

**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District
Director's Report
July 20th, 2016**

Mt. Hood Town Hall sent a thank you (**attached**) for the Park District's support for improvements at their facility. This includes pickleball courts and a basketball area.

Culbertson Park users request a permanent restroom. **See attached e-mail.**

"Recreation immunity no more" document from Frank Stratton at SDAO. See **attached document.**

The City is considering rezoning Morrison Park for low-income housing development. Steve Wheeler's e-mail follows:

The development of affordable housing is a key goal for the City of Hood River. To that end the City is considering the re-zoning the 5+ acre Morrison Park site that currently houses the disc golf course. This is a process that will likely start in August and take several months to play out. We will ultimately seek to have this area zoned urban high density residential, and with our partner, Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation, develop apartments on the site.

As you can imagine, significant public process will need to take place before this can happen. We will keep HRVPRD informed as this moves forward. While we regret the possible loss of the park site, the overwhelming need for residential apartments makes it necessary that we consider this rezoning and development opportunity.

Please feel free to contact me or Planning Director Cindy Walbridge if you have any questions.

The city has sent notice out regarding the dog park located at the Wastewater Treatment plant and Port property. We hope to have approval by mid-August after the city planning staff gets comments and reviews conditions.

Additional progress has been made on the South Side Indian Creek Trail. We hope to contract with Twin Oaks Trail Builders for an additional 20' bridge and 14' board walk.

The owners of Hood River Hobbies will work with both the City and Park District to determine what is required for the RC race track at the Skatepark.

Golden Eagle Park improvements have been approved by the county. Additional public meetings and hiring of an engineer and project manager will be researched. We are also working with State Parks regarding the expenditure of the \$494K grant.

Odell Community Park clean-up neighborhood event was held on July 9th, 9:30-11:30 am. A number of workers helped pull weeds and replenish bark dust. Additional weeding and spreading of the remaining 40 yards of bark dust will be done by staff.

District Board member updated list is attached.