

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

Members Present:, , Johnny Calkins, Jane Fusek, John Kulstad, Heidi Conzelmann, Jennifer Ortega, Scott Binder, Julie Giannini-Previde, Phil Heidrick

Members Absent: Laura Bridy, Charlie Caldwell ,

Guests: Ciara Torres, Dana Merrill

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

Staff informed committee of upcoming Arts of McKinleyville fundraiser supporting the Boys & Girls Club at the McKinleyville Teen Center.

Staff reminded committee members to turn in Measure B ballots and to encourage neighbors and friends to do the same.

Public Comment:

None

PARC Applicants

Applicants Ciara Torres and Dana Merrill introduced themselves to the committee and spoke about their motivations for wanting to participate as committee members. Applicants were informed of the available seats on the committee, one regular voting member seat and two alternate seats. Both applicants stated they are interested in any seat available to them.

Member John Kulstad moved that both applicants be recommended to the Board of Directors for appointment to available open seats. John Calkins seconded the motion. Committee members voted unanimously to support the recommendation.

Community Garden:

Staff stated that they have not had a chance to connect with committee member Charlie Caldwell to brainstorm needs and strategies. Committee requested to discuss after an initial assessment done by Charlie and staff. It will be revisited at the November meeting.

Dept. Director Report:

Recreation Program Updates

- Drop-in Pickleball is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 9:30am to 12:30pm at the McKinleyville Activity Center. Drop in is \$4 per person.
- Drop-in Kung Fu is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5:30pm-7:00pm \$10 per person per class. Bulk class passes are available to purchase at \$7.50 per class.
- Drop-in Tai Chi is Sundays 11:00am-12:00pm \$10 per person per class. Bulk class passes are available to purchase at \$7.50 per class.
 - The Martial Arts classes are averaging 10-14 people per class.
- Fast Break Friday's, a drop-in basketball program for youth ages 13 to 17. Drop-in is \$5 per participant. It is averaging 18-20 participants per week.
- Sunday Night drop-in Basketball is averaging 8-10 participants per week.
- Beginning Pickleball Skills Class began on September 13th. The class is full with 12 participants. Registration for the next class beginning on November 7th is now open.
- Playgroup for children 0-5 years old is running every Thursday from 10:30am-12:30pm.

- Registration for the Breakout: Skate Camp November 20-22 is now open. Breakout is a day camp program for youth age 6-11.
- Tickets are on sale for the first middle school dance of the year to be held on October 27th.

Park & Facility Maintenance Updates

The Parks crew and NHES continue the routine schedule for maintenance on Central Ave. and Open Space Zone landscaping. Staff continue to keep up with daily/weekly routine facility and vehicle maintenance. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces.

Azalea Hall renovations yet to be completed include replacing the front doors and replacing the dish sanitizer in the kitchen. The renovation is scheduled to be complete by December of this year.

Facility Rentals & Use

- 13 Azalea Hall Rentals plus a weekly and a bi-weekly meeting room rental in October through December as well as two kitchen vendors using the kitchen 1 to 3 days per week.
- 2 sport league vendors are utilizing the Activity Center Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings October through December.
- 6 Pierson Park rentals September through November.
The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Teen Club at the Teen & Community Center is averaging 25-30 youth per day since school started.

Vandalism Report

Teens in the after-school hours who are not attending the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center have been misusing the park on a consistent basis. Sometimes there's vandalism, often there is a lot of trash.

Hewitt Ranch Property Updates

No updates at this time.

North Bank River Property Updates

No updates at this time.

Other updates:

- The Fall/Winter Newsletter and Activity Guide went in the mail October 12th.
- Staff has been engaged in work related to the renewal of Measure B.
- Staff attended the ribbon cutting for the skate park on Oct. 7th.
- Staff is participating in the District's 5 year strategic plan update process.
- Staff continues to participate as members of the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the McKinleyville Family Resource Center Board of Directors and the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Board of Directors.
- Staff continues to provide support to other departments of the District; assisting with accounts payable, and payroll.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park—Ribbon Cutting was a success. Recent grant application not awarded, HSC is planning more fundraising events. Skatecamp will take place during Thanksgiving break week, Nov. 20-22, 2023.
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— signs for the public access trail system are in the works. John Kulstad asked about the possibility of signage at the 101 exit at School Rd. directing people to the new trail system and overlook.
- BMX— no report

- Community Garden—see agenda item note

Agenda Items for next meeting:
Community Garden Plan

Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, November 15th
Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:20pm