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October 12, 2021

6:30 PM

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BUSINESS

1. [Wetlands Edge Eco-Center Project](#)

Recommendation: Adopt a Minute Order appointing two (2) City Councilmembers to a Lease Negotiation 2x2 Committee and provide feedback and direction on the Wetlands Edge Eco-Center Project.

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF ORAL REPORTS

MAYOR/COUNCIL/COMMISSION COMMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Taresa Geilfuss, City Clerk



TITLE

Wetlands Edge Eco-Center Project

RECOMMENDATION

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CONTACT

Jason Holley, City Manager

Janelle Sellick, Executive Director, American Canyon Community Parks Foundation

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

Over the last several years, for both aesthetic and operational reasons, the City has considered moving its Corporation Yard operations from 205 Wetland Edge Road to a new, more permanent location away from its residential neighbors. Although the Corporation Yard existed well before the adjacent homes, it now stands out aesthetically against the backdrop of the million dollar views of the wetlands.

Should the City decide to relocate the Corporation Yard, then the next question is: "what" to do with the remaining property? A permanent sale is not possible because subterranean utility infrastructure must remain, many of the existing buildings, etc. could be re-purposed.

Re-Purpose Corporation Yard into "Eco-Center"

Clark Ranch is an undeveloped city-owned property approximately 1-mile north of the Corporation Yard (at the intersection of Wetlands Edge Road and Eucalyptus Drive). The *Clark Ranch Master Plan* calls for a new regional nature/environmental/community center (the "Eco-Center") to be "an indoor interpretative, recreation and community space with classrooms and multipurpose rooms to support programming and exhibits (watershed protection/education, wetlands habitat/biology). Possible space for vendor sales (deli/gifts) and rentals (bike/kayak)."

There are several challenges to the Master Plan. This is embodied by the fact much remains to be accomplished despite its adoption many years ago. Unfortunately, as was the case in 2016, there is

no City funding for implementation of new facilities at Clark Ranch. Moreover, the construction of the new school and development of the outdoor fitness station (by ACCPF) has intensified uses in the area, which have been compounded by extraordinary utilization of the Wetland Trail by residents during the pandemic.

Given the limited access to the Clark Ranch property and the sensitivity of nearby neighbors to increased activity, staff questions whether Clark Ranch is the right location for the Eco-Center after all. Moreover, given the desire to relocate industrial uses away from the (former) Corporation Yard, couldn't re-purposing it into an Eco-Center achieve multiple objectives (win-win-win)? In effect, this would expand the footprint of Clark Ranch creating a more regional park-like amenity with bookends (Eco-Center to the south and Clark Ranch to the North) connected by an expansive network of trails.

Recently, an idea to re-imagine the former building as a new Eco-Center has taken shape. The American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation (<https://www.acparks.org>) (ACCPF) is interested in spearheading an effort to re-purpose the Corporation Yard into the Eco-Center contemplated by the Master Plan ([Attachment 1](#)). The venerable ACCPF is a local non-profit with an unmatched track-record of fundraising and delivering successful projects and initiatives for the community ([Attachment 2](#)). ACCPF representatives will sharing additional information about the Eco-Center proposal at tonight's meeting.

Given there are no other local non-profit organizations with an interest in delivering on a capital campaign of this scope and scale, the Council has authorized an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with ACCPF. The successful result of the ENA process is envisioned to be a long-term lease with ACCPF to develop the new Eco-Center. Staff recommends the Council appoint two (2) City Councilmembers to joint City staff and ACCPF representatives in the long-term lease negotiations.

In addition, a goal of tonight's meeting is to publicly solicit input on the Eco-Center's formal development program (the "Project"). Input is sought from the City Council, the Parks and Community Services (PCS) Commission, and the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC). Members of the public are invited and encouraged to provide their input as well.

It is worth noting ACCPF's proposal to develop an Eco-Center is not intended to preclude other uses there too. For example, the City is aware the community desires the creation of a kayak launch and the restoration of additional wetlands. Neither of these amenities are proposed by ACCPF, but they are not precluded by its proposal either.

However, before soliciting input on "what" the the Project *should* be, the first aspect is actually to confirm "where" - meaning, one desired outcome tonight is confirmation that the (former) Corporation Yard site is the appropriate location for the Eco Center (instead of Clark Ranch). As a matter of real-property interest, confirming this question of "where" is paramount to commencement of lease negotiations.

