



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 3, 2021 6:00 pm  
Via Zoom  
Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

**Staff:** Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily

**Board:** Nan Noteboom, Anna Cavaleri, Mike McCarthy, Suzanne Cross, Glenna Mahurin

**Consultants:** Walker Macy, Mike Zilis, Aaron Maples; APG, Anderw Parrish

**Public:** Press

**Attorney:** Ruben Cleaveland

**Special District Board Meeting**

**Call Special Meeting to Order**

1. **Swearing In of Board Officers** – Nan Noteboom and Anna Cavaleri  
Cleaveland swore in elected board officials, Nan Noteboom and Anna Cavaleri.
2. **Appoint 2021/22 Officers** (president, vice president, secretary)  
**Action:** Consider a motion to appoint 2021/22 Officers  
Hickok reviewed the duties of the officers.

Noteboom nominated Anna Cavaleri for president. No other nominations were made. Mahurin seconded Cavaleri as President. All approved.

Mahurin nominated McCarthy for Vice President. No other nominations were made. Cross seconded the nomination. All approved.

Noteboom nominated Suzanne for secretary treasurer. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

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

No comments were made.

3. **Westside Park Planning Presentation** Walker Macy Consultants (45 minutes)  
**Action:** No action required.

Hickok introduced the consultants from Walker Macy, Principal Mike Zilis, and Project Coordinator Aaron Maples. Zilis introduced the overall consultant team: Angelo Planning Group, Planning + Outreach; Interfluve, Wetland Scientists; DKS, Traffic Engineers; Pacific Habitat Services, Biologists; GRI, Geotechnical Engineers; KPFF Engineers, Civil Engineers. The consultants walked the planning process through stakeholder discussions, site assessments, followed by planning concepts, online survey, and virtual open house.

Andrew Parrish, of Angelo Planning Group, gave an overview of the community response to the online survey. The survey asked for what people thought were the benefits of the parks and what might people be concerned about. There were over 500 responses to the survey, which is a good response. People thought the location was good because it was rapidly growing area, as its proximity to Westside Elementary, and its size. There were concerns about parking, traffic, lights, and noise.

Maples went through the updated changes to the National Scenic Area (NSA) and County Code. There are no big red flags to the updates for the National Scenic Area. A park is still allowed

with the latest updates. The site is within the county and would be subject to their guidelines, as well as the NSA guidelines. The county will have to update its code and adopt the NSA updates.

Maples talked about the traffic considerations, particularly pertaining to 30<sup>th</sup> and the extension of Belmont towards Post Canyon Drive. The future road improvements would fall within the urban growth boundary (UGB) and not drastically affect the property or have far reaching financial implications for the District. The Fairview and Belmont intersection may require improvements that could have a financial impact on the project. Parking will be required, and a Traffic Impact Analysis is recommended to help identify how much parking will be needed.

Interfluve, who researched the natural areas, and reporting in an informal report that wetlands are indicated on site. A formal wetland delineation will need to be performed before development to determine buffers. Agencies may require wetland restoration.

Utilities -There is domestic water and electrical available. A septic field or tank will be required. In the Soils and Hazardous Materials assessment performed by GRI, they are recommending replacing the top 6 inches of soil to reduce contaminants.

Possible program components for the park include shared open space, playgrounds, trails, picnic shelters, covered-flexible space that could be used year-round, community gardens, nature play, sports fields and courts.

The Parks District has talked about shared parking with the school district for school and park district events, but parking will still be required on site.

Zilis went over two design alternatives and what each design alternative would like in the phased approach with the rental property being phased out in the future. Zilis emphasized that overall there will be a lot of ways to accommodate the community through a large variety of amenities and that Walker Macy feels like the site would make a good place for a community park.


**Executive Session**

1. Executive Session, per ORS 192.660(2)(e)(i). 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 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.)*

Mahurin moved to enter in Executive Session. Cross seconded the motion. All approved. McCarthy made the motion to exit Executive Session, and Cross seconded to exit.

**Adjourn**

Cross made the motion to adjourn. Nan seconded.

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