

**Bend Metro Park & Recreation District
Board of Directors
Workshop
January 29, 2010**

BOARD PRESENT: Scott Wallace, George Thayer, Ruth Williamson, Scott Asla and Ted Schoenborn.

STAFF PRESENT: Don Horton, Lindsey Lombard, Bruce Ronning, Wayne Smith, Theresa Albert, Ed Moore, Steve Jorgensen, Norm Ziesmer and Paula Lowery.

VISITORS: Andy High.

Chair Scott Wallace convened the special workshop at 8:40 am.

Don Horton referred to Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) provided for the board and stated the intent for the meeting today is to develop a better understanding of where we want to go with the CIP. He stated that following today's discussion staff will be able to develop a draft of the CIP for board consideration at the February 16 meeting.

Bruce Ronning stressed the information provided is not a staff recommendation, rather the result of the work that began with the advisory group in February 2009, and the 2008 survey. He explained that staff is asking for direction and prioritization of the general facility categories listed in the draft 5-year and 10-year CIP.

Lindsey Lombard explained staff is looking for general, categorical priorities from the board and more specifically, detail within the community park development, along with their priorities within the category. She referred to neighborhood park acquisition and development and explained the details will be largely driven by the GAP analysis and opportunity for land acquisition.

Lindsey Lombard stated that the results of the 2008 survey, and comment received from the community express the top priority is to take care of what we have, however, that includes a broad range of responsibilities from mowing the turf and keeping gravel on the trails to repairing and replacing amenities and rehabilitating or upgrading older parks and facilities. She reviewed rehabilitation and upgrade projects identified by staff in each category.

Bruce, Lindsey and Don presented information about the level of service in 2002 compared to 2008 and discussed the potential impact of decisions regarding acquisition and development on future level of service.

Steve Jorgensen presented an updated neighborhood parks analysis map and reviewed changes to include parks that are currently substandard, future parks that are currently owned by the district, but not developed, and non-residential land. He pointed out areas of residential properties that have paid SDCs and areas of residential properties that were pre-existing SDCs, and are still technically underserved. Steve also pointed out properties that might be available based on 2006 air photo analysis. He explained that staff will need to visit the properties to determine the suitability for park sites and the status of availability. He identified sites on Butler Market Road, Parrell Road and Pettigrew Road as potential

acquisition sites and areas in need of neighborhood parks. Following discussion the board agreed with the data that staff presented and methodology for neighborhood park acquisition.

The board discussed what taking care of what we have encompasses. Don Horton explained how the Asset Management Plan projects over a 20-year time period. He reviewed the projects identified as the top priority in this category as: access plan improvements, asset management plan improvements (at an average cost of \$200,000), replacement of the JSFC indoor tank, repair of the Shevlin Park road and exterior repairs to the Old Bend Athletic Club. He then reviewed facility upgrades identified by staff as renovation and access improvements to older neighborhood parks, playground resurfacing, and the playgrounds, restrooms, picnic shelters, etc. at Skyline, Juniper and Shevlin parks. The board reached consensus with the staff definition of "taking care of what we have" and the need to address the projects identified as the highest community priority. The board also expressed the desire to address areas that are underserved in terms of repairs and replacements of amenities ahead of funding upgrades for existing parks.

Bruce reviewed the trail system improvements included in the CIP and noted that completion of the Deschutes River Trail has always been a top priority and is listed as a separate set of projects. He explained that general fund money as well as SDCs is available to address trail improvements. Steve Jorgensen pointed out the Coyner Trail was the subject of a Safe Routes To School grant that the district did not receive. The board agreed that funding the trails projects would be a well-rounded way to fulfill recreational need as well as impacting access, transportation, environmental and 2030 goals.

The board reviewed the community park acquisition category. Steve Jorgensen identified proposed sites for acquisition and explained the service areas coverage. The list of proposed sites included Ponderosa Park, Pine Nursery, Millbrook river site, Davis master plan improvements, High Desert or an alternate site and Hollinshead master plan improvements. The board discussed the potential community benefit with each site. The board reached consensus that Larkspur Park addition, a site in the northwest quadrant and the Millbrook river site rise to the top of the list.

The workshop was recessed at 11:55 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Scott Wallace convened an executive session at 12:00 noon pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e) for the purpose of real property transactions.

The workshop was reconvened at 12:30 pm.

The board discussed the need for completing the indoor facility needs assessment in order to determine the community's position in terms of priority. The board also discussed the next steps of the Colorado Street Dam project and the Mirror Pond siltation issue.

Lindsey Lombard shared information with the board regarding the PERS local government rate pool with respect to Resolution No. 319 approved by the board on January 19. She explained it would not be in the best interest of the district to join the pool at this time and explained the board would receive a recommendation to rescind the resolution at the February 16 meeting.

The workshop was concluded at 1:30 pm.

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