



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting,
Wednesday, August 21, 2019
Hood River Aquatic Center**

Minutes

In Attendance:

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

Legal Counsel: Ruben Cleaveland

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily, Hayley Younce

Public: Linda Maddox

Regular District Board Meeting

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Mahurin called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

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

Linda Maddox

Linda Maddox came to speak in support of parks and express disappointment in a recent City of Hood River Planning Commission meeting she attended where the parks plan of the Westside Concept Plan was reviewed and dialed back from what was in the original draft. She went on to state that funding continues to be a concern for all agencies, and she hope that the agencies can work together to support parks in the future.

Review Minutes

1. June 19, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Noteboom moved to approve. Cross seconded. All approved.

Unfinished Business

1. **Social Media Policy**

Action: Consider a motion to approve the Social Media Policy

The group discussed the policy and voiced the idea that they like the community value behind social media. Noteboom moved to approve the social media policy. Cavaleri seconded the motion. All approved.

New Business

2. **Second Reading of Ordinance 19/20# 1 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RATES FOR HOOD RIVER VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

Action: Consider Approving Ordinance 19/20# 1

Cross moved to do the second reading and adopt the ordinance by title only: Ordinance 10/20#1 An Ordinance Adopting the Rates for Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District. Noteboom seconded the motion. All approved. The ordinance will take effect September 16, 2019.

3. **Long Term Funding Strategy Discussion**

There are few options for securing funds for a Special District: Renewable levies and permanent tax rates.

Hickok gave a synopsis of Eileen Eakin's, attorney specializing in Special Districts, overview of the process. The group had a conference call with Eakins and asked numerous questions ranging from legal challenges to timing of how the whole process of redistricting works. The board made it clear that the reformation would not need to include a boundary change. Conversation ensued as to whether the District would actually have to go through the dissolution process and reformation process and could just go out for a ballot measure to increase the tax rate. Eakins said she should do the research and get back to the board.

Reports (*informational, no action needed*)

4. Finance Report

Hickok gave the financial report. With one month of data, everything is on track.

5. Directors Report

Hickok gave the Director's Report.

Bocce Ball Courts: The courts have barely been used since the park opened in 2017 due to sub-standard surfacing. The group discussed options for the space, which could be used for something else. The board asked staff to put together a couple of ideas, as well as cost.

Pickleball lines on the tennis court: The pickleball association has requested to paint lines on the East Court after a summer of testing out temporary lines with little to no conflicts or issues. The lines will be approved, pending a signed contract stating with the Gorge Pickleball Association stating the rules.

Mount Hood Railroad: The county has started the process the seizure of Mt Hood Railroad for back taxes. The Parks District would be interested in figuring out a way to go through the process of rails to trails. If the county seizes the railroad, it could become more complicated process due to process. Staff will work with the county and form an exploratory committee to explore ways in which a rails-to-trails project might be possible. It was suggested to include Wildwood Academy. The group believed there might be quite a bit of public support.

Trail Parking: There have been complaints from neighbors close to the Indian Creek Trail regarding the number of cars parking to access the Indian Creek and Westside Trails. Hickok made a sign saying that more parking was available at Golden Eagle Parking.

Multi-Jurisdictional Master Plan – The first sub-committee went well. The focus was on the plan's format and the group has scheduled the next few meetings.

Dog Off Leash Area: The project is on hold while the City considers what to do with the land for the off-leash area, likely not until after 2017.

6. Aquatic Center Report

Wily gave the Aquatic Center Report. The end of summer has a busy schedule with swim team ending its season, high school water polo starting, and a large Jr. Lifeguard class. The staff is gearing up for annual maintenance at the beginning of September 3-15.

Executive Session

7. Executive Session, per ORS 192.660(2)(e). To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions (*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 a motion to enter in Executive Session and Noteboom seconded. All approved.

Noteboom made a motion to exit Executive Session. Cavaleri seconded.
No final decision was made in Executive

Adjourn

Noteboom move to adjourn. Cavaleri seconded. All approved.

Glenn J. Ashuri

Approved By

Date

9/18/19

Michael D. McCarthy

Attest By

Date

9/18/19

