



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting,
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 - 6:00pm
Hood River Aquatic Center
Minutes**

In Attendance

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily, Hayley Younce

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

Legal Counsel: Ruben Cleveland

Public: Heather Staten

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Mahurin called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

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

Staten came to comment in behalf of Keir Brigherton who is concerned over some of the public's use of the Barrett Park. Staten stated that Brigherton has observed the park being used for camping, parking, dog walking, and littering. District Director Mark Hickok has offered to meet with Brigherton to address her concerns.

Review Minutes

1. October 16, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Noteboom Moved to approve. Cross Seconded. All approved.

Unfinished Business

2. Long Term Funding Strategy Discussion

The group discussed long term funding strategy. Hickok provided examples of local foundations mission statements. The board discussed the national association of park foundations which helps park foundations start and set up a 501(c)(3). This would have to be done through another entity besides the board. Cleveland spoke about the process of reformation of the district, answering questions that the board had at the last meeting, and he discussed with the ballot measure might look like. He provided examples of other districts that have successfully dissolved and reformed, as well as a timeline for tax collection if the measure was successful. Board members would be able to run for the new board member positions while still being trustees of the old district.

New Business

Reports (*informational, no action needed*)

3. Finance Report

Hickok gave the financial report, stating that no money has been spent out of the improvement fund, and that it was likely with the extensive repairs and maintenance taking place that the Parks District would have to make a budget adjustment. Hickok also reported that SDC's have been strong, with over half of the budgeted amount collected.

Directors Report

Hickok reported that the skate park was vandalized again. Staff was able to have it covered within 24 hours. The park was tagged again within only a few days. The board discussed how best to discourage graffiti. There are currently no poles to hook up cameras, and lighting is not allowed in the permit. The district has tried using trail/game cams in other location and has the possibility of setting them up. All graffiti is currently cleaned. The board discussed signage warning people of cameras. The district has applied for a safety grant to install automatic locks on the restroom doors and a safety camera.

The Mount Hood Railroad is owned by Iowa Pacific which is selling off assets of the railroad. They have voiced that they want assets to go into public use. The board discussed following receivership and being in situation to make a bid or be alerted as to what happens with the sale.

Members of HRATs have approached the Parks District to add more features to the pump track, specifically more beginner friendly features in the area below the pump track and possibly in between the pickleball and tennis courts. The board discussed adding a beginner level bike track at the pump track, voicing support, provided that there was a way to ensure that all work was completed by HRATs and ensuring a good plan.

The board also discussed other uses for bocce ball area, possibility of replacing it with a sand play area as a less expensive and simple solution that would provide an area for younger kids.

Both the boys and girls Water Polo teams won state this year. Mahurin suggested that the board celebrates their success in some way.

4. Aquatic Center Report

Wily gave the Aquatic Center Report, stating that water polo season is now done and swim team has just begun. Club Polo is beginning in December, and the Parks District received another USMS Adult Learn to Swim grant for the 4th year in a row. The grant was for \$1000 this year. This program will take place in April, 2020. The therapy pool filter cracked and had to be replaced, and the pool temperature regulation continues to be a challenge. Holiday pool closures for the pool include Thanksgiving Day, the afternoon of Christmas Eve, all day Christmas, the afternoon of New Year's Eve, and all day New Year's Day.

Executive Session


5. 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.)*

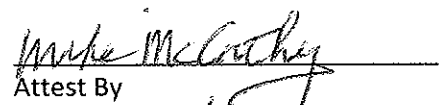
Called into Executive Session by Mahurin at 6:59 pm.

Cavaleri moved to exit Executive Session at 8:35 PM. Cross seconded. All approved

Adjourn

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


Approved By
12/18/19
Date


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