

**Bend Metro Park & Recreation District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
July 3, 2007**

BOARD PRESENT: Ruth Williamson, Bob Woodward, Ted Schoenborn and George Thayer.

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Ronning, Lindsey Lombard, Ed Moore, Theresa Albert and Paula Lowery.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Neil Bryant.

MEDIA: Yoko Minoura, The Bulletin.

VISITORS: Michael Graham, Mike Lovely and Kraig Lindberg.

REGULAR MEETING

Vice-Chair Ruth Williamson called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

VISITORS

Kraig Lindberg addressed the Board regarding off-leash dog access areas. He shared information from the district's comprehensive plan survey that identified off-leash access areas as an unmet need, and copies of information regarding off-leash areas found in Portland. He asked the Board to devote more attention and resources to off-leash dog access areas, with particular consideration given to unfenced access. He noted that the Bend City Council has expressed a willingness to consider unfenced areas and the dog-owning community is prepared to work with the district to identify a suitable trial park.

Ruth Williamson thanked Mr. Lindberg for his comments and efforts on behalf of the community to meet this need. She explained that the Board had recently begun a series of joint work sessions with the City Council and she anticipated this topic would become an item for discussion with the council on a future work session agenda.

BUSINESS SESSION

Oath of Office for George Thayer

Vice-Chair Ruth Williamson administered the oath of office for George Thayer.

Election of Officers

Vice-Chair Ruth Williamson opened the nominations for the Board chair for 2007-08. Bob Woodward nominated Ruth Williamson to serve as chair. Ted Schoenborn seconded the nomination. As there were no further nominations, Ruth Williamson closed the nominations. Bob Woodward, Ted Schoenborn, and George Thayer all voted aye. Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Ruth Williamson opened the nominations for vice-chair for 2007-08. Ted Schoenborn nominated Bob Woodward to serve as vice-chair. George Thayer seconded the nomination. As there were no further nominations, Ruth Williamson closed the nominations. Ted Schoenborn, George Thayer and Ruth Williamson all voted aye. Motion passed.

Appoint Board of Directors Executive Secretary

Bob Woodward moved to appoint Don Horton as executive secretary of the Board for 2007-08. Ted Schoenborn seconded the motion. Bob Woodward, George Thayer, Ted Schoenborn and Ruth Williamson all voted aye. Motion passed.

2007-08 Meeting Days and Times

Ruth Williamson stated there had been some discussion to change the Board meeting times to 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Ted Schoenborn expressed concern for being able to accommodate public participation during that time of day. George Thayer and Bob Woodward agreed and stated they preferred to stay with the 5:30 pm work sessions and 7:00 pm regular meetings. The Board reached consensus to make no change to the meeting days or times.

Board Orientation

Ruth Williamson referred to information provided for Board review concerning training and board policy. She noted that the Board currently operates under a governance model, and discussion regarding developing a policy of Board operations was discussed briefly at a Board retreat in December, 2006. Bob Woodward noted that he had begun to work on a draft proposal for a Board policy and offered to continue that work. Ted Schoenborn volunteered to work with Bob on the policy. Ruth also briefly reviewed information she had received from a Special District's Association of Oregon training. She stated she had found the training very helpful and interesting and encouraged the Board to take advantage of those training opportunities as they are available.

The Board also shared their views as to how they would conduct meetings and how they would attend to their duties. Ruth Williamson stated she would like the Board to have the discretion to ask questions of the public who address the Board, if they are interested in gaining more information. Bob Woodward and Ted Schoenborn felt the chair should ask the whole Board if they are interested in entertaining a discussion or have questions. Following discussion the Board agreed to the following: uphold the mission/vision of the district; not to micromanage; use goals as guidance/direction; exercise brevity; control/manage conversation with the public; limit public input/testimony to three minutes, but also allow room to discuss public concerns/proposals further in future work sessions; practice fiscal accountability; willingness to have open dialogue; support for staff and to seek first to understand, then be understood.

Agenda – Joint Meeting with City Council

Bob Woodward stated that he would like to start the meeting with a discussion regarding Juniper Ridge and follow up with Brandis Square, the Pine Nursery and Veterans' Memorial. The Board agreed with Bob's suggestion and determined they would like to meet soon. The suggested dates of July 19, July 26 or August 3 were considered, and it was determined the Board would provide the executive assistant with dates they could be available for a meeting.

Bruce Ronning noted for the Board’s information that the planning staff is developing a process based on park classifications regarding the placement of a veterans’ memorial. He added that information would be provided for Board consideration at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda

**Minutes – June 19, 2006, Joint Work Session with City Council & Regular Meeting
Adopt Resolution No. 294 Workers’ Compensation for Board Members**

Bob Woodward moved to approve the consent agenda. Ted Schoenborn seconded the motion. Bob Woodward, Ted Schoenborn, George Thayer and Ruth Williamson all voted aye. Motion passed.

Staff & Committee Reports

Bruce Ronning reported that the Oregon Trails Advisory Council will be meeting at Hollinshead Barn on Friday, July 20 and asked if a Board member would be available to briefly address the group.

Bruce Ronning identified a letter included in the Board folders regarding canal trail access and a copy of an Oregonian editorial regarding the city of Portland’s trail network and their efforts to complete connections.

Ed Moore reported on incidents of noise and drinking that have been occurring at Compass Park. He stated district staff has met with the developer and neighborhood association to mitigate the issues which includes a neighborhood watch program and restricting some features of the playground equipment between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am. He noted the district employs Security Pros to maintain security in the park.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Prepared by,

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Ruth Williamson, Chair

Bob Woodward, Vice-Chair

Ted Schoenborn

George Thayer

Scott Wallace