



Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 6:00 pm

Location TBD Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89768624257>

Minutes

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

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily

Regular District Board Meeting

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Noteboom called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

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

None

Review Minutes

1. August 19, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Mahurin moved to approve the August 19 board meeting minutes. Cavaleri seconded. All approved.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

2. Resolution Adopting the Hood River Area Multi-Jurisdictional Parks, Recreation, and Open Space "Parks Plan for All"

Wily thanked the board and cooperating agencies then gave a recap of the Multi-Jurisdictional Master Plan vision and reviewed the key concepts found in the plan. Cavaleri made a motion to adopt Resolution No.

20/21 #1: Resolution Adopting the Hood River Area Multi-Jurisdictional Parks, Recreation, and Open Space "Parks Plan for All." Mahurin seconded. All approved.

3. Westside Park Discussion

Hickok began the discussion by congratulating the board on the Option Agreement, and then he gave a recap of the recent work to the drainage being done on the property. Wily reviewed the timeline for permitting, which would include and Request for Proposal for Permitting and Design in the National Scenic Area. A consultant would be hired to help oversee and advise in such a complex process. The components of the permitting process would include a cultural study, traffic impact analysis, soil toxicity investigation, wetland delineation, community outreach, design, and permit application.

Staff reviewed the timeline, possible scenarios, and feedback they had received from Hood River County Staff regarding the permitting process. Hood River County Community Development Department has not ever dealt with permitting a park in the National Scenic Area, so the review process might take some time to interpret the application and multiple regulatory layers. Other recommendations included being realistic with amenities, to engage the neighbors, and to be aware of expiration dates, which were two years to start a project upon approval, and two years to complete a project once a project was started.

Staff asked for board feedback. The board emphasized the importance community engagement, transparency, and progress updates on the permit progress. Noting that consultant-led community engagement tends to be an expensive component in a consultant led project, and noting that we have

received much feedback in the past couple of years, the board asked for ways in which they could help in the process to get feedback from the community through things like district and board led engagements with focus and community groups, online surveys with survey monkey, etc. In addition, the board recommended including cost options in the Scope of the RFP to help possible reduce the overall cost of the project. The board requested to see a draft RFP for planning and permitting consultant at the next board meeting.

Reports (*informational, no action needed*)

4. Finance Report

Hickok reviewed the finance report. Covid-19 Reimbursement money are indicated right now in the Grant category, and they will have their own separated category. SDCs are continuing to grow. Improvement fund remains steady with no anticipated changes.

5. Directors Report

Hickok gave the Director’s Report.

COVID-19 Updates: Oregon Health Authority continues to issue new guidance for managing aquatics and outdoor recreation facilities, and we continue to adapt with the guidance. Significant updates to the protocol include allowing pools to be in open in Phase I. Currently Hood River County is in Phase II.

Cares act money: The District has received approximately over \$17,000 in reimbursements related to COVID-19 expenses, and it is currently submitting in the latest round of reimbursement funding.

Morrison Park Project: Hickok explained the volunteer project the group Protect our Park group proposed at Morrison Park to install Tee Pads. He explained the proposal, design concepts of the tee pads, and he explained that an MOU would be created to work with the group doing the volunteer work. Cavaleri made a motion to approve this improvement. Mahurin seconded. All approved.

Barrett Park:

Hickok updated the board on the emails received from the neighbor to the east of the parking lot at Barrett Park. The neighbor requests to have the driveway and parking lot moved and vegetative buffer installed. The District has offered multiple times to finish the fence between the two properties, but the neighbor has declined and has begun putting up the fence. Discussion ensued. The board talked about the concerns and weighed actions, which took into consideration the cost of constructing an alternate driveway and parking area. Ultimately the board advised the director not to move forward with relocating parking and driveways and to reach back out to the neighbor and reiterate the original offer to build the fence.

6. Aquatics Report

Wily gave the Aquatics Report, reporting that the pool programming is strong, with almost all reservation spots filling. Water aerobics has approximately 20 people participate per day, all physically distancing from one another, and swim lessons have been going well, with 137 children benefitting from swim lessons the month of August.

Adjourn

Mahurin moved to adjourn, Cavaleri seconded. All Approved.

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Nancy Noteboom REALTOR

10/26/2020

DocuSigned by:
Approved
Anna Cavaleri

Date
10/26/2020

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