

Thursday, July 21, 2022

6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

Members Present: Johnny Calkins, John Kulstad, Ben Winker, Scott Binder, Laura Bridy, Jennifer Ortega, Jeff Dunk

Members Absent: Charlie Caldwell, Phil Heidrick, Jane Fusek, Heidi Conzelmann

Guests: Martin Fusek, Ciara Torres

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Skatepark Collective Presentation

- Martin Fusek and Ciara Torres from the Humboldt Skatepark Collective-McKinleyville, presented a phase one development plan for the McKinleyville skatepark. The HSC-McKinleyville fund currently has \$120,000 and in talking with Evergreen Skateparks out of Portland OR, they believe that at least 5,000 square feet of the park can be developed with existing funds. (See **Attachment** for presentation).
- They would like to begin construction in February/March of 2023.
- Committee members voiced support for a phased development, agreeing that getting something built, even if it is just part of the planned park, will be beneficial and can help with fundraising for building future phases of the park
- Staff agreed with opinions of the committee and will be scheduling meetings with HSC and the MCSD General Manager for next steps.

Dept. Director Report:

- Committee did not have any comments or questions regarding the Parks & Recreation Director's written report of activities.

Community Forest Updates

- Staff reported on current status of the property acquisition process.
- Staff reported on recent walks of potential access points. Access points at Lime Ave. and Gwin Rd. are no longer being considered as viable options. Access points at the end of 1st Rd. and E. Cochran are still being considered.

BMX Track and Park Project:

- Staff provided an update on current status of this project and estimated timeline for the completion of design and construction
- John Kulstad asked about the estimated maintenance cost for the track and park.
 - Staff reported an estimate of \$8000 per year for the maintenance of the park and Jason Orlandi of the BMX community reported that track maintenance would be taken care of and covered by the BMX community.
- Laura Bridy asked about the revenue generation of the BMX track. Jason Orlandi explained how sanctioned races and recreation programs for BMX riders generates revenue.

Dog Park Fencing

- Staff presented the cost estimates for fencing a 6400 sq. ft. space at the dog park.
- John Kulstad commented that this is not the first time fencing at the dog park has come up. If it is something the District decides to move forward with, he believes it should be a designed project and not just merely a fence installed.
- Staff does not believe the voices of three community members necessarily constitutes sufficient interest in expending resources to develop such a project.
- Jeff Dunk suggested including questions related to dog park improvements on the next community survey for the upcoming Parks & Recreation Master Plan update.

Intermodal Transportation Committee (Hum. County) Report:

- No report

Report on Actions of the MCSD Board of Directors:

- Staff reported on recent actions of the MCSD Board of Directors at the June & July meeting of the Board regarding the approval of a renewed Right of Entry Agreement for the skatepark.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park— on Agenda
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— Johnny Calkins reported on current trail work and boat ramp construction.
- BMX— See notes on above
- Community Garden—no report

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Maintenance of the Community Garden and Botanical Garden
- Undeveloped park properties

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:57pm

Mckinleyville Skatepark PARC presentation:

Mckinleyville Skatepark has been in the works for more than 20 years, and it's time to make it a reality and provide local youth a place to practice their wheeled sports of choice.

We propose to start building the Mckinleyville Skatepark this winter by modifying current plans from Liquid Stone Designs. The current design is too ambitious to complete all at once. At 21,000sqft. it would be double the size of Arcata's park and will cost upwards of \$800k-\$1m. We propose to build a simple Phase 1 that will be roughly 5,000sqft with features that are approachable by all skill levels and connect seamlessly to future phases.

In Laytonville, a small unincorporated town in Mendocino County, Evergreen Skateparks out of Portland, OR designed and built a great little skatepark for just \$175k, from plans to finish. I have been in contact with Evergreen and was pleased to hear that they are willing to work with us on any budget, meeting us where we are to design a project that makes sense for the community and is within our means.