From a land-use prospective, the current "Public" zoning is appropriate and would remain the same if the Eco-Center is developed at the (former) Corporation Yard site. However, from an alternatives prospective, there are (at least) three other possibilities - all of which intensify public uses at Clark Ranch instead: (1) "status quo"(i.e.. leave the City's industrial footprint at the Corporation Yard); or (2) relocate the City's industrial footprint and abandon the City's presence at the (former) Corporation Yard; or (3) relocate the City's industrial footprint and undertake new public uses at the (former) Corporation Yard with an different partner/program as of yet not identified.

Simply put, none of these alternative offer the same near-term success. Moreover, if/when another group(s) (or the City itself) desires to spearhead other efforts at the (former) Corporation Yard, those idea can be considered at that time. In addition, repurposing the Corporation Yard into the Eco-Center does not preclude the development of other related amenities at Clark Ranch. For example, even if the Eco-Center is moved to the Corporation Yard, there is a desire to have restrooms and potentially a smaller structure with a classroom annex at Clark Ranch.

Staff recommends the Council, PCS and OSAC review the proposal from ACCPF, solicit feedback from the public, and confirm for the purposes of lease negotiations, that the (former) Corporation Yard is the site for the Eco-Center.

COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Outdoors and Recreation: "Expand opportunities for use of outdoor recreation and an active and healthy lifestyle."

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no requested Council action tonight and thus, no fiscal impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

There is no requested Council action tonight and thus, no environmental review is needed.

ATTACHMENTS:

- [1. Eco-Center Concept](#)
- [2. ACCPF Annual Report](#)

Attachment 2.1



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IMPACT REPORT

2020



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INTRODUCTION

2020 IN REVIEW & WHAT'S AHEAD

Thinking back to January of 2020, our team was in full planning mode. Our Watershed Explorers Pilot Program was finally kicking off, we had just introduced outdoor fitness hikes, and held a first Wetlands Coffee Morning with record attendance. With excellent partners, dedicated staff, and a lot of creativity we were excited to expand outdoor programming in American Canyon.

I am proud that we took that same creative mindset and applied it during the pandemic. Without hesitating, we developed programs that would meet the needs of our community in a new way. **With the enthusiastic support of our board who told us “full speed ahead”, we quickly pivoted and created Covid response programs that reached over 2,000 people in 2020.** Read all about these new programs on page nine.

Thinking back to a Park and Play in September 2020 we received one of the most heartfelt compliments from a child who told us “Thank you so much for doing this, it is the most normal I have felt since Covid began”. We are proud to serve and connect our community, even during the most difficult of times. As we ponder what life will be like in a post-pandemic world, I know one thing...parks will always be there for us, and ACCPF will pivot time and time again to support our community through park improvements and outdoor programming.

We are incredibly grateful to the members, businesses, sponsors, and donors that supported us during this challenging year. Special thanks to our hard-working staff who wholeheartedly embraced new programming, our hands-on board for their support and encouragement, ACCPF members for their continued support, and the many partners who dreamed up new programs alongside us.

In the Spirit of Play,



Janelle Sellick, Executive Director



PARKS, PROGRAMS, & PLAY

WHAT WE DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY

THE PAST 5 YEARS

2020 was a big year for ACCPF - we celebrated our 5th Anniversary! March 2015 was our official introduction to the community, and we have been growing and expanding ever since. While Covid19 put a stop to our plans for a 5th Anniversary Party, it didn't stop us from reflecting on the growth and successes of our first five years. And wow, what an amazing five years it has been!

PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

In just five years ACCPF has **contributed over \$100,000** to make our good parks even better. Projects such as the Wetlands Trailhead Drinking Fountain, Owl Box Raising, and Outdoor Fitness Center are unique projects that benefit everyone in our community. New Park Benches make getting outdoors more comfortable, and volunteer projects engage our community in caring for our parks. ACCPF has partnered on seven different volunteer projects engaging over 500 volunteers.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Programs such as educational hikes, outdoor summer camps, after-school enrichment, Watershed Explorers, Curiosity Kids, and the Park and Play Mobile Recreation Van have served over **7,000 kids, families, and adults** in our community since 2015. ACCPF excels at identifying service gaps in the community and developing new programs to fill those needs. We believe that time outdoors can improve community health, children's education, and social opportunities for our residents. New programs are always in the works!

