



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting,
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 6:00 pm
Hood River Aquatic Center**

Minutes

In Attendance:

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily

Contract Accountant: Monica Morris

Board: Mike McCarthy, Anna Cavaleri, Art Carroll

Public: Jeff Hunter, Susan Crowley, Suzanne Cross, Peter Cornelison

Regular District Board Meeting

Carroll call the regular meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Comments from the General Public (3 minutes per person, per subject, Maximum 30 minutes public comment taken)
Susan Crowley encouraged mandates in the Master Plan for land acquisition in the westside. She also encouraged transparency in the Master Plan process moving towards adoption.

Suzanne Cross suggested that there are two members from the Community to represent the community to be a part of the sub-committee group for the Master Plan.

Jeff Hunter gave support to the board regarding the Master Plan process and said that it was a delicate process with multiple agencies working to achieve a common goal.

Review Minutes

1. March 20, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

McCarthy moved to approve the minutes. Cavaleri seconded. All approved.

Unfinished Business

New Business

2. 2019-20 System Development Charge Rate Discussion

Hickok began by reviewing the maximum allowable rate plan from last fiscal year and reviewed the boards strategy to get SDCs caught up to the maximum allowable rate. Last year's plan approved by the board was to do a phased in approach to increase the maximum allowable rate roughly throughout a nine-year period. Hickok pointed out that the lodging unit rate was not in line with the other rates. The adopted methodology calls for the lodging rates to be up to 58% of a single-family home. Hickok asked for feedback, and the he would come back with a resolution for rate increase. The board discussed and seemed supportive of the lodging increase and SDC increase. McCarthy asked what it would do to our timeline to increase rate increases at higher rate in order to get to the maximum allowable rate sooner. The board reviewed various scenarios for rate increase and were in favor of a more aggressive rate increase schedule. The board asked Hickok bring back three draft resolutions with rate increases of 9%, 16%, and 20% for them to discuss and select one for the next board meeting.

Reports (informational, no action needed)

None

3. Quarterly Financial Report

Morris gave a second quarterly report. Morris anticipates that we will meet the anticipated budget for SDCs. She reviewed some of the expenses over the last quarter, including the purchase of the Sieverkropp tract, payment to HRATs for the pump track, and professional fees for the master plan. The general fund is on target for the budget year.

4. Directors Report

Hickok gave the Directors Report.

The connector trail from the park to the high school parking lot has been completed. Golden Eagle Parking lot has been used regularly by high schoolers and now offers a route to the high school other than walking through the high school practice field.

HRATs would like to plan a grand opening for the pump track. The plan has been slated for June 1, but we are looking into scheduling conflicts before committing to a date.

Hickok met with a couple of property members whose properties will be along the new southside connector trail to discuss potential routes with Columbia Land Trust and staff. The board proposed meeting an hour earlier before the next board meeting at Betty Lou and 2nd Street to tour the trail. The group will meet at 5:00 pm.

Staff and board member Carroll will be attending a Nature Play Workshop next week organized by ORPA. Hickok walked Elliot park near the existing south side trail to discuss the possibility of a disc golf course in that location.

5. Aquatic Center Report

Wily gave the Aquatic Center Report, which included information about school swim lessons, new user groups using the facility, Adult Learn to Swim program, and a recap on spring break lifeguard training.

Executive Session

6. Executive Session, if necessary per ORS 192.660 (The District Board will now meet in executive session. All members of the audience are asked to leave the room. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.)

Cavaleri made the motion to enter to Executive Session. McCarthy seconded the motion. All approved. Cavaleri made a motion to exit out of executive session. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

Adjourn

Cavaleri made motion to adjourn. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

Aretia P. Carroee

Approved By

Nan Notetboom

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