



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm**

Minutes

In Attendance:

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

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily

Legal: Ruben Cleaveland

City of Hood River: Mayor, Kate McBride, Abigail Elder, Will Norris, Jessica Woodruff, Kevin Liburdy

Consultant: Jamie Sabbach, 110 Percent Cost Recovery Analysis

Regular District Board Meeting

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Cavaleri called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Comments from the General Public (3 minutes per person, per subject, Maximum 30 minutes public comment taken)
No comments.

Review Minutes

1. December 15, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Consider a motion to approve the December 15, 2021 meeting minutes

Mahurin moved to accept the December 15, 2021 board meeting minutes. Noteboom seconded. All Approved.

Introduction (*informational, no action needed*)

2. Introduce Jamie Sabbach from 110% (Recreation Cost Recovery)

Hickok introduced Jamie Sabbach of 110%. Sabbach gave her professional background and some perspective of what to expect in the upcoming cost recovery study, including engaging board members in early sessions. The board will meet February 2 with Sabbach for a work session and presentation on the project.

New Business

3. City of Hood River IGA - Affordable Housing SDC Waiver

Action: Consider a motion to approve the IGA

Will Norris, from the City of Hood River, gave background on the Rand Road Affordable Housing project to date. Since the City attended a board meeting in the summer, progress has been made on the project, and the city council wanted to fully clarify the proposed IGA with the district so that they could proceed with grant applications. Mayor McBride gave background on the various policies they have done to get affordable housing in Hood River. The support letter stated that the Parks District supported the investment of 75-100% of Parks SDCs of up to 100 units. The new project is likely to have more units, approximately 129 units.

Jessica Woodruff, of Community Development Partners, the affordable housing developer selected for the project, gave details on the project and some concept designs for the recreational space designated for the

project. As with public projects, they will be engaging the community for feedback on the design components and have stated they would like to have the District’s feedback. Board members had questions ranging from total SDC cost, how heavily subsidized the units were for various income levels, as well as how dense the housing would be. The park built within the affordable housing project would be privately owned but open to the public. The board deliberated, all voicing support of affordable housing in general but having to weigh that with the parks district mission and wanting to make sure that this new density has adequate parks facilities. Board members expressed concern of the optics of exempting these fees when going before the voters for funding in November. The board asked for the IGA to be revised and presented at the February 2 special meeting. They asked for the IGA to include specifics on park size and amenities, as well as tying the exemption of SDCs to what the city exempts in for transportation, wastewater, and water supply for the project. No decisions were made.

Reports (*informational, no action needed*)

4. Finance Report

General finance is tracking along nicely. Just got word from the auditors that the audit is complete and we will plan to have the auditors present at the next meeting. No change in the Improvement Fund and SDCs are trending along as expected.

5. Directors Report

Community Education: Jaime Rivera was hired to fill the Recreation Supervisor position and will start in the next week. There was a competitive pool, with over 80 applicants and multiple interviews.

Maintenance Supervisor: Mike Parziale, turned in his letter of resignation as the full time maintenance Supervisor. He has agreed to stay on in a part time position.

Winter Weather: Staff spent a lot of time digging out from the winter storm cycle, which dropped over two feet of snow.

County Board Of Commissioner Meeting: Noteboom and Hickok attended the recent County Board of Commissioner meeting to announce the District’s intention to withdraw the Order Formation. Commissioners Babitz and Joplin has asked to attend the next meeting to talk to the board.

6. Aquatics Report

Wily gave the Aquatics Report, reporting on winter scheduling, high school swim team season, staffing, and no major facility issues.

Adjourn

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

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