

MEASURE A_PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

April 7th, 2026 | 6:30PM | BMK CSD 4 Montego Key, Novato, CA 94949

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

For Zoom Participation:

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

Meeting ID: 811 9409 7337

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Attendances:

- Lisa Lue - CSD District Manager
- Natalia Shorten – Committee lead
- Vince Lattanzio – CSD BOD lead
- 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 - installed at 3 main parks - discussion for water access at others
- May - deadline to submit SOW to Marin County for Msr A funds - Natalia to work with Lisa

➤ **CURRENT BUSINESS AND PROJECTS:**

- Bench Program (Candra & Diann)
 - Review final scope and bids
 - Fund for bench project will be accepted using “customer job” in Operating bank account and classified as Measure A paid for by Operations.
- Sidewalk Program
 - Bids received and removing asphalt portion

- Easy WINS
 - Replace dead tree at Montego
 - Consult / call Andy Mcaghon who planted native oaks in the first place to replace& advise on the other tree that hasn't grown well (shallow planting?) STATUS?
 - 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? In progress, Lisa trying to get an order placed
- Community Work Day (Maureen, Jane, Brooke)
 - April 18th - Review details and volunteers
 - Projects:
 - Painting BBQ grills Vince will oversee/lead this part on the 18th, need 2-3 other volunteers with cordless power drills
 - Purchase required high heat paint from Pini (CSD Account) spray paint
 - Will need proper wire brush attachments for power drills to sand down old paint and remove rust from grates (see photos below) *purchase from Pini*
 - Powerwashing
 - How what where
 - Could use sidewalk power washing at all parks
 - Cavalla Cay sidewalks and concrete areas need it badly
 - Trash cans at all parks
 - Trash pick up at all parks / levee trail
 - Clean playground equipment
 - For clean up day - Buckets with soapy water and large sponges, no power washing (biodegradable soap plz)
 - Clean water fountains and doggie fountains
 - Buckets with soapy water and large sponges, or power washing
 - **Cavalla Cay - remove fountain that's not attached and doesn't work**
 - 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 - Maureen to order and get reimbursed by CSD
 - **MUST prepare detailed instructions for people and make sure all equipment needed is available or pre-arranged for certain people to bring**
 - **Vince will provide trash bags, gloves, pickers, etc**

➤ **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 [NS]
 - 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:**
 - Coastal Conservancy, South Levee ownership - Waiting for Army Corp of Engineers and Coastal Conservancy
 - Communication
 - Inform community what work is being done through new website as projects complete
 - We have Measure A informational signs to post at parks once work is completed
 - 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

Jane Buerger 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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