

**Bend Metro Park & Recreation District
Board of Directors
Work Session, Executive Session & Regular Meeting
July 17, 2007**

BOARD PRESENT: Ruth Williamson, Bob Woodward, Scott Wallace and Ted Schoenborn.

STAFF PRESENT: Don Horton, Bruce Ronning, Ed Moore, Lindsey Lombard, Jan Taylor, Theresa Albert, Paul Stell and Paula Lowery.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Sharon Smith.

MEDIA: Yoko Minoura, The Bulletin.

VISITORS: Mike Lovely and Michael Graham.

WORK SESSION

Board Calendar

Don Horton shared a proposed list of board goals and projects for their consideration for the coming year. The board reviewed and discussed the proposed topics and requested that staff identify a time frame for addressing and completing the projects. The calendar will be presented to the board for their approval at the August 7 meeting.

Juniper Ridge & Brandis Square

Don Horton explained that this time has been allocated for the board to discuss Juniper Ridge in preparation for their joint meeting with the city council. He noted that it would be important to have a consensus of opinion to present to the council. Don stated that he feels all developers should be treated equally and Juniper Ridge should be annexed into the district. He added that the SDCs from Juniper Ridge should be collected by the district as the city has set aside green space and trails in the plan. He also noted that there are no indoor recreation spaces provided in the plan to serve the residents of Juniper Ridge which would then fall to the district to provide those services to the out-of-district residents of the development. Don referred to the city code that directs that if a parcel is to be subdivided that lies outside the district boundary, but inside the UGB, there shall be an annexation agreement with the district as a condition of approval. He stated that when the Les Schwab facility was approved, the city did not follow the code. He stated the district was not given the opportunity to address whether the district wanted the property to be annexed. He stated he and Bruce have discussed the district options with legal counsel. Sharon Smith reviewed the land use process for a partition or subdivision in Juniper Ridge. She explained there is an avenue to raise the district's position to a higher profile if we don't get the communication that we expect from the city. Bob Woodward stated he feels we need to get the city to come to the table with regard to the annexation question. Scott Wallace stated that he feels all developers should be treated the same, and if additional discussions need to occur to realign that, we should pursue that. Ted Schoenborn agreed and stated the problem is that it isn't really going to someone who is doing a project inside the city limits or the district. Sharon stated that perhaps Les Schwab, which is a small parcel of commercial or industrial development, is taken off the table for now, but with future city partitions, she thinks we can implement the code section so that future partitioning and

subdivisions in that area will trigger the annexation. Don noted that the whole 500 acres in question is part of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and the park district will not receive property taxes from the property until the TIF is retired. He added that because of that it would be expected that the city would want that property to be within the district to be able to capture the taxes for the TIF which could go toward retiring the debt earlier. Bob Woodward stated he did not think the council is aware of the situation and he is concerned that this establishes some sort of precedent for the long term. Ruth expressed concern for what appears to be a gap of communication from city staff to the city council. Bob Woodward suggested the board and staff develop a position statement regarding the district's position with respect to the intergovernmental agreement, recreation program funding, and annexation and how it applies to Juniper Ridge. Following discussion, the board directed staff to draft a position statement for board review on August 7.

Brandis Square

Don Horton explained that he and Patty Stell had developed a proposal regarding Brandis Square through the work of an ad hoc committee of city staff, Art in Public Places and district staff. He referred to the proposal included in the board report that transfers ownership of Brandis Square to the district and addresses a re-design of the square and placement of art and the placement of the plaques originally located on the site that recognize community pioneers. Bob Woodward stated that he would like to see the hardscape reduced to a softscape that provides a more inviting, useful site for downtown visitors. Ted Schoenborn asked if the district takes on Brandis Square would that set a precedent for being expected to accept all of the other little pocket parks all over the city. Bruce Ronning explained that the district does have an urban plaza category such as the Hixon Crossing located near McKay Park. Ted stated he thinks we need to be clear that Brandis Square is not a pocket park. Bob stated he thinks the square has turned into blight and it would be good for the district to make it right and he thinks people will appreciate that. Don Horton stated there may be a way to secure some community involvement and contributions to the re-design of the square.

River Use

Don referred to information included in the board report that identified district steps toward making use of the river as safe as possible for users under existing conditions. He also reviewed additional steps that may be taken in the future to address some of the hazards in the river. He also shared a flyer that is being distributed in the community that outlines the put-in and take-out sites as well as the dangers of the Colorado Street dam and the spillway.

The work session was concluded at 6:40 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Ruth Williamson convened a work session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h) for the purpose of discussing current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Ruth Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

BUSINESS SESSION

Oath of Office

Chair Ruth Williamson administered the oath of office for Scott Wallace.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes - July 3, 2007 work session and regular meeting

Adopt Resolution No. 295 & 296 approving new banking accounts

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

Executive Director's Report

Don Horton invited the board to attend an all staff lunch scheduled for Friday, August 10.

Three Pines/Shevlin Commons Trail Connection

Don Horton reported the Three Pines/Shevlin Commons Trail connection is now complete and shared photos of the site.

Ice Facility

Don Horton reported the ice facility study has stalled and he would prepare a proposal on how to proceed with the study to be presented to the board at the next meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Bob Woodward stated he found it interesting that a recent article in *Outside* magazine reported that 49% of the people in Bend own dogs.

Bob Woodward reported that he had received an email from a friend who recently attended a national fitness conference where he met Monica McClain-Smith. He noted the friend commented on Monica's enthusiasm for fitness.

Ruth Williamson noted that the Oregon State Parks Commission is meeting in Bend and she would like to arrange a gathering of the board and commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.
Prepared by,

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Ruth Williamson, Chair

Bob Woodward, Vice-Chair

Ted Schoenborn

George Thayer

Scott Wallace