

**HOOD RIVER VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

November 16, 2015

Comments from the General Public

Heather Staten and Polly Wood spoke about the feasibility study and other research they have done on the Blackman/Skakel properties in regard to building a park there. Kim Davis, Bonnie New and Sarah Martin all spoke in support of a park on this property.

Call Regular Meeting to Order

President, Art Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Parkdale Community Center. Others present: Directors, Glenna Mahurin, Greg Davis, Renee van de Griend, Mike McCarthy; District Director, Lori Stirn; Assistant District Director, Scott Baker; District Bookkeeper, Joyce Weseman.

Consent Agenda

No changes to the agenda were requested.

Minutes of the October 21, 2015 Board Meeting

Mike moved to approve the minutes with corrections to the names of board members; second by Glenna; the motion passed.

SDC Methodology Update List

With the plan to resume the SDC Methodology Update, the Board prioritized possible SDC projects, assigning "High, Medium or Low" priorities. The Board's highest priorities include options for the Aquatic Center, Indian Creek Trail, Urban Growth Area parks and recreation spaces with connecting trail systems, a Sports Complex. FCS will compile a complete list based on this discussion.

Financial Reports

The Board reviewed various financial reports, i.e. Budget to Actual, Budget Variance Report, Cash Balance Report. Income and Expenditures are commensurate with the year's progression.

Directors Report

Randy Klantchnek continues to have complaints about Odell Park. He would like more skate elements removed or tamed down. The following are actions that the District has taken to try to reassure Randy and to make sure there are as few problems at the park as possible:

- Some skateboard elements have been ground down
- A wall was removed
- The District funded and installed a privacy fence along Randy's yard
- The District purchased and installed vegetation along Randy's yard
- The District placed an employee in the park for several hours a week during the summer
- Police have been contacted regarding increased patrols at the park
- Lori met with the County Sheriff. He said they respond every time there is a call at the park, have documentation of that, and have never found any significant problems.

In light of this information, the Board decided that, barring documentation of serious problems, no further action will be taken at the park.

Staff attended the ORPA conference in Portland, November 2-4th. Topics included Inclusion, Equality versus Equity, and a number of planning and communication topics. The annual SDAO conference will be in Sunriver February, 2016. Board members are welcome to attend. Please let staff know if you would like more information.

Staff met with Fire Chief, Devon Wells, to discuss procedures for rescues on trails, front desk security and safety issues, building evacuation, and other issues regarding patron and staff safety.

A copy of this report is included as part of these minutes.

Aquatic Center Report

Fall has been extremely busy with after school programming. Water polo is wrapping up their season and is expected to do well in final playoff games. Swim team has big numbers, particularly in their youth program. Special Olympics has been practicing twice a week for their state meet. Masters has two evening practices per week, and Kayak Polo is renting the facility after hours, once a week.

The pool continues to host \$1 Open Swims on non-school days. The pool will be closed on Thanksgiving.

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Reinig Property

The proposed park for this property has received approval from County Planning, but with considerable and expensive conditions. The main conditions are listed below:

- Installation of a sidewalk from the parking area to Guignard Drive
- Installation of a non-see-through fence around the property
- 118 parking spaces, or 60 spaces per field
- Installation of a left-turn lane from Tucker Road onto Guignard Drive

As these conditions are cost-prohibitive, the Board considered the options, as follows:

- Stop pursuing the park
- Develop the park incrementally
- Don't line the fields, which would require fewer parking spaces
- Appeal the conditions
- Explore a partnership with the County and ODOT to construct the left turn lane

Due to the expensive conditions, and likely appeals by the Valley Residents' Committee, Renee moved to suspend the CUP application, and efforts to buy the property; second by Greg. Discussion followed about the lack of any property, much less affordable property, on which to build a park. Art was in favor of challenging the conditions and finding some way to make the park go forward. It was noted that it is possible the State Parks grant will be lost. The vote was as follows: Renee, Aye; Greg, Aye; Mike, Aye; Glenna, Aye; Art, Nay. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Glenna moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Renee; the motion passed. The next regular Board meeting will be December 16, 2015, commencing at 6:00pm at the Aquatic Center.

Date Signed _____

President, Art Carroll

ATTEST, Board Member