



## Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Budget Committee Meeting Followed By Regular Board Meeting

Via Zoom

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 6:00 pm

### In Attendance:

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

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily

Legal: Ruben Cleaveland

Public: None

### Public Hearing 6:00pm:

#### Hood River Valley Parks & Recreation District 2021/22 Budget Public Hearing

Action: Consider Public Testimony

Cavaleri opened the public hearing at 6:04pm and asked for public comment. Cavaleri asked the record to reflect that there was no public testimony. Cavaleri closed the public hearing at 6:05.

### Regular District Board Meeting (immediately following the Budget Hearing)

#### Call Regular Meeting to Order

Cavaleri opened the regular meeting at 6:05pm.

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

No comments

### Review Minutes

#### 1. April 21, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Consider a motion to approve the April 21, 2021 meeting minutes

Mahurin moved to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2021 board meeting as written. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

### New Business

#### 2. Resolution 20/21 #2 Approval of FY 2021/22 HRVPRD Budget

Action: Consider a motion to approve the resolution for the FY 2021/22 Budget

Cavaleri asked for a resolution to approve the budget.

McCarthy moved to approve Resolution 20/21 #2. Mahurin seconded. All approved.

#### 3. Resolution 20/21 #3 Set the FY 2021/22 HRVPRD SDC Rate

Action: Consider a motion to approve the resolution for the FY 2021/22 SDC Rate

Hickok gave an overview of the strategy for the System Development Charge Rate per board direction. SDC rates would increase by 20% this year which is part of the boards strategy to set SDC's at the Maximum allowable rate allowed by the 2017 Parks SDC Methodology. Glenna moved to accept Resolution 20/21 # 3 For approval of FY 2021/22 SDC Rates. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

### Old Business

#### 4. **FY 2021/22 Proposed Rate Ordinance DRAFT**

**Action:** Review and provide feedback on FY 2021/22 Proposed Rate Ordinance

Wily gave a review of the Rate Ordinance, focusing on the Family Summer Swim Pass, which the board had asked for more of a cost savings for patrons during the previous board meeting. The family summer pass prices range from a family of three to a family of six. It assumes at least two visits per week and at least one adult as part of the family. Family members must live in the same home, and the pass is valid during the summer months only. This pass would become effective during the summer of 2022. The board expressed approval for the cost savings presented, which would allow for more families to participate.. Wily reviewed the timeline for the Rate Ordinance. Staff will notify and get feedback from user groups, and in order for the ordinance to be approved, it has to undergo two separate readings, which will be slated for June and July. The fees will take effect following annual maintenance in September. Lastly, Wily asked the board if they would like to see the rate update reviewed earlier in the year, which they expressed a desire for.

#### 5. **District Reforming Strategy and Timeline**

**Action:** Review and provide feedback

Hickok reviewed the Dissolution Reformation Timeline. We need to review the process with county commissioners to get their approval for formation of a new district. The board agreed that a good strategy is to focus on forming a "Friends of..." Group. We should plan to identify and test ballot items, and political action committee will need to be formed. Board members need guidance on how much board members can be involved. Board members can be on it but cannot have a quorum. Hickok suggested reaching out to Liz Whitmore for help. The PAC would be able to help raise money for the campaign and the Friends of Parks would help to create a stewardship program and help to raise funds and awareness. Noteboom asked Hickok to get in touch with Liz Whitmore, who has helped on previous campaign projects, to help with the PAC. Mahurin asked to help with the campaign. Cavaleri and McCarthy volunteered to work on the Friends of Committee. Discussion ensued about the role of staff in the campaign process, the appropriate tax rate, and the other projects that might be folded into the measure.

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

#### 6. **Finance Report**

Hickok gave the finance report. In the general fund, the balance is looking good due to the strong beginning balance and seeing revenue coming in from the aquatic center. System Development Charge Fund is higher than anticipated, and the Improvement Fund has no changes from the reporting period.

#### 7. **Directors Report**

Hickok gave the Director's Report.

**Mask Guidance:** The CDC came out with more lenient guidelines for mask guidance, particularly for people who are vaccinated. Governor Brown followed by saying that vaccinated people do not have to wear masks inside or out. We are awaiting the Oregon Health Authority's guidelines before any changes are made.

**South Side Extension Trail:** The south Side Extension has been approved. We are hoping to have the trail completed by the end of the calendar year.

**Golden Eagle Bike Park:** We talked with the Hood River Area Trail Stewards (HRATS) about the maintenance of the jumps and the beginner track. HRATS will hold a couple of work parties at Golden Eagle this summer and fall to refine the tot track and some of the trails behind the pump track.

**School District and Community Education:** Hickok reported that the School District has been in communication about a partnership to take over the youth recreational and sports components of

community education. To aid in the transition, the school district believes that they can fund us for three years. In order to take over community education program, we would need additional staff, and an IGA with the school district on field and classroom space. Revenue would be brought in through the programs. The board asked questions about where new employees would be housed, and how fees would work. The board expressed support in taking over the program.

8. Aquatics Report

Wily gave the Aquatics Report. We are awaiting on updated guidance on new mask mandates. Programs are going strong with swim lessons filling, and High school sports, like water polo and swim team, are having short, back-to-back seasons. With restrictions easing, we are increasing availability for walk-in patrons, particularly for lap swim. The roof panels were removed in early May, and high winds caused the west wall to separate. Staff is working on a plan for repair.

**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.)*

Cavaleri made the motion to close the normal session and move into Executive session. Mahurin seconded. All approved.


Mahurin moved to exit Executive Session; Cavaleri seconded. All approved.  
No decisions were made.

**Adjourn**

Mahurin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33. McCarthy seconded. All approved.



Approved



Attest



Date



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