In my discussions with Evergreen (see attached email), they provided a 5000 sqft possible Phase 1 that could be built in February/March of 2023 for less than \$200k. They can possibly get started earlier, but with a \$10k deposit paid by Mckinleyville Skatepark by the end of July, they can guarantee a February/March ground breaking. See attached: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MkJgSian_sLyJU7Ik_K3NurIcWJSzwGY/edit?usp=sharing&oid=114801240419679715629&rtpof=true&sd=true

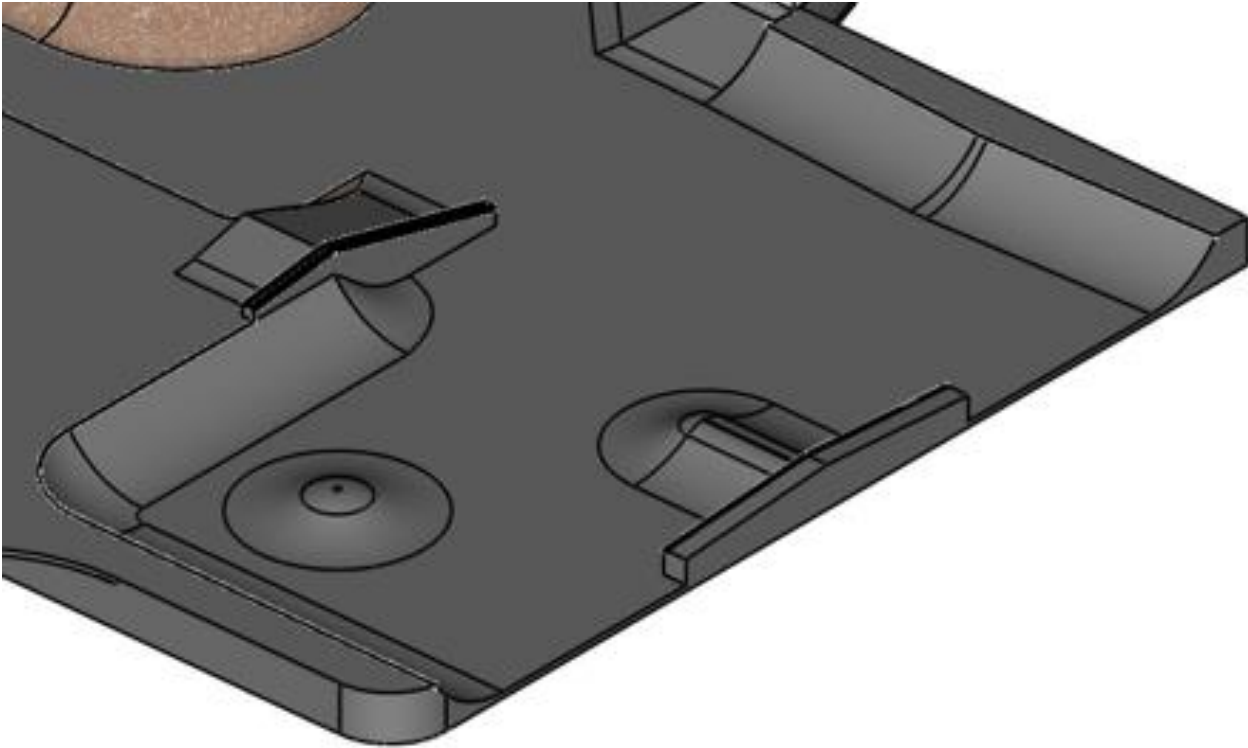
There is momentum behind building a concrete skatepark in Mckinleyville. The skateparks in Eureka and Arcata are full every day it's not raining, and the Mckinleyville Skatepark will be no different. Skateboarding is more popular today than it ever has been, and we are depriving Mckinleyville youth of fully participating in this fast growing sport by not providing them a safe place to practice and improve.

The sooner we have a concrete park, the better.

