



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting,
Wednesday, September 18, 2019 - 6:00pm
Hood River Aquatic Center**

Minutes

In Attendance:

Board Members: Glenna Mahurin, Suzanne Cross, Nan Noteboom, Mike McCarthy, Anna Cavaleri

Staff: Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily, Hayley Younce

Public: Dale Hill

Regular District Board Meeting

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Mahurin called the meeting to order at 6:07

Mahurin made a motion to move into executive session at the start of the meeting to allow all board members to attend. Cavaleri seconded. All approved.

Board moved into executive session.

Cavaleri Moved to exit executive session. McCarthy seconded. All Approved

Cavaleri made a motion to conduct real property transactions discussed in executive session. Cross seconded. All approved.

Noteboom left the meeting.

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

Dale Hill came to speak as in individual and as president of Thrive Hood River, urging the board to sell Barrett park and use funds to purchase Blackman-Skakel property.

Review Minutes

1. August 21, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Cross made the motion to approve the August 21, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Noteboom seconded. All approved.

Unfinished Business

2. Long Term Funding Strategy Discussion

Action: Discuss and provide feedback

Hickok gave a recap of the event of the last month's conference call meeting with Eileen Eakins, who prepared a report for district showing the steps to reforming the District. The group discussed who to use for legal counsel to guide the district through the reformation process.

Mahurin made a motion to work with Ruben Cleveland. Cross seconded. All approved.

Hickok talked about the timeline for Reformation/Dissolution. In the next few months, the District will engage with PSU to study ways in which the Port of Hood River and HRVPRD can work together and create more efficiencies. In addition to the efficiency study, PSU will be completing a second task for the Parks District: a rate study for the reformation/dissolution process, per board approval. Cavaleri brought up

discussion to clarify the board's role after the dissolution and before the reformation of the new district. Hickok discussed finding someone to start a "Friends of/Parks Foundation" group that can be an entity to assist the Parks District through process. The board discussed the concept of such a foundation, the benefits, and how to get it started, and how to present a straightforward vision to the community. The board asked staff to investigate the proper protocol for helping to start a foundation through through legal council. Cavaleri asked the board to think of a vision/mission, possible names for this organization, and names of individuals for chair members that can be discussed at the following meeting.

New Business

3. Resolution 19/20#1 Resolution to Establish Fee Schedule for Public Records Requests

Action: Consider a Motion to approve Resolution 19/20#1

Wily gave background on the Fee Schedule and Public Records Request Policy. The policy was adopted by the board in February, 2018, with the policy stating that a fee schedule would be established for Public Records Requests and approved by the board through a resolution. The fees were established from researching on standards for Public Records Request fees throughout the region and state.

Cross moved to approve Resolution 19/20#1, a Resolution to Establish Fee Schedule for Public Records Requests. Cavalari seconded. All approved.

4. Columbia Land Trust MOA

Action: Consider a Motion to approve the MOA

Hickok explained the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Columbia Land Trust. It states the understanding that District will go forward with developing a trail on the land owned by Columbia Land Trust and in the Mountain Vistas subdivision (also known as the Sieverkropp development). This MOA allows the District to go forward with the permitting process and the go forward with an easement for the trail. McCarthy moved to approve MOA with Columbia Land Trust. Cavaleri seconded. All approved.

5. PSU/Port District IGA and Contract

Action: Consider a Motion to approve the IGA and Contracts

Discussion on this contract took place during the Long-Term Funding Strategy discussion. The contract explains the terms of the efficiency study PSU will conduct with the Port of Hood River and the Parks District, as well as the second task of the rate study for the Parks District. Cavaleri moved to approve the contract, with the correction of changing 50% / 50% to one-third / two-thirds being paid by the Parks District and the Port. Cross seconded with the correction. All approved.

Reports (informational, no action needed)

6. Finance Report

Hickock went over the finance report, and the budget vs. actual spending.

7. Directors Report

Hickok (20 mins)

Hickok gave the Directors Report.

Bocce Ball Courts – At the August 2019 Board Meeting, staff was directed to research alternatives for Bocce Courts at Golden Eagle, which has seen little use. Various options range in price from \$1000 to \$50,000, like zip lines, to climbing structures, and play structures. The board was supportive of looking a zip line.

City of Hood River Update - Hickok presented to the Planning Commission earlier in the week. The presentation was part of the hearing for the Westside Plan review. The planning commission and staff will prepare comment for the draft plan. The group discussed the ballot measure to amend the city charter that the city would no longer be able to partition / surplus that land without a public vote. Mid Columbia has decided not to move forward building affordable housing by Morrison Park, but the ballot is continuing.

There were questions if the ballot passing might create barriers to passing the creating of a new district and the creation of future parks, like the dog park.

Shelk Foundation Report – Hickok provided information to the city of Prineville regarding a study for the Shelk Foundation. Boardman, Heppner, and Madras also presented. The plan was focused on small communities in Eastern Oregon and the strategies to bring aquatic center to the communities.

Skate park community project – As a community improvement volunteer project, high school water polo athletes came out to clear the black berries and were very successful creating more area that can be put to park use. Hickok suggested the idea of putting something in for smaller children so that the young siblings of skate park users have something to do.

Golden Eagle Park Sewer Relocation – The sewer line relocation at Golden Eagle Park was completed in the past month.

8. Aquatic Center Report

Wily (5 mins)

Wily gave the Aquatics Report. Fall swim lessons will begin September 16. Online registration has been temporarily suspended for technical reasons. The group will research ways to improve the registration process in the coming month. Wily gave an overview of annual maintenance, which included a major repair to the west wall, new lights over the recreation pool, and a new pump for the recreation pool.

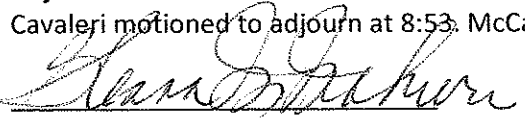
Executive Session

- 9. Executive Session, per ORS 192.660(2)(e). To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions (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.)

Executive session was completed at the beginning of the meeting.

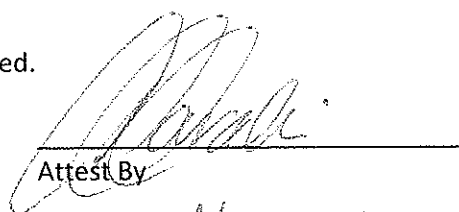
Adjourn

Cavaleri motioned to adjourn at 8:53. McCarthy seconded. All approved.



Approved By

11/28 / 19
Date



Attest By

20 Nov. 2019
Date