 participants

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Hewitt Ranch—No report
- Skate Park—working on permitting; awaiting grant responses.
- School and Washington Property—No report
- River Property—No report
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—CalTrout is seeking additional funding for the completion of the project.
- BMX— See notes on above

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Draft Operating Budget
- BMX Interest
- Hammond Trail
- Community Garden
- Botanical Garden

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:43pm