

**Thursday, November 17, 2022**

**6:30pm**

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

**Members Present:** Johnny Calkins, Ben Winker, Scott Binder, Laura Bridy, Jennifer Ortega, Jane Fusek, Heidi Conzelmann

**Members Absent:** Jeff Dunk, Charlie Caldwell, Phil Heidrick, John Kulstad

**Meeting Notes:**

Communications:

- Staff communicated results of the poll regarding resuming in person meetings and announced that the December meeting will be hybrid with in person meeting at the District office for those who wish to attend in person and a zoom link for those who wish to attend virtually.
  - Committee members suggested doing a potluck at the December meeting.
- Heidi Conzelmann request to add the upcoming Middle School Dance as an additional agenda item for discussion.

Public Comment:

- None

Dept. Director Report:

- Ben Winker asked about the popularity of pickleball. Staff reported that drop-in program is well attended each of the three days of the week it is offered.
- No other comments or questions were given.

Community Forest Updates

- Staff reported on recent discussions with Green Diamond Resource Co. and the current status of the project.
- Ben Winker inquired about access in the area of Park Ave. Staff reported that the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Rd. is a public access point that was requested and that GDRC has indicated that they are agreeable to allowing public access at that point, however we are still awaiting a formal response to the access point request.

BMX Track and Park Project:

- Staff corrected a typo in the agenda notes, the presentation by the design team will be made at the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MCSD Board of Directors, not Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> as written in the notes.
- Staff reported that following the presentation to the Board in December a survey soliciting feedback on various options for the park design and elements will be released to the public.

Dog Park Improvement

- Jane Fusek spoke about the lack of clarity in the dog park rules sign given the absence of the split rail fence that is referenced for the “off-leash” area.
  - Committee members offered suggestions for clarified language on signs as well as placing signs on the west side of the dog park area.
- Jane also suggested that the description of the park be updated on the website and asked if it would be possible to have the “off-leash” area of the park to be identified on the District’s trail maps that are accessible on the website.
  - Staff said they would look into editing the map, updating the information on the website and creating signs that are more clear.
- It was agreed that enforcement is an issue that the District can’t solve, but that providing clear and concise information is something that can be done.

#### Intermodal Transportation Committee (Hum. County) Report:

- Information regarding the draft “Intermodal Transportation” report by the county was shared.
- Ben Winker spoke about the report

#### Report on Actions of the MCSD Board of Directors:

- Staff reported on recent actions of the MCSD Board of Directors at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the MOU between MCSD and the Pacific Union PTO.

#### Middle School Dance:

- Heidi Conzelmann asked for information related to the process by which the MOU between MCSD and the Pacific Union PTO was created. Staff provided the history of events that led to the MOU.
  - Heidi asked if other school's could also be eligible to partner with the District for hosting dances or in other ways as a fundraising opportunity for PTO's? Staff reported that the Parks & Recreation dept is open to receiving requests from school PTO's for event partnership opportunities, including future dances and/or other ideas that organizations might come up with that would be mutually beneficial to both the District and the non-profit.

#### AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park— no report
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— the upper trail is paved. Mary Burke is offering a tour of the project in coming weeks. Johnny Calkins will let Mary know that PARC members are interested and ask her to send information to Parks & Rec director.
- BMX— See notes on above
- Community Garden—Ben Winker inquired about the possibility of hosting a PARC meeting at Azalea Hall so that the committee could walk the park and visit the garden.

#### Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Potluck
- Future meeting at Azalea Hall.

#### Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:22pm