

**Bend Metro Park & Recreation District
Board of Directors
Work Session & Executive Session
July 21, 2009**

- BOARD PRESENT:** Scott Wallace, George Thayer, Ted Schoenborn, and Scott Asla.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Don Horton, Bruce Ronning, Wayne Smith, Lindsey Lombard, Jan Taylor, Theresa Albert, Ed Moore, Dave Crowther, Audrey Robeson, Steve Jorgensen and Paula Lowery.
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** None
- MEDIA:** None.
- VISITORS:** Kristen Kovalik, Trust for Public Land, Sue Vordenberg, Bill Martin, Michael Graham and Mike Lovely.

WORK SESSION

Board Chair Scott Wallace convened a work session at 5:30 pm.

Comprehensive Plan Review – Chapters 2, 3, 4 & 8

Bruce Ronning opened the presentation referring to proposed changes to Chapter 2 and Chapter 8 of the comprehensive plan provided as an insert to the board report and explained that no changes are proposed for Chapter 3 and Chapter 4, also provided for board review. Steve Jorgensen conducted a review of the proposed changes to Chapter 2 and Chapter 8. Steve referred to population numbers in Chapter 3 and stated they could be updated, but he recommended waiting until we have 2010 census data at which time the district boundary service area data would also be updated. He noted that Juniper Ridge has been annexed since 2004. Bruce stated that a footnote may be added to explain the annexation, and perhaps a paragraph could be added to address the growth in the district since 2004. Bruce referred to the recreation trends included in Chapter 4 and suggested they could be updated. Steve referred to the goals and strategies of Chapter 8 are from the 2007 Strategic Plan. He asked the board to consider whether this needs to be a chapter of the comprehensive plan and appendices to the plan. Bruce explained that staff has been discussing whether the implementation chapter should refer only to those implementation goals for large initiatives and strategies that are derived from the comprehensive plan. He added a strategic plan may take a different form than what we have used in the past. Don Horton stated that there would probably be a different process of updating the strategic plan in terms of more community and board involvement. He added that the process may help inform how Chapter 8 will ultimately be written. A discussion followed regarding the strategic plan as it relates to the comprehensive plan process and it was determined that staff would evaluate Chapter 8 and return with a recommendation to the board for consideration.

Greenprint Plan Update

Kristin Kovalik, Trust for Public Land, conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Greenprint Plan that is a county-wide effort to ensure that future efforts to acquire and preserve open spaces and natural areas are done by design rather than happenstance. She shared some results from a public survey conducted in May and explained the information will be used to help shape the Greenprint Plan. She stated the group has begun to reach out to the business community to engage them in the process to obtain their input and involvement in the process. She identified the top priorities of the plan including protecting the water quality of the rivers, wildlife habitat, watershed and natural areas. Don Horton explained how the Greenprint Plan could benefit the district in identifying lands that need to be acquired as it relates to conservation issues. He stated a second goal is funding strategies to acquire those properties. Kristen reviewed the process for completing the Greenprint Plan with a target date of May 2010 for completion.

Community Room Public Use

Jan Taylor referred to the community room reservations and use guidelines provided in the board report. She explained that staff is seeking board input and direction in offering use of the room to other government agencies and not-for-profit organizations. She recommended a slow start to allowing public use of the building in order to learn how the building will work best and address security and cleaning details. She noted that staff had discussed providing the meeting room space to non-profits and other government agencies for business hour meetings at no charge, and asked for board opinion. The general consensus of the board was that this practice would be acceptable within appropriate guidelines.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Don Horton recognized Pat Erwert, Robin Laughlin, and Audrey Robeson for their efforts on the construction of the new administration building and landscape design of Riverbend Park. He noted the district has received a lot of good publicity with the opening of the new building including articles in The Bulletin and Cascade Business News, and television coverage by KTVZ, KOHD, and KBNZ. He stated a grand opening of the park site is scheduled for September 17 and a public opening of the building will be tied into that event.

Don Horton shared a Goose Management Plan prepared by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW). He stated that staff has been working with ODFW in the development of the plan that will be discussed in a future work session with the board.

Don Horton requested that two board members volunteer to work with him, Audrey Robeson and Paula Lowery on the development and implementation of a paperless board report. Scott Wallace and Ted Schoenborn volunteered to participate in this process.

Don Horton asked the board to give some thought to future work sessions as to whether they would like to conduct them in the new conference room or the community room. He explained how the new sound system operates and how the board meeting audio could be made available to the public and saved as a permanent record. He stated that future written minutes will be minimal in content while meeting all legal requirements.

The work session was concluded at 6:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Scott Wallace convened an executive session at 6:30 pm, pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions.

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