

**Bend Metro Park & Recreation District
Board of Directors
Executive Session & Regular Meeting
May 5, 2009**

BOARD PRESENT: Bob Woodward, Ted Schoenborn, Scott Wallace and George Thayer.

STAFF PRESENT: Don Horton, Lindsey Lombard, Bruce Ronning, Wayne Smith, Ed Moore, Jan Taylor, Theresa Albert, Pat Erwert, Russ Holliday, Dave Crowther and Paula Lowery.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Neil Bryant.

MEDIA: Erin Golden, The Bulletin and KOHD.

VISITORS: See attached list.

REGULAR MEETING

Board chair, Bob Woodward called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

VISITORS

Jim Bennett addressed the board regarding the Park Ranger Program. He shared concerns regarding the district's decision to eliminate the program, and hire a police officer to patrol the parks. He stated the outreach component will be taken out of the parks and asked the board to re-examine the direction of the district. He asked the board to consider whether the park ranger was treated fairly, honestly and openly about the program and provided the tools for success. He asked the board to do what is right for the community.

Erin Bennett addressed the board regarding the Park Ranger Program. She shared her experiences with park visitors in providing outreach and education. She compared the park ranger tools and outreach efforts to a police officer's tools and asked the board to reconsider its decision regarding the Park Ranger Program.

John Sabo addressed the board regarding planting gardens and the healthful benefits. He asked the board to consider the benefits of the community garden spots.

Tracy Miller spoke on behalf of herself and Dennis Fiore and Dave Zimmerman regarding expanding the community garden. She shared her experience with waiting in line to receive a plot and the number of people who did not receive one. She encouraged the board to consider expanding the community garden site to accommodate the demand for plots.

Eric Hotvedt addressed the board regarding the community garden. He cited the cost for maintaining grass vs. expanding the garden site. He asked the board to reconsider its decision.

Barbara Rumer addressed the board regarding the community garden. She asked the board to consider expanding the site and stated that it is her understanding that this has been promised for a number of years, but it has been turned down by staff. She stated that people are looking for government to be proactive and find win-win situations. She stated they would really appreciate consideration for more spaces.

Don Horton stated that he was not aware of the issue regarding the community garden site, and he would commit to looking into it with staff and respond to those who shared their concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – April 7 & 21, 2009

Riverbend restroom/shelter construction bid

Adopt Special Events Policies

Approve IGA – City of Bend – off leash areas at Awbrey and Overturf Reservoirs

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

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Bob Woodward convened an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h) for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, and ORS 192.660 (2) (e) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions.

Prepared by,

Paula Lowery, Executive Assistant

Bob Woodward, Chair

Scott Wallace, Vice-Chair

Ted Schoenborn

George Thayer

Ruth Williamson