



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 17, 2022 6:00 pm  
Hood River Aquatic Center**

**In Attendance:**

**Board:** Anna Cavaleri, Nan Noteboom, Martha Ortega-Verduzco, Mike McCarthy

**Staff:** Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily, Marcos Gonzalez

**SDAO Consultant:** Bob Keefer

**Legal Counsel:** Ruben Cleveland

**Public:** Scott Reynier

**Regular District Board Meeting**

**Call Regular Meeting to Order**

Cavaleri called meeting to order at 6:04 PM

**Comments from the General Public** (3 minutes per person, per subject, Maximum 30 minutes public comment taken)  
Scott Reynier voiced concerns regarding the Indian Creek Trail head at Arrowhead Avenue. Reynier and his neighbors on Arrowhead Avenue are worried about the amount of traffic coming from trail users parking on Arrowhead to access the trail. He acknowledged that the road is a public road but stated that problems had been occurring with mailboxes being blocked and pet owners not cleaning up after their pets. He was hopeful for a solution to the issue.

**Review Minutes**

1. **July 20, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Action:** Consider a motion to approve the July 20, 2022 meeting minutes

Cavaleri amended the wording on July 20, 2022 minutes.

McCarthy made a motion to approve the amended July 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Ortega-Verduzco seconded. All approved.

**Regular Business**

2. **SDAO Refining Funding Proposal**

**Action:** Review and provide feedback

Bob Keefer, a consultant with SDAO, gave an overview to lead a study on the consolidation of the parks service providers in Hood River county. He suggested focusing on identifying HRVPRD's core business before branching out to other areas, and to see what the community wants. The board need to consider what the other agencies will bring to the table and how they might contribute in the process. Lastly, he proposed taking a look at how consolidation would benefit the public and examining whether or not they would see the benefit.

Keefer recommended holding a meeting with the other agency leaders to gauge interest and discuss more details. If there's agreement that consolidation would be beneficial and address the District's needs then the next step would be to get public feedback. The board deliberated over Keefer's presentation. Cavaleri asked what the timeline on Keefer's plan for consolidation would be. Keefer stated that it depends on the number of resources the District is willing to put towards effort, but with the current plan, but it would not be in time for May elections. Noteboom stated that she felt like the District had already had the meetings and that the District should wait on consolidation and focus on getting a new pool. The board asked Hickok to come up with some options for studying and

implementing a new plan and present them at the next meeting.

Cavaleri, Noteboom, and Wily gave a recap of the interest meeting for the parks foundation. There was a good turnout, and three people committed to staying involved in the foundation. The next meeting is planned for August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Noteboom wanted to discuss the public comment from this meeting regarding the traffic on Arrowhead Avenue. She questioned when the board should address the issues brought up in public comment. The Board agreed that in general they should ask questions if it's for clarification but not engage in debating the topic during public comment. Hickok gave the history on the trail head at Arrowhead Avenue. The easement was established before the people bought their houses and the agreement was between HRVPRD and the contractors, not HRVPRD and the homeowners. The Board agreed that there is no easy solution to the traffic on Arrowhead Avenue but will investigate other possible options.

### **Reports** (*informational, no action needed*)

#### 3. Finance Report

Hickok gave an overview of the finance report. It is still early in the fiscal year with no major changes. There are a few projects in the works that will help the SDC fund this fiscal year. The recreation fund is starting to reflect the income from its first summer of programming.

#### 4. Director's Report

The ICT south side extension is going well with volunteers helping build the trail. Work is being scheduled for last section of trail which will require some machine work.

Board Member Handbooks: Hickok asked whether the board would <sup>like</sup> a notebook containing a variety of District items and board duties. The agreed and Hickok asked what types of things they would like to see so that Gonzalez can create them. Suggestions included:

- Mission/vision/goals
- Previous budgets
- Board operating procedures
- Previous meeting agendas and minutes
- Contact information
- Meeting calendar
- Rules of a quorum
- Rules on public comment

Hickok gives an overview of future training and conferences that board members might be interested in attending. The full-time staff will be attending the ORPA conference in November.

#### 5. Aquatics & Recreation Report

Wily presented the recreation report. HRVPRD had to cancel one week of summer camps due to the heat wave. To prevent this cancelation next summer, the District will be working with Hood River County School District on a better indoor venue for summer camp, so that if kids need to be indoors due to heat or smoke they have a suitable space for activities. The summer camps went well with 268 participants throughout the summer. Upcoming fall programs include youth soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, and football.

Next Wily gave an overview of the aquatics report. The adult learn to swim finished last night with approximately 45 participants in the class. There was a range of people with different skill levels in the

class, with the majority being beginner to intermediate and seeing great improvement throughout the class. District swim lessons are filling up nicely with added classes due to the high demand last session. Two staff members received their lifeguard instructor certification which allows them to teach and train HRVPRD staff. The Aquatic Center supervisor was also invited to receive her lifeguard instructor trainer certificate. Instructor Trainers must be invited to certify, so it was great accomplishment for Ally. The pool will be closed for two weeks for annual maintenance starting the day after Labor Day.


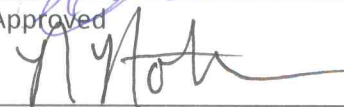
**Executive Session**

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 the motion enter executive session per statute to discuss a real estate negotiation. Cavaleri made the motion to exit the executive session. Noteboom seconded. All approved. No decisions were made.

**Adjourn**

Cavaleri moved to adjourn the meeting. Ortega-Verduzco seconded. All approved.

  
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