

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

NOTES

Members Present: Johnny Calkins, Phil Heidrick, Jane Fusek, Heidi Conzelmann, Scott Binder, Charlie Caldwell, Ciara Torres, Patti Stuart, Julie Giannini-Previde

Members Absent: John Kulstad, Dana Merrill

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

Staff gave an update on the Park & Rec Director search

Charlie Caldwell reminded the committee that Music in the Park starts June 20th.

Staff invited committee members to the Fischer Ranch estuary workday on Sat. June 22nd.

Public Comment:

None

Tribal Land Acknowledgement to PARC Procedures

The following statement was discussed:

"We acknowledge that the land we are meeting on, and the territorial jurisdiction of the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) is unceded territory of the Wiyot People who continue to live and thrive here today. MCSD will strive to be good stewards of the land and learn from local indigenous peoples. This will be accomplished through developing respectful relationships with the native community that stem from a recognition of their deep understanding of this place."

Member Julie Giannini-Previde moved to table voting for this item until the statement can be reviewed by tribal members. Jane Fusek seconded the motion.

Botanical Garden:

Jane Fusek gave an update on the maintenance at the Botanical Garden. Each of the last two volunteer work days have brought new community members into the garden. Lots of positive feedback from the public. The next volunteer work day will be Sunday, July 21st.

July Meeting:

Julie Giannini-Previde moved to cancel the July Meeting; Heidi Conzelmann seconded.

The committee voted unanimously to cancel the July PARC meeting.

Community Garden Rehab Planning

Charlie met a community member recently who seemed very interested in getting involved with the garden. Charlie is waiting to hear back from this person.

Dept. Director Report:

Recreation Program Updates

- *Drop-in Pickleball summer schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 9:00am to 11:30pm at the McKinleyville Activity Center. Drop in is \$4 per person. There are some cancelled dates throughout the summer due to summer day camp programming needing to use the Activity Center space. Cancellation dates are: July 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 and August 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21.*
- *Beginning Pickleball workshops are one time 3-hour workshops. Six workshops are scheduled for the summer on June 5, 12, 19, 26 and August 7, 14, 21, & 28.*

- *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 5-8 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.*
- *Playgroup for children 0-5 years old will run through June and then take a break resuming again at the end of August.*
- *Summer basketball for youth in grades 3rd through 8th begins June 25th.*
- *The Totletics T-ball program that starts on May 25th. This program is for 3-5 year olds and hosts 40 children per class series. Enrollment for this program is full.*
- *Summer day camp programs kick off June 17 with the first of two cooking camps. Tot camp and Skate camps begin July 8th. Basketball camp will be held the week of July 29th.*

Park & Facility Maintenance Updates

The Parks crew and NHES continue the routine schedule for landscape maintenance on Central Ave. and Open Space Zone landscaping. We are currently accepting applications for a seasonal park maintenance worker. This position is seasonal, with the potential to become full time permanent in 2025. Staff continue to keep up with daily/weekly routine facility and vehicle maintenance. Monthly inspections were conducted on all facilities and Open Spaces.

Facility Rentals & Use

- *10 Azalea Hall Rentals plus a weekly and a bi-weekly meeting room rental in June through July.*
- *3 parties were booked through the Party Program, June through July*
- *18 Pierson Park Rentals June through July*

Vandalism Report

Vandalism in the restrooms at both Pierson and Hiller Park are an on-going issue.

Hewitt Ranch Property Updates

No updates at this time.

North Bank River Property Updates

No updates at this time.

Other updates:

- *Interviews for a new Parks & Recreation Director began June 13th and continue through June 20th.*
- *Staff preparing for the first McK. Community Forest Committee meeting to be held on July 16th 5:30 at Azalea Hall*
- *Staff is awaiting the signed construction contract from F. Loduca Co. for the construction of the BMX Track and Park. It is anticipated that construction will begin sometime in July.*
- *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—The Humboldt Skatepark Collective is planning fundraising opportunities for spring and summer. It is estimated that Phase 2, adding another 5,000-6,000 sq. ft. to the park will cost \$250,000.
- Fisher Ranch Estuary project— volunteer workdays coming up
- BMX— staff gave update construction contract
- Community Garden—see agenda item note

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Botanical Garden update
- Addition of Tribal Land Acknowledgement to PARC meeting protocols
- Vote on whether or not to hold meeting in July

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: approximately 7:14 pm