

**Bend Metro Park & Recreation District
Board of Directors
Work Session, Executive Session & Regular Meeting
February 27, 2007**

BOARD PRESENT: Suzanne Johannsen, Bob Woodward, Don Smith and Ted Schoenborn.

STAFF PRESENT: Don Horton, Bruce Ronning, Wayne Smith, Lindsey Lombard, Jan Taylor, Dave Crowther, Theresa Albert, Matt Mercer, Robin Laughlin, Jeff Newman, Pat Erwert and Paula Lowery.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Neil Bryant.

MEDIA: Yoko Minoura.

CONSULTANTS: James Meyer, Opsis.

VISITORS: See attached list.

WORK SESSION

Chair Suzanne Johannsen convened a work session at 5:30 pm.

Strategic Plan Discussion

Don Horton explained the document included in the packet included an edited version as well as the revised version of the strategic plan. He explained that most changes were editorial in nature and staff had determined some strategies were action items that would be included in the annual action plan. He added that staff had attempted to respond to the action items the district would be taking the lead on identified in the Bend Vision 2030 Plan. He stated staff would incorporate input from the Board to be included for adoption on March 6, followed by a review of the Annual Action Plan on March 20. Don Smith expressed concerns regarding the strategy to seek funding for the planned trail bridges and major projects of the Deschutes River Trail Plan including the Paddle Trail Action Plan. He stated this could commit the district to seek funding for the plan. Bruce Ronning explained that there would be no recommendations for funding until the Board adopts the plan. Bob Woodward stated the paddle trail group has not been promised any funding for projects identified in the feasibility study. The Board discussed alternate forms of including adding amenities identified in the Paddle Trail Action Plan in the Strategic Plan including identifying the Paddle Trail Feasibility Study to the annual updates of the Deschutes River Trail Plan, and adding elements of the feasibility study to the district's annual action plan. The Board also discussed their priorities for the annual work plan

including Phase I development of the Pine Nursery, and parking at JSFC. Don Smith stated he would like to see some numbers on the costs of installing modular units at some of the schools for recreation programming sites. Don Horton stated that will also be an agenda topic for the Board's joint meeting with the school board.

JSFC Parking Lot

Bruce referred to a previous Board discussion that directed staff to evaluate constructing parking in the area of the existing horseshoe courts or on the site of three homes that could be acquired on Franklin Street. He stated that the site of the horseshoe courts could net 60 spaces, while the Franklin Street site could net 64 spaces. He shared draft design alternatives and costs, and noted that the cost for the Franklin Street site did not include the cost for acquisition of the property. Bob Woodward stated that it would be important to have the horseshoe courts relocated before any construction began on the parking lot. He added that there are still a few spots available in the existing lots throughout the day and it would be important to do some outreach with the horseshoe court users. Suzanne Johannsen stated that she is reluctant to remove the horseshoe courts and noted that the Board and staff still need to discuss the district's use of the Bend High parking lot during the summer months. Ted Schoenborn felt that 60 spaces would not be enough, but the district needs to take action to address the problem. Ted Schoenborn, Bob Woodward and Don Smith were in favor of replacing the horseshoe courts in another location to add parking at JSFC.

Administration Building

James Meyer, Opsi shared an artist's rendering of the proposed administration building. He reviewed cost estimates and the site plan as well as the floor plans. He noted that the proposed design includes a 22,000 square foot building at a cost of just over \$7.3 million including parking and landscaping. Don Horton reviewed the district's funding options and explained that it may require the district to borrow \$1 million to \$1.5 million to construct the building. The Board reached consensus to move forward with the project.

The work session was concluded at 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Suzanne Johannsen convened an executive session at 7:02 pm pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions.

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Suzanne Johannsen called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

VISITORS

Connie Kenard, Boyd Acres Neighborhood Association, addressed the Board. She shared a letter from the neighborhood association, requesting that the district donate $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre of the Pine Nursery property to the city to accommodate a proposed roundabout at Purcell and

Empire streets. She cited the neighborhood association's concerns regarding safety and traffic flow.