PLAY FOR ALL

Through scholarship and sponsorship support, and creative programming and planning, we strive for everyone in our community to be able to participate. ACCPF has donated \$8,000 to recreation scholarships so that no child is turned away from summer camp, swim lessons, and more. Event sponsorships, Community Giving, and student scholarships totaling over **\$25,000 support** our community's efforts to keep program costs low. We've even partnered with a local volunteer, Barry Christian to bring a Pedicab so that seniors with mobility issues can participate in our Wetlands hikes. We work hard so that everyone has access to quality programs and parks.



OUR IMPACT

2020 BY THE NUMBERS



\$61,000

RAISED IN OUR
GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE
CAMPAIGN

147

STUDENTS
SERVED IN
AFTER-SCHOOL
ENRICHMENT
PROGRAMS



200

KIDS SERVED
AT OUR
SUMMER KICKOFF
CELEBRATION



\$4,600

DONATED FOR ACHS
SCHOLARSHIPS &
COMMUNITY GIVING



432

PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED IN
VIRTUAL
AC BLOOMS HIKES

COLLABORATED
WITH

10

COMMUNITY
PARTNERS



140

STUDENTS
BECAME
WATERSHED
EXPLORERS



757

KIDS SERVED AT
NINE PARK &
PLAY EVENTS



**PARK
& PLAY**

440

PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN
OUTDOOR, COMMUNITY
EVENTS



IN 5 YEARS ACCPF HAS
PROVIDED

\$146,000

IN DIRECT SUPPORT TO
OUR COMMUNITY



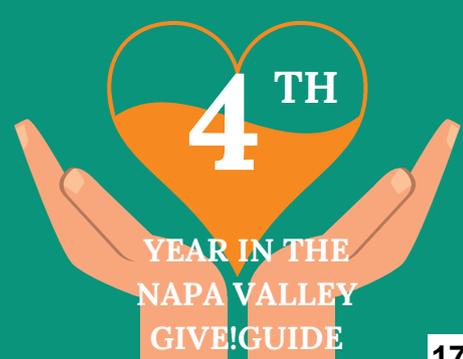
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CURIOSITY KIDS
PARTICIPANTS

4TH

YEAR IN THE
NAPA VALLEY
GIVE!GUIDE



CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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Patricia Oro

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Creighton Wright

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Joy Hilton, Education Coordinator
Andrea Long, Program Coordinator
Heather Piazza, Marketing Consultant

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CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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 Heidi Zipay

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 City of American Canyon
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thank you!

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

CELEBRATING A CHALLENGING YEAR

The month of September is traditionally our Evening at the Ruins fundraiser, however, Covid19 put a stop to our plans. In place of an in-person fundraising event, we developed the Give Where You Live campaign with the goal of raising \$50,000. Through creative activities such as AC Rock Hunt, Pinwheels for Parks, HulaHoop contest, and more we exceeded our goal and raised \$61,000! We truly put the FUN in fundraising!

Special thanks to the business Sponsors and individual donors who helped us reach our goal. These donations supported us during a difficult time and allowed us to continue to operate and serve the community.

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We Did It...
TOGETHER!

