

Thursday, October 20, 2022

6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

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

Members Absent: Jeff Dunk

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Dept. Director Report:

- Phil Heidrick asked why the Monterey pines at Pierson Park were removed.
 - Staff informed the committee that the tree roots were damaging water infrastructure in the mobile home park to the east and had been identified in previous years as potentially hazardous.
- Charlie Caldwell asked for clarification on the Prop 68 grant funds being used for Azalea Hall renovations.

Community Forest Updates

- Staff reported on current status of the property acquisition process.
- Staff reported on recent request letter sent to GDRC regarding access points.
- Laura Bridy asked if the difference between the grant amount and the purchase price as dictated by the appraisal could go toward operation and maintenance of the forest.
 - Staff explained that the grant funding is strictly for the purchase of the property and funds not used for property purchase would remain with the state.

BMX Track and Park Project:

- Staff provided an update on current status of the project including a summary of the site visit with the design team.
- Ben Winker commented on the need to consider safe access routes to the park.

Garden Maintenance:

- Staff reported on the recent volunteer recruitment and effort put forth by Jane Fusek.
- Jane Fusek reported that 5 volunteers have been recruited and have been working weekly at the Botanical garden. Much weeding has been done; mulch has been spread. She said passersby regularly providing positive feedback on the botanical garden and how much it is appreciated.
 - There is a question as to who the members of the Girl Scout troop that sponsored a bench in the garden in 2015 are and if there is anyway to get in touch with any of them.
- Being regularly present at the Botanical Garden, Jane is seeing much dog park activity and reported the problems with dogs being off leash between the parking area and the dog park. It is requested to have the Dog park on the November PARC meeting agenda.

Intermodal Transportation Committee (Hum. County) Report:

- Information regarding the draft "Intermodal Transportation" report by the county was shared.

Report on Actions of the MCSD Board of Directors:

- Staff reported on recent actions of the MCSD Board of Directors at the August and September meetings of the Board regarding the 2023-24 Measure B Engineer's Report and the professional services agreement with Godbe Research for conducting a community survey to assess property owner tolerance for increasing Measure B assessment fees.

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Skate Park— HSC is working to collect a phase 1 design plan and construction timeline to present to the MCSD Board in December.
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— No report
- BMX— See notes on above
- Community Garden—Ben Winker thanked staff for the string trimming that occurred at the garden.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Dog Park Improvements

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:16pm