

# MEASURE A\_PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

March 3rd, 2026 | 6:30PM | BMK CSD 4 Montego Key, Novato, CA 94949

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**“Equitable access for all BMK residents to enjoy all community amenities, and stewardship for all parks and open spaces”**

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For Zoom Participation:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81194097337?pwd=pvanrdca3vyhBh8rWK4Dr6bHCcibWM.1>

Meeting ID: 811 9409 7337

Passcode: 380335

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## 5 in Attendance:

- Lisa Lue - CSD Manager
- Vince Lattanzio – CSD BOD lead
- Natalia Shorten – Committee lead
- Charlie Schonwasser
- Liz Fiengold
- Brooke Stage
- Candra Canning
- Karen Herz
- Maureen Binetti
- Suzanne Lawrence
- Amy Dorie
- Jane Buerger
- Elizabeth Geler
- Diane McKone

## ➤ **CSD OFFICE REPORT:**

- Financial report out
  - Savings = \$236,181.88
  - Checking = \$4,999.00
- Spigots @ Parks - status
- Coastal Conservancy, South Levee ownership - Waiting for Army Corp of Engineers and Coastal Conservancy - is there a meeting scheduled?
- May - deadline to submit SOW to Marin County for Msr A funds

## ➤ **CURRENT BUSINESS AND PROJECTS:**

- Bench Program (Candra & Diann)
  - Review general project status
  - Review scope for each park, discuss execution challenges, approve final scope

- Once all 3 bids are received, committee will bring their recommendation to the board meeting for final approval
  - Sidewalk Program (Suzanne & Natalia)
    - Only need to address Bahama E asphalt issue
    - Brian agreed to get 3 bids to remove it
  - Easy WINS
    - Replace dead tree at Montego - Brian indicated it is not a drainage issue - Natalia to discuss with Brightview replacing the tree and understand why the other tree hasn't grown well over time
    - Purchase 4 additional swing mats for Montego to match two existing
      - Kids move them to the hanging carousel so they can reach
      - Put 4 mats at the carousel to create a platform, 2 at swings - see photos
      - APPROVED, unanimous 2.3.26 mtg
      - Status?
  - Fountain Maintenance
    - Possibly add to Brightview's scope for regular cleaning if Brian doesn't have time
  - Community Work Day (Maureen, Jane, Brooke)
    - April 18th - Review details from N2N (below)
      - Projects:
        - Painting BBQ grills
          - Purchase required high heat paint from Pini (CSD Account)
          - Will need proper wire brush attachments for power drills to sand down old paint and remove rust from grates (see photos below)
          - Prepare detailed instructions for this project for volunteers to follow
        - Powerwashing
          - How what where
        - Trash pick up at all parks / levee trail
        - More ice planting at dirt patches
          - Circle areas on a map for landscapers to deliver and volunteers to know locations
        - Clean playground equipment
          - How, what, where
        - Clean water and doggie fountains
      - Meet at CSD parking lot in the AM, have captains, get assignments, divide and conquer at each park or trail
      - Pizza together at Montego for lunch
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➤ **MASTERPLAN:**

- Create work plan for future projects
  - Montego Park
    - Turf replacement and releveling
    - Irrigation replacement
    - Possible refurbishment or replacement of play equipment
  - Community Garden

- Playground Equipment
  - Nature Play area at a smaller community park
  - Possible refurbishment of other parks
    - <https://playgroundguardian.com/>
    - <https://www.gametime.com/cprs>

➤ **ONGOING OR PENDING BUSINESS:**

- Communication
  - Inform community what work is being done through new website as projects complete
  - Lisa requested Measure A informational signs to post at parks once work is completed
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- Trails
  - Pond trail to connect to Hamilton Bay Area Wetlands trail - "Safe Route to School" - Call appropriate entities to see if we can get this improved / regularly maintained



**BMK PARKS & OPEN SPACES COMMUNITY CLEANUP**  
**In Celebration of Earth Day**

**Saturday, April 18 @ 10am**

**10-10:15am** - Meet in CSD Parking lot, Park Captains gather and assign teams for each park

**10:30am** - Arrive at assigned location, get instructions, get to work!

**12:30pm** - Pizza and drinks at Montego Park

**Let's show some love to the place we call home!**

Join your neighbors for a community cleanup of our parks and open spaces as we celebrate Earth Day together. This is a simple, hands-on way to care for our outdoor play spaces, protect wildlife, and keep Bel Marin Keys beautiful for everyone who lives, boats, walks, and plays here.

**All ages encouraged! Come for 30 minutes or stay longer - every bit helps.**

To sign up in advance, or have a specific work idea? Please reach out to:

Maureen Benetti [mcbinettis@yahoo.com](mailto:mcbinettis@yahoo.com)

Jane Buerger [buerger.jane@gmail.com](mailto:buerger.jane@gmail.com)

**What to Expect:**

- Light landscape work and equipment cleanup around parks, open spaces, and S. Levee Trail
- Fresh air, good company, and a shared sense of pride
- A chance to make a visible difference in just a short time

**What to Bring:**

- Gloves (if you have them)
- Reusable water bottle
- Comfortable shoes and a neighborly spirit

**Because caring for our community starts right outside our door.**

**Let's clean up, connect, and celebrate Earth Day—BMK style!**

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