

# Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:00 pm Via Zoom

In Attendance: Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily Board: Nan Noteboom, Glenna Mahurin, Anna Cavaleri, Mike McCarthy, Suzanne Cross Contract Accountant: Monica Morris Public: Suzanna Titus Israels, Jen Hackett, Corinda Hankins Elliot

## Regular District Board Meeting

#### **Call Regular Meeting to Order**

Cavaleri called the regular meeting to order at 6:02PM.

**Comments from the General Public** (3 minutes per person, per subject, Maximum 30 minutes public comment taken) Suzanna Titus Israels -wanted to make comment on what the pool means to her and her family, describing a positive outlet. She hopes that the pool can open as soon as the governor might allow.

Jennifer Hackett – Wanted to add her voice that the board prioritize the pool and keep it open for youth who value it so much when the governor allows.

Corinda Hankins Elliot – Expressed that the Parks and Rec established a good reopening plan, that it was an example of how to do things right, along with providing children with a healthy outlet. She hopes that when the Governor's order comes back around that the board will consider reopening the pool.

### **Review Minutes**

# 1. October 21, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Consider a motion to approve the October 21, 2020 meeting minutes Mahurin made the motion to approve the October 21, 2020 board meeting minutes. Cross seconded the motion. All approved.

### **New Business**

### Reports (informational, no action needed)

2. Finance Report

Morris gave the finance report, beginning with the general fund overview year to date. Noting that the amounts are unaudited, she stated that the beginning balance is higher than anticipated, which is a good place to be. The Covid Relief Fund is identified in the general fund as well. Morris presented the aquatic center analysis with a comparison month by month from the beginning of the fiscal year through October. The numbers present a more positive picture, showing that the aquatic center is still in the same ballpark in terms where we are typically operating, which is roughly a 50% subsidy. Questions arose from the board regarding how much do is saved versus expenses when we are closed. Morris pointed out that we still have expenses while the pool is closed. However, if the pool stays open, we are on schedule with keeping with a roughly 50% subsidy.

### 3. Directors Report

Hickok gave the Director's report. Governor Brown put the state on a two week freeze, so the pool will have to remain closed until the restrictions are lifted. Parks and trails can remain open. The District has

received roughly \$37,600 in COVID Reimbursement funding and is currently submitting for the latest round.

Hickok gave an update on the restroom/shower/laundry trailer to provide hygiene for the homeless population during the pandemic. Part of the challenge is to find a place to locate it. The trailer will need to be ordered soon, and there is a backlog, and there is an allowance for delivering past the COVID required dates of December 31, 2020.

Maintenance Supervisor: Hickok reported that we have hired a new Maintenance Supervisor, and he will start in the next couple of week.

Community Project: Two community projects have taken place in our parks over the past month. An Eagle Scout, Nate Roth, organized a COVID friendly work party for planting trees on the Indian Creek Trail at Barrett Park. In addition, members from the Protect our Parks group have been installing new tee boxes at Morrison Park for the disc golf course.

Odell Park Pickleball Lines: There is a proposal to paint pickleball lines on the covered basketball courts at Odell Park. Since the Governor's latest shutdown affects indoor gyms, this could provide another undercover area to play pickleball. Hickok asked for feedback. Noteboom expressed concern that pickleball players and adults and would drive the youth away. She stated how much the park is being used by the youth and is such a good outlet for them. Mahurin agreed stating that it is a great park for the youth. McCarthy wondered if there was a time when pickleball players could come to play. Cavaleri expressed excitement that pickleballers want to play, but she considered Odell community Park a neighborhood Park. It doesn't have parking because it's in a neighborhood. The group decided to say no for now.

4. Aquatics Report

Wily gave the Aquatics Report. With the latest restrictions, the pool will be closed for at least two weeks. Since the pool has already reopened since the pandemic, the process for reopening when it is allowed will be easier. Conversations ensued whether or not to keep the pool open when it is allowed. All board members voiced support for keeping the pool open as allowable under the restrictions.

#### **Executive Session**

5. Executive Session, if necessary per ORS 192.660 (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.) No Executive Session

## Adjourn

Mahurin made the motion to adjourn. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

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