



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting,  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 - 6:00pm  
Hood River Aquatic Center**

**Agenda**

**In Attendance:**

**Staff:** Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily, Mike Howard,

**Board of Directors:** Glenna Mahurin, Mike McCarthy, Nan Noteboom, Suzanne Cross

**Public:** Steve Vineyard, Tim Mixon, Kerry Lee, Gary Paasch, Linda Maddox

**Regular District Board Meeting**

**Call Regular Meeting to Order**

Mahurin called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

**Review Minutes**

**1. January 15, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

McCarthy moved to accept the minutes; Noteboom seconded. All approved.

**Special Presentation**

**2. Bike Features Concept for Golden Eagle Park**

Steve Vineyard gave an overview of the proposed bike path improvements to the Golden Eagle Park area. HRATS, in cooperation with School of Send, would like add bike features geared towards beginner riders and children, including a skills area in the area below the pump track and a small course in between the multi-purpose courts and the pickleball courts. The bocce ball courts have seen little to no use, and the board has sought ways to improve the recreational amenities for that location in the park. HRATS would fund and maintain the improvements. The group discussed the pros and cons on the proposed improvements.

McCarthy moved to approve the partnership with HRATS and the proposed features, with the condition that site be reviewed annually based, and that the board could remove any of features as needed to meet other needs that might arise. Cross Seconded. All approved.

Paasch gave an update on the grant WyEast Middle School, where they received funding for mountain bikes, and the construction of bike skills course on site at the school.

**Unfinished Business**

**3. Long Term Funding Strategy Discussion**

Hickok (15 mins)

**Action:** Discuss and provide feedback

Hickok gave an update on the long-term funding strategy. He showed the group a detailed timeline for the Reformation and Dissolution process. Hickok reported that staff and board members Cavaleri and Cross met with Liz Whitmore, former school board member a couple weeks prior, and discussed the various funding scenarios. Key takeaways from the meeting included being sensitive to how much voters might be willing to pay for parks and recreation funding and that a capital campaign might be useful. The group discussed ways in which to get people involved in a parks foundation and next steps. Hickok pointed out that the group would be discussing goal setting and strategy in a session work session scheduled for March 4, 2020

**New Business**

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

4. Finance Report

Hickok (5 mins)

Hickok gave the finance report. Nothing out of the ordinary was posted for the period.

5. Directors Report

Goal Setting: The goal setting and strategic planning meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this meeting is to set the path and workplan for the next fiscal year.

Budget Committee – All the budget committee representatives have stated their intent to return to the committee for the next budget cycle.

Website Update: There were eight proposals for website, and staff will be interviewing three teams within the next week, The hope is to have the new website launched by summer.

Barrett Planting: Another volunteer tree planting is planned with “Trees of the Gorge” at Barrett Park on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Multi-Jurisdictional Master Plan – The latest draft is back from the consultant and staff is taking a quick pass at it before the second draft is released.

Southside Connector Trail Update – Staff has cleared a proposed path for the Southside Connector Trail. Planning for the trail is progressing nicely.

6. Aquatic Center Report

Howard gave the Aquatic Center Report, including the success of Free swim lessons for youth provided by HRVHS swim team, spring programming, and an upcoming lifeguard training course.

**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.)*

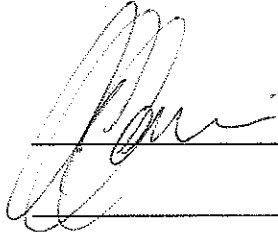
Mahurin called the meeting into Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(e).

Cross make a motion to exit executive session. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

McCarthy made the motion to direct staff to engage in negotiations for the purchase of real estate. Cross seconded. All Approved.

**Adjourn**

Cross made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Noteboom seconded. All approved.



Approved By

June 2, 2020

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