

Thursday, January 19, 2023

6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

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

Members Absent: Laura Bridy, Julie Giannini-Previde

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

- Heidi Conzelmann inquired as to the possibility of the MSPTO using trails at Hiller Park for a youth and family fun run.

Public Comment:

- Jamey Harris, McKinleyville resident and Cal Poly Humboldt cross country coach approached the committee to inquire about the possibility of turning the Fischer Ranch property into a cross country course.
 - Staff provided some information about the property and names and contact methods of the general manager and operations director.

Office Elections & Term Renewals

- PARC members Laura Bridy and Ben Winker terms were renewed.
- Johnny Calkins nominated Laura Bridy for the office of Chair for another year, Charlie Caldwell seconded the nomination, the committee voted unanimously to keep Laura in the Chair seat.
- Johnny Calkins nominated Phil Heidrick for a second term as Vice-chair, Ben Winker seconded the nomination and the committee voted unanimously to keep Phil as vice-chair for a second term

Dept. Director Report:

- Staff answered questions about pickleball, playgroup, facility repairs and current staffing.

Community Forest Updates

- Staff reported on recent discussions with Green Diamond Resource Co. and the current status of the project.

BMX Track and Park Project:

- Staff updated the committee on recent design status of the project. It is anticipated that the design team will have a presentation for the committee in February.

Report on Actions of MCSD Board of Directors

- The Board appointed Julie Giannini-Previde to the PARC committee as a regular voting member

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park— Charlie Caldwell reported on status of the Humboldt Skatepark Collective's work toward building one phase of the skate park. The Humboldt Skate Park Collective is currently stuck in the county permit process. HSC has \$130,000 to build one 2500 square foot phase of the park. They are hoping to be able to break ground in the beginning of June. A presentation to the PARC is expected in February.
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— The trail is complete and being regularly enjoyed by community members. The CCC is still working on planting at the site. Recent weather delayed their work.
- BMX— See notes on above
- Community Garden—Nothing to report

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Skatepark plan
- BMX design presentation

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:15pm