Kristen Riley addressed the Board regarding Quail Park. She stated she lives near the park and shared concerns regarding problems that are occurring in the park as a result of the skate park features. She requested the immediate removal of the skate park equipment and presented a petition of 39 signatures supporting her request.

Todd Riley addressed the Board. He shared his concerns regarding the users of the skate park features at Quail Park. He stated the residents of the neighborhood were assured that the skate park would be designed for use by little kids; however, the facility is attracting a much older group of users who are excluding the little kids from using the park. He stated the problems will be exacerbated with the coming of spring and summer and he did not feel it is right to ask mothers, fathers and grandparents to police the park.

Kirsten Heran addressed the Board concerning Quail Park. She stated she uses the park two to three times a week and she and her children love the park, but noted there is questionable activity going on in the park. She stated she does not want to be a policewoman and cited safety concerns regarding skaters using areas not designed for skating, driving too fast in the neighborhood, and stated that the skate park is located too close to the playground structures. She recommended the district hire someone to supervise the skate park use.

Jennifer LaMarsch addressed the Board regarding Quail Park. She stated she has encountered some of the same issues as her neighbors have shared which has caused her to leave the park with her son. She stated her son likes to practice basketball, but the skateboard kids scare him and cited the location of the skate features in proximity to the basketball court.

Curt Hagan addressed the Board. He stated he is vice-president of the Copperstone Homeowners Association and shared a letter from a resident concerned about the traffic through their neighborhood due to the main access to Quail Park.

Business Session

Resolution No. 287 - Senate Bill 45

Bruce Ronning referred to information included in the Board Report and reviewed the Board's discussion of the proposed Senate Bill 45 at their February 6 meeting. He noted that Representative Chuck Burley has refused to sign the proposed House bill that would also combine school and park SDCs, cap the amount to be collected and subsequently result in the park district and school district struggling to fund acquisitions and developments of properties and facilities. Bob Woodward moved to adopt BMPRD Resolution No. 287, opposing legislative measures, including Senate Bill 45, that proposes the combination and capping of park and school SDCs. Ted Schoenborn seconded the motion. Bob Woodward, Ted Schoenborn, Don Smith and Suzanne Johannsen all voted aye. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report

Juniper Ridge

Don Horton reported on a meeting with the city manager and city staff regarding Juniper Ridge. He explained that additional discussion will need to cover a joint annexation agreement.

He stated he and Bruce will be meeting with the Juniper Ridge planner and Katherine Morrow, from Deschutes County regarding the Juniper Ridge proposal.

Deschutes County Historical Society Proposal

Don Horton shared a letter from the Deschutes County Historical Society requesting loan of one of the Hollinshead wagons for exhibit at the Des Chutes Historical Center. He explained the Society is prepared to invest in some restoration of the wagon and it would be displayed during the late spring, summer and early fall and be returned to storage for the winter. The Board consensus was to accept the proposal.

Miscellaneous Reminders and Reports

Don Horton reminded the Board they would be appointing two new budget committee members at their March 6 meeting. He reminded the Board of the joint meeting with the Bend La Pine School District, scheduled for April 4. He noted the Board would review the agenda at their April 3 work session. Don shared a report of the volunteer hours for the district for 2006. He noted the number of volunteers was similar to the previous year and equivalent to 25 ½ full time staff. He reminded the Board of the volunteer recognition event scheduled for March 22 at the senior center. Don shared a letter to Verizon regarding lease of the pole at Skyline to a second cell phone provider and reported on a meeting with Kim Walters, principal of Seven Peaks School.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Bob Woodward thanked Bruce for attending a recent Bend Vision 2030 meeting and shared his disappointment that no public had attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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Suzanne Johannsen, Chair

Ruth Williamson, Vice-Chair

Bob Woodward

Ted Schoenborn

Donald K. Smith