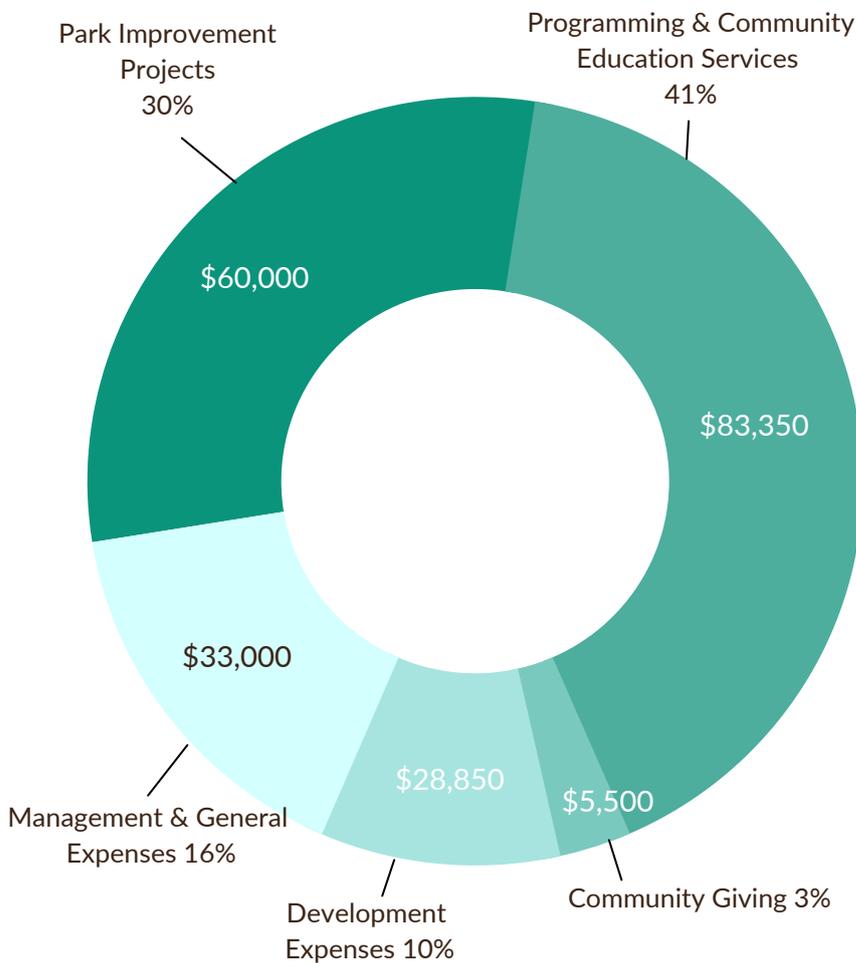


FINANCES AT A GLANCE

CELEBRATING A CHALLENGING YEAR

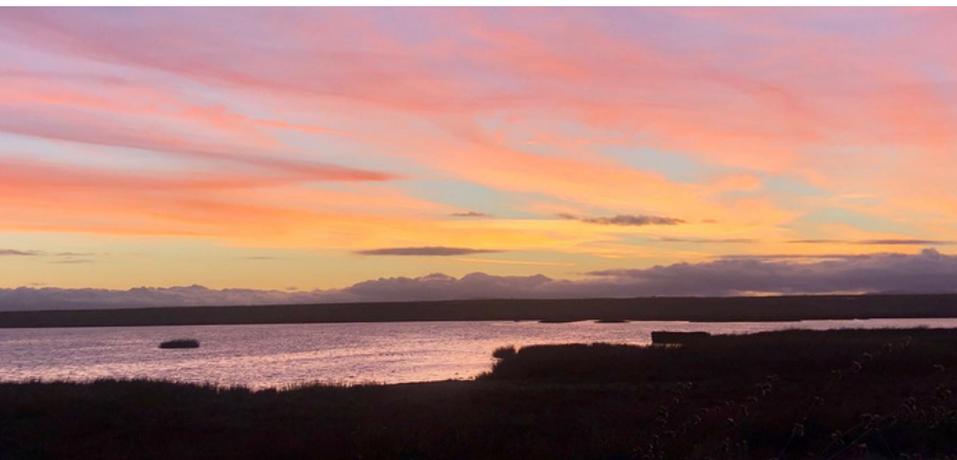
SPENDING PERCENTAGE BY PROGRAM

The challenges of 2020 were many, but ACCPF pivoted at each obstacle and filled the needs of the community through new programs.



REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT

Without the annual gala, we dipped into our reserve to help balance our budget. Thanks to creative campaigns, grant writing, and our reserves we were able to meet the needs of our community during COVID.



OVER

\$149,000

GIVEN FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS, PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN 2020

COVID RESPONSE

THE YEAR OF NEW IDEAS

SUMMER KICK-OFF

With a limited number of in-person recreation opportunities available for children in summer 2020, ACCPF saw an opportunity to help facilitate outdoor play. The concept: provide free summer play activities & encourage healthy, active play by offering Facebook Live events to demonstrate creative ways to use the play equipment. Summer Kick-Off was a weeklong celebration beginning with a drive-thru pick-up event, followed by a week of Facebook Live events.

