

Firehouse Community Park Agency
(a.k.a. Mesa Park Board)
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM
Contact: mesaparkboard@gmail.com

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Board members present: Leilani Fraser, Charles Whitefield, Melinda Stone, Kevin McElroy

Others present: Michael Cavette, Drew Sabec, Dave Duffin, Michael Krakauer, Angie Calpestri, Don Smith, Ali Uzri, Chris Martinelli, Greg De Haan, Jacob Leyva, William Krakauer, Jan Sears.

Community Expression

1. Dave Duffin gave a history of the dirt bike riders at Mesa Park and advocated for a storage shed to be placed there for tools, safety equipment, etc. Numerous community members, including many past and current riders, expressed support for this and offered to assist Dave with our young riders and any problems that may arise. Leilani expressed concerns about liability, security, placement. Charles asked about fencing it off, Michael got a quote for \$14K. After hearty discussion the board agreed to allow the container with the condition that if problems persist and community members don't step up we will have it removed at our discretion.
2. Don Smith brought up the possibility of a public shower. This issue will be on the agenda for next month.
3. Greg De Haan has some grants that may apply to our park, he will follow up with Leilani.

Mesa Park:

1. Dirt bike track items: discussed in depth in community expression. Leilani motions to allow the container on the condition that we have more community involvement in enforcing good behavior. Kevin seconds. Passes 4-0.
2. Condition of Mesa Park. Michael: looking decent. Trash and dumping ongoing problems. People continue to dump mattresses and large detritus around the parking lot. Also the dirt bike jumps can go back in after the movie event.
3. Skate park signage: Up and so far hasn't been tagged or taken down.
4. Maintenance / clean up of playground & update on playground from Children's Center: Ongoing. Michael to reach out to community members to help in the relocation of the playground.

Downtown Park:

1. Condition of downtown park: looking good as it's not being used much. It appears that people aren't wearing a line in it on the way to the bathroom since it's closed. Irrigation isn't working properly but the grass is getting watered. Discussed bench options.
2. Bathrooms: closed at the moment. Board discussed the bathrooms opening, the possibility of a sink added to the oven area. County says it's up to us if we want to open or close the bathrooms, but we have to provide maintenance and keep them adequately sanitized, etc. With the current covid infection levels we can't do that.
3. Re-design of downtown park / addition of park benches: no progress.
4. Based on public comments about moving the 31 Wharf project to the downtown park Michael will consult counsel to look into the legality so the board can provide a statement.

Manager's Report:

1. Report: Mesa Park: Continuing issue with overnight parking. Discussion about this and making sure staff has

- adequate training and resources to handle this. We have had difficulty getting Marin County Sheriff to assist.
2. Covid-19 restrictions update for the parks: Skate park and playgrounds are allowed to stay open but we cannot encourage or plan gatherings of any kind. We expect an update on January 4, 2021.
 3. We got our award letter for the state grant, \$250K. Next step is 1:1 meeting with our grant representative. Application is due December 31, 2021. Charles recommends the board come back with a few ideas. Don recommends keeping a log of time spent working on this.

Bank balances:
Friends of Mesa Park: \$1,742.38
Reserve Account: \$2,166.96
Regular checking: \$16,056.56
TOTAL: \$19,965.90

Next tax payment should come in December.

TOTAL Warrants: \$2,488.77

Approve Warrants: Melinda motions, Kevin seconds, passes 4-0.

Approve regular meeting minutes from 11/10/20. Kevin motions, Melinda seconds. Passes 4-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Old News:

- 1.

Other:

1. Formalize new Board Officers: Kevin as Secretary. Leilani as Treasurer. Charles remains President.
 - a. We need to appoint someone to the open spot within 60 days. We have an interested individual to reach out to. We will post notice in the Hearsay 3 times.
2. Formalize 2021 Board meeting schedule: 2nd Tuesday of each month.
3. Vote on award letter from CA State Parks
 - a. Reminder to form a committee in the new year to work on a project plan for Calif. State Parks grant.
4. Vote on reimbursement transparency report for the Grand Jury.
5. Kevin suggests the board meet in person for a parks tour once Covid restrictions are lifted.

Treasurer's Report: