



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday November 15th, 2023, at 6:00 pm
Hood River Aquatic Center**

In Attendance:

Board: Anna Cavaleri, Mike Howard, Christy Christopher, Nan Noteboom, Martha Ortega-Verduzco

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily, Kelsey Barnes, Allison Kriskewic

Public: Keir Bryerton

Noteboom called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

1. Comments from General Public:

Keir Bryerton thanks Noteboom for coming out to Bryerton's home and discussing a buffer on the North side of Bryerton's house. The fence/tree barrier would separate Bryerton's property from the districts Barrett Park.

2. Review Minutes from October 18th, 2023

Christopher asked that the minutes be amended to reflect "70/30 between the contractor and HRVPRD." Noteboom made a motion to approve the October 18, 2023, minutes with the amended change. Cavaleri seconded the motion, all approved.

3. District Long Range Strategic Update

Director Hickok presents a timeline for the levy and bond measure that will be proposed on the ballot in the May 2024 election. He then shows a possible plan for a new Aquatics/Recreation center that would fit on the 1.3 acres of the current property. If the district expands operations, it will need more employees, supplies, and equipment in each department. He goes over the specifics of what each department will need to operate a brand-new facility. In addition to a new Aquatics/Recreation Center if the Capital Bond passes the district will also plan to complete the development of Westside Park and Parkdale Park and enhance trails by filling in the missing links over the span of the 25-year bond. Hickok presents estimated costs associated with expanding and what it will need for operations if it expands. Hickok explains that if the Bond passes and the Levy does not then the plans are going to change and things will be built differently, if the Levy does not pass the district will not have the right amount of funding to operate the current proposed plan. A similar situation happened with the City of Redmond, and they had to scale down significantly on the brand-new community center they had planned to build.

4. Finance Report

Hickok presented the board with the financial reports.

- System Development Charges were low but are starting to come in and will be reflected in next month's financial reports.
- The Recreation fund is looking comfortable and just where the district had planned to be around this time of the year.
- The regular General fund is looking good, it is still a little low on the revenue side which is to be expected since property taxes have not been paid yet.

5. Directors Report

Hickok gave the Directors Report.

- He states that he will be meeting with the City Council to discuss the Jackson Park Campus Re-Configuration Concept. This is a suggestion proposed to the City by the district to do a "land-swap" in order to build the new Aquatic/Recreation facility on larger parcel of land.

- The Sherman house is ready to be put on the market and the stairs to that section of the Westside trail is now complete.
- All district full-time staff attended the Oregon Recreation & Park Association Conference in Portland earlier in the month.
- The district completed the survey for the Special Districts Insurance Services Best Practices Program.
- Hickok explains that the Special Districts Association of Oregon is working on fixing some loopholes in the Recreational Immunity statute, so Special Districts are more protected from being sued from public who use the land or trails owned by local governing agencies.
- Pacific Power is planning to add a couple more power lines to the Powerdale Corridor. Since the district is a partial owner of easement on that property, they are asking permission to add these power lines. Howard motioned to give Mark the authority to write a letter sent to the power company on The Districts behalf to approve this, Ortega-Verduzco seconded, all approved.

6. Aquatics Report

Kriskewic, the districts Aquatics Supervisor gives the quarterly Aquatics report.

- The Kayak roll program is becoming increasingly popular.
- The Girls' Water Polo team placed 1st and Boys' team placed 2nd in Oregon State.
- Highschool Swim Team is starting their season, they will take up all 10 lanes of the pool during their evening practices.
- The district has taught roughly 200 kids swim lessons so far this quarter.
- The Aquatics center recently hosted a Lifeguard Class certifying three new Lifeguards.
- The pool will remain closed on Fridays until the District can get more Lifeguard Staff.
- The HVAC in the lobby has been recently replaced.
- The valves in the showers have been replaced and the showers are in proper working order.
- Fire suppression system has been recently replaced.
- The roof above the party room has been patched.

Noteboom made the motion to move to executive session per ORS 192.660(2)(e). To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. (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. at 8:10pm.

No decisions were made in executive session.

Ortega-Verduzco motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm, Howard seconded. All approved.

Man Noteboom
Approved

1-10-24
Date

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