



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting,
Wednesday, October 16, 2019 - 6:00pm
Hood River Aquatic Center
Minutes**

In Attendance:

Staff: Marcie Wily, Mark Hickok

Contract Accountant: Monica Morris

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

Legal Counsel: Ruben Cleveland

Public: Linda Maddox

Regular District Board Meeting

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Mahurin called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

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

Hickok addressed public comment from Keir Brigherton, who wrote an email to the board saying that some conditions from the Conditional Use Permit for the RC Flying Field at Barrett Park had not been met. Hickok explained that in 2014 the Parks District got approval from the county for a Conditional Use Permit for improvements to the RC Flying Field at Barrett Park. The permit would have allowed for some improvements at the site including moving the parking away from Ms. Brigherton's property and requiring some screening. The Hood River Valley Residents Committee appealed the CUP. The County repealed the permit and since RC Flying is an allowable use on EFU land, the Parks District continued to legally operate the RC airfield without the improvements. Staff stated that they will work with Ms. Brigherton and the county to see what can be done to mitigate some her concerns.

Review Minutes

1. September 16, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Cavaleri moved to adopt the minutes with the correction that Mahurin did not make a motion to move into Executive Session, Cross did). Noteboom seconded. All approved.

Unfinished Business

2. Long Term Funding Strategy Discussion

Hickok (15 mins)

The group discussed long term funding strategy as it related to a dissolution/reformation process for the parks district. The group had number of questions for Cleveland, Parks District attorney, regarding the process if the District was reformed, ranging from a timeline for voting for a new board of directors, staffing, tax collection, policies, ordinances, district procedures, etc. The group will draft a letter of information to the county asking for support of the ballot measure. PSU will conduct the rate study within the next couple of months, which will give the District the rate range that it should target. The group discussed a parks foundation and the proper protocol for engaging individuals to get involved.

New Business

Reports (*informational, no action needed*)

3. Finance Report

Hickok reported that the Parks District would likely have to make a budget adjustment this year, as we will be exceeding the maintenance budget due to unforeseen issues with the pool. Hickok noted that SDC revenue is higher than anticipated at this point.

4. Directors Report

Hickok gave the Directors Report.

Port of Hood River Presentation: Hickok reported on the presentation he gave about the plans for the aquatic center at the Port District Commission Meeting. Hickok stated that the Port Commissioners requested that he ask the HRVPRD Board if they would be interested in exploring other possible sites for an aquatic and community center. Board members took some time to weigh this possibility, discussing the implications to the timeline, and how a change in location would change the design and concept of a pool and community center. The group weighed the pros and cons of exploring other sites as a possibility. The group stated they are willing to explore the possibility but would like to make a final decision on site soon so as not to delay the timeline.

ORPA Conference – Five staff members attended the Oregon Parks and Recreation Association Annual Conference. There were a multitude of classes that were beneficial to the group, and Mike, Aquatics Supervisor, did a presentation on motivating employees.

Multi-Jurisdictional Master Plan – The group continues to make progress with the Multi-Jurisdictional Master Plan, with three meetings with the subcommittee, with a couple of more scheduled, before sending the document to the consultant for final edits.

5. Aquatic Center Report

Wily gave Aquatic Center Report, reporting that general admission rates were tracking higher in comparison with last year because of the recent rate increase. The fall schedule started with high school water polo back in the water with games every Tuesday night, and District Swim lessons on Monday and Wednesday nights. The new automation system that controls the deck heat and pool heat had problems communicating with the heating units, thus causing sporadic heat. The contractors are working to resolve the issue.

Executive Session

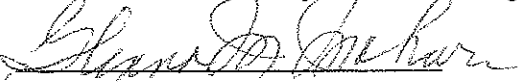
- 6. Executive Session, per ORS 192.660(2)(e). To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions *(The District Board will now meet in executive session. All members of the audience are asked to leave the room. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.)*

Cavaleri moved to exit regular session and move into Executive Session. Cross seconded. All approved.

Cavaleri moved to exit Executive Session and move back into regular session. Noteboom seconded. All approved.

Adjourn

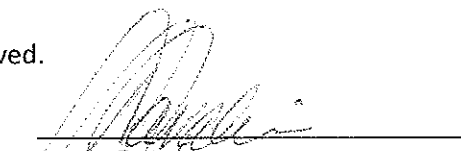
Noteboom moved to adjourn the meeting. Cross seconded. All approved.



Approved By

11/20/19

Date



Attest By

20 Nov 2019

Date