200 “Summer Fun Kits” were distributed to the local community at Summer Kick-Off and 125 people tuned in for the corresponding play events. Activities included: paper kites, pool noodles, sidewalk chalk, bubbles & jump ropes. Corresponding Facebook live events included guided pool noodle crafts, kite flying tips with Mayor Garcia, bubble art, sidewalk chalk art demos & jump rope sing-alongs.

PARK & PLAY

Park & Play was created to offer safe social distancing play opportunities in small group settings during the COVID restricted summer of 2020. By offering consistent play dates and individual/family play equipment at local parks, Park & Play offered community members a safe way to gather & enjoy the outdoors. Six Park & Play dates were offered in summer 2020 featuring sidewalk chalk, racquet sports, and hula hoops in addition to “take & play” activities to encourage screen-free at home.

As summer turned to fall & COVID restrictions tightened, Park & Play transitioned to a monthly drive-thru event for the remainder of 2020 with “take & play” activities available on a first-come, first-serve basis. “Take & Play” bags featured a Wellness Tip highlighting the importance of play and getting outdoors for maintaining positive mental health.

We reached nearly 800 local children with Park & Play activities in 2020.



CURIOSITY KIDS

COVID brought many changes to ACCPF and our community. We could no longer offer our after-school enrichment programs so we had to pivot to ensure we were meeting the needs of our American Canyon families. We landed on a fun concept, Curiosity Kids. This free online educational program consists of short video “bites” for kids and parents, to give them a break from, and enrichment to, their online, distance learning. All of the clips are less than 10 minutes and require minimal parent involvement (unless they want to participate).

Our goal was to motivate kids to get curious about the world around them. Once they watched the video they to turn off their screens and utilize common household items to create their own projects. These nature-based science projects advance various skills and help kids learn new science concepts. Each video has a printout of the supplies, instructions, and prompts to think talk or journal about. The end goal was to get kids outside and have some fun!

AC BLOOMS

When spring rolled around and we were all under stay-at-home orders we knew that we had to do something to lift spirits in our community. We decided to celebrate the natural beauty of American Canyon with our AC Blooms celebration.

The outdoors are always healing, but we knew we couldn't host in-person hikes, so we got creative. With the help and hard work of Shelan Zundi at The City of American Canyon, as well as Barry Christian and JoeJoe Clark of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, we created virtual wildflower hikes. These hikes brought the beauty of our trails directly into people's homes.

We continued our celebration with “Bloom a Friend”, which connected our community during a time when people were most isolated. Finally, we encouraged community members to share their own beautiful blooms with everyone via social media.



COMMUNITY HEALTH

FITNESS MANIA

WETLANDS FITNESS CENTER OPENED

After several years of planning, the new Wetlands Fitness Center was installed in October 2020. This unique outdoor gym features ten pieces of equipment designed to provide a full body workout for anyone in the community, free of charge. The Wetlands Edge Fitness Center is a joint venture between the City of American Canyon and the American Canyon Community & Parks Foundation with generous financial support from Stravinski Development Group and local community members. After opening to the public with a virtual ribbon cutting, the center was immediately a popular attraction. It continues to be used by dozens of community members each day. ACCPF is proud to invest in the health and wellness of our community. Thank you to all of our donors and partners for making this project a reality!

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My family has really enjoyed the educational programs offered by ACCPF! My oldest son participated in the after-school music and arts programs and had a blast! Especially at a time when schools have less of a budget for electives and art, having these programs is a blessing! My family and I have also done nature hikes at the wetlands studying birds or observing the rise of the harvest moon.



Now that we find ourselves in our new normal with social distancing and schooling at home, ACCPF has come up with creative ways to safely get kids outside with their Park and Play program and provide fun take-home kids with arts and crafts. We are so lucky to have ACCPF here in American Canyon to provide enriching opportunities to get families outside, enjoying nature, and connecting with their community.

Thank you ACCPF!
Megan Dameron



As an assistant troop leader for my son's Boy Scout troop, I wanted to send the ACCPF staff a thank you note for putting together your Green Time Resources page. Our troop is currently working on our Environmental Science Merit Badge and your page helped a bunch!

Matt Kelly



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