



Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 6:00 pm
Via Zoom
Minutes

In Attendance:

Board: Glenna Mahurin, Suzanne Cross, Anna Cavaleri, Nan Noteboom

Staff: Mark Hickok

Public: Heather Staten, Thrive Hood River

Regular District Board Meeting

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Cavaleri called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Comments from the General Public (3 minutes per person, per subject, Maximum 30 minutes public comment taken)

Heather Staten wanted to commend the board for the approval to purchase the properties on Fairview and Belmont. Additionally, she stated that Thrive would like to help with work on establishing a parks foundation.

Review Minutes

1. **June 16, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Action: Consider a motion to approve the June 16, 2021 meeting minutes

Noteboom moved to approve the minutes from the June 16th meeting. Cross seconded the motion. All approved.

2. **August 3, 2021 – Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Action: Consider a motion to approve the August 3, 2021, meeting minutes

Mahurin moved to approve the minutes from the August 3rd meeting. Noteboom seconded the motion. All approved.

New Business

Old Business

1. **Second Reading - FY 2021/22 #1 Proposed Rate Ordinance**

Action: Consider a motion to approve the second reading of FY 2021/22 #1 Proposed Rate Ordinance

Hickok presented the Proposed Rate Ordinance. The new rates go into effect in September and the board has completed the first reading of the Rate Ordinance.

Cross moved to approve the second reading and adopt the Proposed Rate Ordinance FY 2021/22 #1. Mahurin seconded the motion. All approved.

2. **District Reforming Strategy and Timeline**

Action: Review and provide feedback

Hickok presented the District Reforming Strategy and started on how to test ballot items

through a survey. The previous survey for Westside Park turned out well, so Hickok suggested to do an online survey again.

The board gave feedback to Hickok on the test items they would like to see in the survey, and Hickok said he would send them and updated survey. Hickok also talked about the subcommittees need to be formed, including work to form a Parks Foundation Board, as well as the PAC Committee for a campaign. Board members will be responsible for forming these committees and groups.

Reports (*informational, no action needed*)

1. Finance Report

It's the beginning of a new fiscal year, which make reporting difficult as we are still collecting money that will be recorded into the last fiscal year.

2. Directors Report

Volunteer Work: Two work parties have taken place, one at Odell Park and the other at Morrison Park. The Next Door Inc. "Natures Greatest Strength" Summer Camp volunteered to spread mulch and weed the flower beds at Odell. "Protect Our Parks" volunteered to clean out the invasive blackberries and help clean up Morrison Park.

COVID Guidelines: Per Governor Brown, masks are once again required inside the pool facilities, but not on the pool floor since it is still an outdoor pool.

There is a homeless camp in the corner of Morrison Park and actions are being made to move them along. The Parks District does not have enforcement abilities. but they are still located at Morrison Park. We have had to remove a lot of trash and are concerned about fire hazards.

New construction has begun for the 39 lot development, adjacent to the Indian Creek Trail South Side Connector. We will keep an eye out on construction to ensure that it doesn't impact trail usage.

Naomi Frisbie, long time water aerobics participant, recently turned 100. She has been doing water aerobics at the pool for decades. The water aerobics group, along with her family, celebrated her birthday her birthday at the pool with a water aerobics workout followed by a potluck celebration, complete with cake. The water aerobics users approached staff to see if the Frisbie and other centurions can be honored with a lifetime pass once they reach this age. Hickok asked for feedback. The board showed overwhelming support. Cross moved to approve the Centurion pass. Noteboom seconded the motion. All approved.

Youth and adult sports and community recreation will be turned over to the Parks and Rec. The plan is still in the works, but the IGA will be ready in the next couple of weeks. Once both Boards approve, we can move forward with putting out youth and adult programs. Questions arose regarding hiring coaches or contracting it out, as well as pay for any new staff hired. Hickok will be working with HRCSD to develop a plan.

3. Aquatics Report

Wily (5 mins)

Annual maintenance is scheduled for September 7th - 17th. There are many repairs that have to take place when the pool is closed, like replacing lights and repairing the west wall, which will require the use of an articulating boom lift.

Executive Session


- 3. Executive Session, per ORS 192.660(2)(e). To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and (i) To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing. (h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. *(The District Board will now meet in executive session. All members of the audience are asked to leave the call. 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 call.)*

Noteboom made a motion to move into executive session, and Mahurin seconded. All approved.

Noteboom moved to exit executive session. Cross seconded. All approved. No decisions will be made during executive session.

Adjourn

Mahurin moved to adjourn the meeting. Cross seconded. All approved.

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