



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting**  
**Odell Community Park, 3163 Tamarack Rd, Odell, OR 97031**  
**Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:00 pm**  
**Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

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

**Staff:** Marcie Wily, Mark Hickok, Renee + Zenaida Gutierrez

**City of Hood River:** Mayor Kate McBride, City Manager Rachael Fuller

**Park Tour & Presentation 6:00pm:**

**Tour of Odell Park and Appreciation of Rene & Zenaida Gutierrez**

Hickok welcomed the group, introduced Rene and Zenaida Gutierrez, who have been long time employees of the Parks District, maintaining Odell Community Park, and are retiring from service. Hickok presented them with a token of appreciation and thanked them for their years of service to the Parks District.

**Regular District Board Meeting** (immediately following the Park Tour)

**Call Regular Meeting to Order**

Noteboom called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

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

**Review Minutes**

**1. May 19, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Action:** Consider a motion to approve the May 19, 2021 meeting minutes

McCarthy moved to approve the minutes from the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mahurin seconded the motion. All approved.

**New Business**

**2. City of Hood River Request for SDC Contribution**

COHR Staff (15 mins)

**Action:** Consider a motion to approve a letter of support for City of Hood River

Hickok introduced Rachael Fuller and Mayor Kate McBride. Fuller gave some background on the City of Hood River's affordable housing project on Rand Road, stating that the city is in the initial stages of plan, and will be sending out a request for qualifications. The project faces a funding gap with both on site infrastructure and housing development and is exploring a variety of ways to help fill that gap. The city is requesting that that the Parks District recognizes and donate the future SDCS as an investment for the future park development on the site.

Questions arose about how big the park might be and commented that it appeared to be small. Fuller said that there is approximately a quarter of an acre for a park, a quarter of an acre of open space or storm water detention, and the Westside Community trail would be developed on the property. Other questions arose about the projects. There are two gaps in financing, one of which deals with infrastructure like streets, sidewalks, traffic, etc. Partnering with the city would allow affordable housing development portion work. The city is sending out a request for qualifications this month with proposals back from firms like Mid-Columbia Housing. The city

would build and operate the park. The SDCs are estimated approximately \$460,000.

Conversation ensued about the request, with board members expressing support for the project but also expressing concern about the cost associated with the size of the proposed park. The board expressed support for the project and gave Hickok approval to write a letter of support for the project authorizing a range between 75 to 100 percent of the parks SDCs that would be charged for the 100 Unit affordable housing unit in exchange for the planned park improvements on the site.

3. **Gorge Rebuild-It Center Donation Request for Electric Truck** Hickok (5 mins)

**Action:** Consider a motion to approve the donation of HRVPRD's electric truck to Gorge Rebuild-It Center

Gorge Rebuild-It Center has requested that the Parks District donate the electric truck which has been out of commission for some years.

McCarthy moved that we donated the Electric Truck to Gorge Rebuild It Center. Cross seconded. All approved.

4. **Resolution 21/22 #4 Approval of FY 2021/22 Meeting Dates** Hickok (5 mins)

**Action:** Consider a motion to approve Resolution 21/22 #4 Approval of FY 2021/22 Meeting Dates

Hickok presented the resolution with the board meeting dates.

McCarthy made the motion to approve the fiscal year 2021/2022 board meeting dates. Mahurin seconded. All approved.

### Old Business

5. **First Reading - FY 2021/22 #1 Proposed Rate Ordinance** Wily (5 mins)

**Action:** Consider a motion to approve the first reading of FY 2021/22 #1 Proposed Rate Ordinance

Wily introduced the first Proposed Rate Ordinance and explained that the ordinance had to go through two readings and could be read by title only before the rates took effect. Cross moved to approve the first reading of the FY 2022/22 by title only. Mahurin seconded. All approved.

### Reports (informational, no action needed)

6. Finance Report

Hickok (5 mins)

We thought that we would have to do a budget adjustment because of COVID, but we don't have to do that this year. SDCs are coming in higher than expected. General Fund numbers are looking better with summer hours beginning and pool staying busy.

7. Directors Report

Hickok (20 mins)

Westside Park: Walker Macy has been talking about the new steps forward. We have refined and adjusted the scope and cost to meet our new focus. Key dates for the project include a July 15 virtual open house and an online survey will go live within the next week. Hickok stated that the Parks District had a very good balance on the SDCs, and we could finance the property. The owners did offer to carry the note, but we are not sure if it's allowable. Hickok also stated that we would need to go to the city for approval to use inside the UGB SDCs.

School District Community Education: Staff met with School District staff to discuss more details on transferring the Community Education youth programming to the Parks District. Hickok said that they are

working on an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that will outline facility and equipment prioritization and rates. Hickok would love to see us running the youth basketball program this winter

District Timeline: Hickok reported that we have reached out to Liz Whitmore to discuss strategy for redistricting and forming a Political Action Committee. We will need to work on messaging as well items that will be included in the redistricting measures.

8. Aquatics Report

Wily gave the aquatics report, reporting that we have opened our reservation system to allow for walk-in availability. We are hopeful to remove the reservation system in the near future, with the anticipation of COVID restrictions loosening. The summer schedule begins June 21<sup>st</sup>, with morning and evening swim lessons being offered through Labor Day.

**Executive Session**

- 9. Executive Session, per ORS 192.660(2)(e). To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and (i) To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing. (h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. *(The District Board will now meet in executive session. All members of the audience are asked to leave the call. 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 call.)*


Cross made a motion to move into executive session, and Mahurin seconded. All approved.

Mahurin moved to exit executive session. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

Cross moved to approve the licensing agreement for the Trespass Barrett Park . McCarthy seconded. All approved.

Adjourn

Mahurin move Cross seconded. All approved.

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