

Thursday, January 20, 2022

6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

Members Present: Johnny Calkins, John Kulstad, Ben Winker, Charlie Caldwell, Laura Bridy, Phil Heidrick, Jane Fusek, Heidi Conzelmann, Scott Binder

Members Absent: Jeff Dunk

Guests: Devin Medrud, Rita Orlandini, Jim Knerl, Jennifer Ortega, Pat Kaspari

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Election of Officers

- Johnny Calkins nominated Laura Bridy for Chair. Laura did not object. No further nominations for Chair were submitted. Charlie Caldwell moved to elect Laura as Chair, John Kulstad seconded. Committee vote was unanimous, electing Laura Bridy as Chair.
- Ben Winker nominated Phil Heidrick for Vice-Chair. Phil did not object to the nomination after hearing details on the demands and expectations for the role. John Kulstad moved to elect Phil as Vice Chair, Charlie Caldwell seconded the nomination. The committee vote was unanimous, electing Phil Heidrick as vice-chair.

PARC Applicant

- Jennifer Ortega submitted an application for membership on the Committee in December. She has attended several meetings in the past year. John Kulstad, Ben Winker and Laura Bridy all spoke in support of recommending appointment of Jennifer to the Board of Directors. John Kulstad moved to recommend, Ben Winker seconded and the committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Directors that Jennifer be appointed to the vacant regular voting member seat on the PARC.

Recreation Director Report:

- Recreation Program Updates
 - Drop-in Pickleball is running on Friday evenings 6:30pm-8:30pm. Masks are required to play.
 - Winter Breakout Day Camp in December was successful and served 25 elementary students per day December 20-22, 2021. The next Breakout Day Camp will be February 21-25, 2022.
 - Youth Basketball programs for 3rd through 6th grades began on January 15th. There are two programs running concurrently, an afterschool program and a Saturday program.
 - Two new Adult classes began this month, Tai Chi on Sundays 11:00-12:00 and Kung Fu on Tuesday and Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm. These are drop-in classes. \$10 per class or bulk classes for \$7.50 per class.
- 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. Staff have been trimming trees in parks and along Central Ave. Hiller Sports Site continue to be mowed and gophers continue to be trapped. Staff are planning to host volunteer work days in February to fill in holes and distribute grass seed on the sports fields. A new ice machine was installed at Azalea Hall after the original ice machine became unrepairable. Staff continues to keep up with daily/weekly routine facility and vehicle maintenance. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces.
- Community Forest Updates
 - Staff continue preparing for the acquisition of the Community Forest Property. Green Diamond Resource Co. would like to include any access easements in the property transfer title. Staff will be working with HSU Parks & Rec planning students this semester to host a variety of public input processes to gather community input on desired access locations and amenities as well as desired recreational uses to be developed.
 - Public input meetings/process are scheduled as follows:
 - Saturday, Feb. 26th 9:30am-12:30pm at Azalea Hall
 - Tuesday, March 8 6:00pm-7:30pm via Zoom
 - Online and hard copy survey distribution at mid/end of February
 - Invitation to meetings will be posted via all MCSD PSA outlets, social media and website.
- Hewitt Ranch Property Updates
 - No updates at this time.
- North Bank River Property Updates
 - No updates at this time.
- Other updates:
 - Staff submitted an application for the Prop 68 Per Capita funding for improvement renovations at Azalea Hall based on the departments Capital Maintenance and Inventory plan. The funding will be used to replace the flooring throughout the lobby, Hewitt Room and Kitchen, replace an aged HVAC system, replace the aged kitchen exhaust system, renovate the walls in the Hewitt room, and replace the front doors.
 - Staff submitted an application for the construction of the Skatepark through the Rural Recreation and Tourism grant program from the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation. The grant application deadline was January 20, 2022.
 - Staff are preparing the Spring/Summer Newsletter and Activity Guide which is scheduled to go out to rate payers February 15-16.
 - Staff is preparing a Draft CIP budget for fiscal year 22/23. The draft will be presented to the Board of Directors at the February 2nd Board meeting.
 - Staff continues to provide support to other departments of the District; assisting with accounts payable, payroll, and facilitating professional development workshops.

BMX Track and Park Project:

- Staff provided an update on current status of the grant award and the steps that will be followed once the grant contract is signed.
- Member of the public commented on the existing trees on the property and wondered how residents could go about speaking up to save a particular tree.

Intermodal Transportation Committee (Hum. County) Report:

- Ben Winker reported on the current work of RCAA and the county studying areas in most need of improved safety for alternative transportation such as bicycles and pedestrians.

Report on Actions of MCSD Board

- Staff informed the committee of actions taken at the December 1, 2021 and January 3, 2022 Board meetings.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park—Charlie Caldwell reviewed Humboldt Skatepark Collective's Quarterly report for the Mck. Skatepark
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—Nothing new to report
- BMX— See notes on above
- Community Garden—no report

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Community Forest
- Skatepark project/groundbreaking (maybe)

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:24pm