



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting,
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 - 6:00pm
Hood River Aquatic Center**

Minutes

In Attendance

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily, Hayley Younce

Board: Suzanne Cross, Nan Noteboom, Mike McCarthy, Glenna Mahurin

Legal Counsel: Ruben Cleveland

Public: Susan Crowley, Jeff Hunter, Linda Maddox

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Mahurin called the meeting to order at 6:04PM

Recognize Boys and Girls Water Polo State Champions

The Boys and Girls High School Water polo teams were honored by the board of directors for their 2019 State Championship Season. They were presented with banners that will hang in the aquatic center memorializing their accomplishment.

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

Public comments:

Susan Crowley commented on the master plan process and encouraged the board to use Oregon Parks and Recreation Departments guidelines for level of service regarding open space.

Jeff Hunter suggested that the Barrett property could be sold and the income from such a sale could then be put into acquiring a different property where zoning would not be a hinderance to developing a park.

Linda Maddox brought up questions about how people could donate to HRVPRD. Would people be able to will money from their estate upon their death for specific expenditures and know that it would indeed go to what they intend.

Review Minutes

1. November 20, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Cross moved to approve the November, 2019 board minutes. McCarthy seconded. All approved

Unfinished Business

2. **Long Term Funding Strategy Discussion**

The group discussed long term funding strategy. The board has now begun conversations with county commissioners to put the dissolution reformation on the ballot for 2020. The group discussed the process and next steps. Hickok reported that they county will likely go out for a measure in May of 2020, so the Parks District wouldn't be competing with them during the same election.

The board discussed a Parks Foundation group. Hickok stated that the parks district has joined National Association of Park foundations. The board discussed the need to find the right people to move forward with forming of this group.

A foundation can make longer term financial promises than the parks dept, as current budget committees can't "tie the hands" of future budget committees.

New Business

Reports (*informational, no action needed*)

3. Finance Report

Hickok presented the financial report. The SDC fund is growing. The audit report will be next month along with district contract accountant for the quarterly financial review.

There were a few anomalies in the general fund report where single large expenses aren't spread out over the year. Some budget items occur all at once.

4. Directors Report

Hickok gave the director's report, beginning with an update on the Mt Hood Railroad. The Parks District is working with the city, county, and port on the process. The goal is acquisition of railroad and get it into public ownership.

Hickok discussed some of the progress being made for trail connections for the Westside Community Trail and along the south side connector trail. He has been working with the city and developers on two new developments going in to design safe, meaningful connections and access.

Master plan draft has been sent back to the consultant. The consultant expects that it will take 6 weeks to go over the draft and get back to us.

Hickok gave an update of the Southside trail. It needs a permit through city and county, including a scenic area permit which is a lengthy and complicated process. Klein & Associates will be doing the permitting for the trail.

Hickok report that there has been no headway with the dog off leash area as of now. Hickok has been in contact with both the port and the city. The Port has signed off.

5. Aquatic Center Report

The high school swim team is underway with their season. Winter swim lesson registration is open and filling up. The pool has had more issues in the last month. UV lights needed parts replaced to sanitize the therapy pool. The impeller on rec pool was replaced. The Rec pool has had a lot replaced and is looking good currently. Wily thinks we have the heat issues fixed. The pool was closed for a half day yesterday update the heating system.

Pool will be open until noon on Dec 24th and 31st. Closed Dec 25th and Jan 1.

Executive Session

6. 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.*)

Called into Executive Session by Mahurin at 6:57 pm.

Cross moved to exit Executive Session at 7:51 Mahurin seconded. All approved.

No final decisions were made in Executive session.

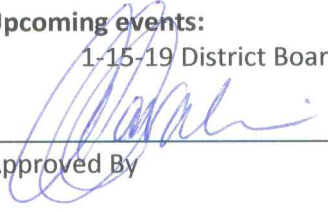
Adjourn

Noteboom moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. McCarthy seconded. All approved

Upcoming events:

1-15-19 District Board Meeting - 6:00pm

Approved By



Date

9-1-2020

Attest By

Date