

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

March 16, 2016

President, Art Carroll, called the meeting to order. Others present: Directors, Matt Rutledge, Glenna Mahurin, Mike McCarthy; District Director, Lori Stirn; District Bookkeeper, Joyce Weseman; Heather Staten.

Consent Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The following minutes were presented for review and approval: February 17, 2016 regular meeting, February 23, 2016 SDC update meeting, March 9, 2016 MURP meeting, and March 9, 2016 board member interviews. Glenna moved to accept all of the minutes as presented; second by Mike; the motion passed.

New Board Member

Attorney, Jeff Baker, swore in the newly appointed Board Member, Matt Rutledge.

As part of this process, Lori provided the Board with information on Board member responsibilities and conflict of interest guidelines. Jeff Baker spoke on these topics, and suggested the District may need to develop an ethics policy to guide actions and decision making by the Board. Other issues requiring District policy development continue to evolve; i.e. transgender issues in locker rooms.

Financial Reports

The Board reviewed the current “Budget to Actual” report. The budget is tracking nicely with the percentage of year completion.

Directors Report

Director Evaluation—Directors were encouraged to complete their evaluation form and get it to Art. The evaluation will be completed in Executive Session following the April 20, 2016 meeting.

Golden Eagle Park—The Board reviewed a concept plan for this park. Discussion followed about zoning, dimensions, possible loss of the \$494,000 State Parks grant if a suitable use for the money isn’t found before October 2016, etc. Glenna made a motion to move ahead with this park by applying for a conditional use permit based on the concept plan. Votes were as follows: Glenna, Yes; Matt, Yes; Art, Yes; Mike, No. The motion passed by majority vote.

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

Aquatic Center Report

March swim lessons have gotten off to a great start, with three sessions being added due to waitlists. The water polo parent meeting held at the end of February had positive results. The parents formed an advisory committee to work with staff concerns regarding the program. With their input, a spring schedule has been formulated that offers all programs most of what they need. At a staff meeting February 21st, staff continued ongoing training in water skills, treatment of injuries, CPR, AED, etc.

Health Insurance Policy

Lori presented the District’s current health insurance policy, with emphasis on eligible employees who do not choose to participate. The Board was amenable to 50% of the cost of individual coverage for non-participants being contributed to the employee’s retirement account. Lori will bring a draft policy to the Board April 20th.

2016-2017 Budget Discussion

Staff presented information about the current and future conditions of the Aquatic Center facilities. The tent structure is becoming hard to maintain, and expensive repair/replacement of boilers, HVAC systems, etc. are looming. The Board directed staff to pursue studies and RFP’s used by other aquatic facilities to determine the feasibility/costs of replacing the facility, and what funding options may be available.

Adjournment

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Glenna; the motion passed. The second Budget Committee meeting will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by the regular Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

Date Signed _____

President, Art Carroll

ATTEST, Board Member