



Advocates Guidelines for Park Use

Do you have an idea for an activity or project at the Southern Humboldt Community Park? Here are the current guidelines designed to help bring your idea into being. All potential park users are encouraged to review this information closely.

Our Mission

The mission of the Southern Humboldt Community Park is to further the social, recreational, civic, and educational well-being of our entire community through appropriate use of the park land.

Our Focus

The Board's focus is strictly limited to two goals. First, we are committed to the purchase and overall management of the park land under the rules applicable to our non-profit status, (501(c)(3). Secondly, as title-holders to the land, we are legally bound to oversee any project or activity that takes place there. This means the adherence to County, State, and Federal laws and regulations are ultimately our responsibility. These two goals constitute our commitment to park.

Developing any project beyond the basic needs for the land as a whole is out of our scope. This is where Park Use Advocates are encouraged to step in and make their dreams come true.

Project Guidelines

All park use will be implemented following the guidelines:

Submit a letter no longer than three pages to the Board. This letter should be composed in two sections.

1. A general description of the project/activity and the sponsoring group. Indicate what individual or group will assume legal responsibility for the specific project. Include target dates, number of people actively involved in the realization of the project, and your monetary or in-kind resources. Indicate a contact person.
2. If your project requires extensive development, outline
 - a. Your fundraising history and plans for the future and
 - b. Your plans for construction (if applicable), maintenance and supervision. Include a brief budget.

Your letter will be reviewed by the Board using these criteria:

- Will the project serve the Mission of the park?
- Is Southern Humboldt Community Park an appropriate site for the project?
- Is the sponsor well-organized?
- Are the advocates willing to enter into timed and renewable agreements?
- What laws and regulations govern the project?

The Board will review your letter. A simple, no-impact activity may be approved with a letter of agreement that will be sent to the advocate. Some projects may lie outside the scope of consideration.

If the Board is able to consider the project for approval, the advocate may be called to discuss the project before the Board. In any case, a Board member or the Caretaker will be assigned to serve as a liaison between the Board and the advocate. This person will help you design a binding step-by-step action plan to develop an approved project.

Please Note: Due to existing zoning and regulatory limitations please contact the park for more details regarding the types of projects that we are currently considering. The timeline for more involved projects could easily be between one and five years. Vision, enthusiasm, cooperation, and above all, patience, are the keynotes to success.

Send your written proposals to: Southern Humboldt Community Park, P.O. Box 185, Garberville, CA 95542. For more information call (707) 923-2287.