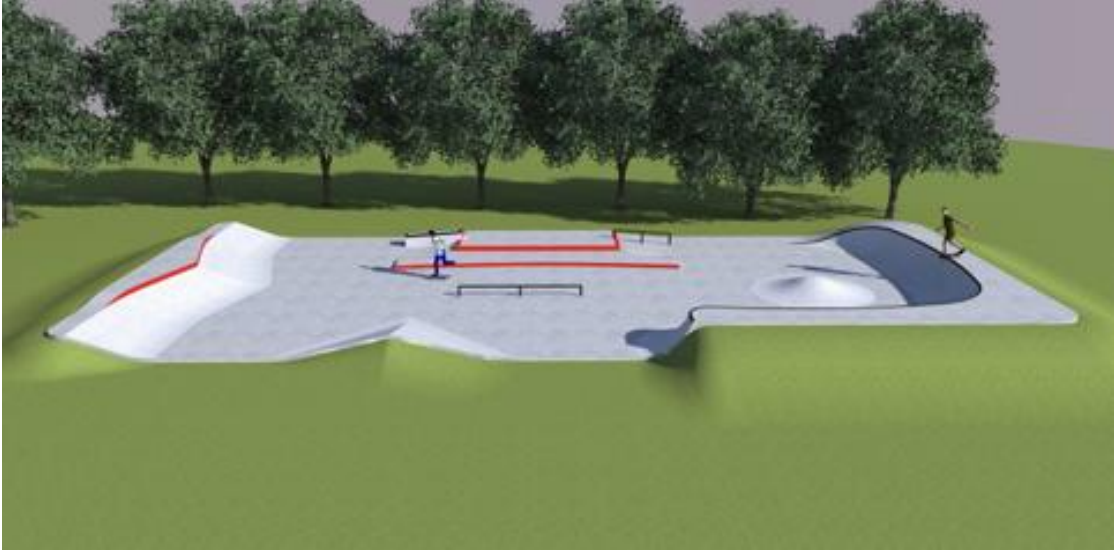
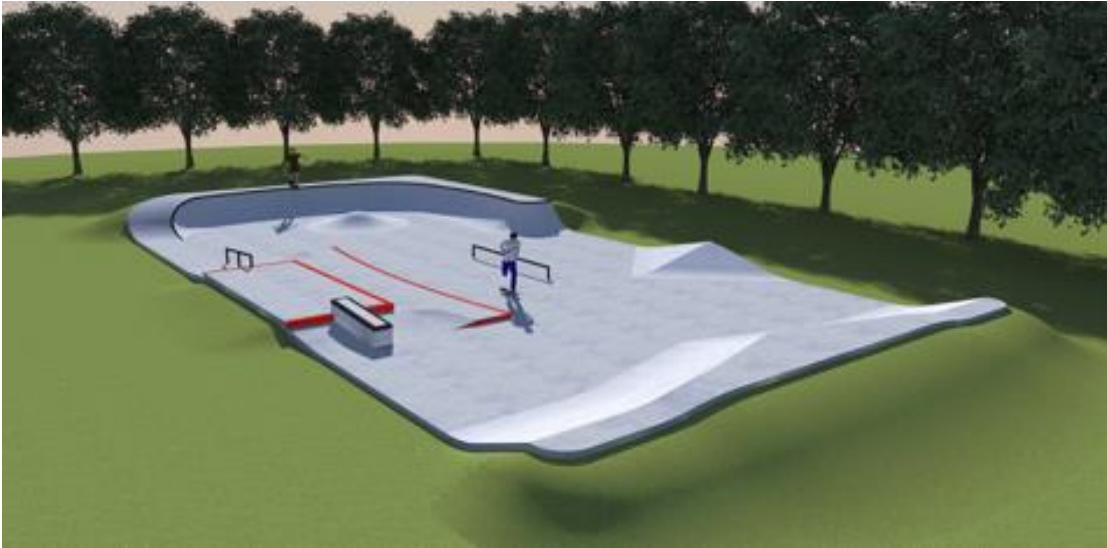
Current Liquid Stone Designs Full Park:



Proposed Phase 1 section:



Possible Phase 1 Evergreen Skateparks:





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Good chatting yesterday, as we talked about, We have a time slot available in February or March of 2023 penciled in for the Mckinleyville skatepark. If we can lock in a deposit before the end of July we will get our mobilization planned and get started on the refined design for phase 1.

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