

**Bend Metro Park & Recreation District  
Board of Directors  
Work Session, Executive Session & Regular Meeting  
December 7, 2010**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Don Horton, Lindsey Lombard, Bruce Ronning, Wayne Smith, Jan Taylor, Theresa Albert, Donna Shewey, Robin Laughlin, Norm Ziesmer and Paula Lowery.

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Paul Taylor.

**MEDIA:** Scott Hammers, The Bulletin.

**VISITORS:** See attached list.

### **WORK SESSION**

Chair George Thayer convened a work session at 5:34 pm.

#### **District Sign Program**

Robin Laughlin presented a draft of a proposed sign program for the district. She explained the program is similar to the district's comprehensive plan that will provide an overall structure for how we move forward with signs throughout the district. She noted the program addresses outdoor signs such as those found in parks and on trails. She stated that signs provide one of the district's most frequent customer contact points and speak for the district in some form. She stated that over the years the types and style of signs have changed and the program is designed to establish a consistent format as we go forward. She stated the signs should have a clear message and signify the connection of the site with the district. She briefly reviewed the types of guidelines considered including accessibility in the placement of the signs. Robin stressed the importance of consistency with the use of signs throughout the parks in terms of type, location and content. Ruth Williamson recommended keeping a positive tone to the rules and regulations where possible. Scott Asla suggested including the district's web address on signs when appropriate. She noted that some details have yet to be completed such as clearly defining accessibility in terms of locating signs, a review process and an implementation plan. Ruth stated that the more recent signs she has seen appear to be consistent with the district brand in terms of presentation, the font used, etc. which makes them instantly recognizable as a park district related sign. She encouraged continued use of that approach with future signs. Bruce stated that he believes we have a good structure in the program due to Robin's efforts. He stated that staff would continue to refine the program and return to the board for additional review and approval. He noted sign replacement would become part of the district's Asset Management Plan to be addressed annually in terms of budget and priority.

#### **Senior Center Focus Group**

Wayne Smith explained that recommendations were made during the Senior Center's efforts to achieve accreditation last year to explore changing the name of the center and to assess the existing facility's needs and spaces to determine how we can make the facility as efficient and effective as possible for the community. Donna Shewey stated that in an effort to address the recommendations, staff is asking to form

a nine member committee composed of center users and general community members to work with staff over a three month period to analyze the current use of the center's space and make recommendations that would address space issue changes that would in turn drive the programs offered. She added it would also allow for review of our demographics in terms of what the usage looks like, the average age of users, and general population demographics. She explained that following that analysis, an evaluation of the center's image in the community should be considered in terms of the market. She added that the Facility Needs Committee would present their findings to the Advisory Council and make recommendations to the board. Don Horton stated that the center is now 10 years old and we have been working off the same plan for that time with the number of people using the facility growing significantly over the years. He stated it is time to reassess how we are operating the facility, what it is being used for, how the space is being used, including the office space, to best serve the patrons. Scott Wallace asked if giving consideration to a name change is something recent. Wayne explained that a requirement to call the facility a senior center was attached to some of the funding provided for construction. He stated the district would not be eliminating what we are doing currently to serve the senior population; rather we are looking at making it more inviting for the whole community to use the facility. He added it has been a consensus from the very beginning that at some point there are more advantages to calling it something besides a senior center. Ruth Williamson stated we have a real asset in the facility and there is probably a lot more we could do and as our population matures it could be a huge area of programming and opportunity for our community as a whole that should be developed. Ted Schoenborn referred to the district's relationship with the partners and stated his concerns that this process could be viewed as a way to go around existing agreements. Donna explained the proposed committee would give support to the Advisory Committee in terms of making recommendations for changes and improvements. Ted Schoenborn stated he would like to see the ongoing issues with the partners be resolved and he felt the proposed committee would present an opportunity to heighten and strengthen the tension that now exists. Wayne explained that the proposal has been brought to the board for their recommendations on how the committee should be set up. Ted stated he is concerned about the existing partners being actively involved in the discussion by the committee to arrive at an appropriate use of the space. Donna stated it is a very good concern and she has no opposition with representation of the Advisory Council. She added she looks forward to building a new beginning of cooperation and coordination. Scott Asla stated that the committee might be more effective with representatives from outside the facility that would work with the Advisory Committee, partners and the district to develop solutions. Don clarified that the committee would be charged with making recommendations and the district is still committed to working with the partners and hopefully new partnerships can grow from this effort. Scott Wallace stated that with respect to the board appointing the committee, he would recommend that staff and the Advisory Committee make the appointments. The board agreed with Scott's recommendation. Donna stated that the proposal would be presented to the Advisory Committee in January and the process would proceed based on the board's recommendation.

### **Public Events Season Update**

Jan Taylor and Chris Zerger provided an overview of information previously presented to the board regarding changes to the district's special events policy and procedures. Jan reported that event organizers were surveyed to determine how the new process is working. She stated that a vast majority of the survey respondents were satisfied with the process and their interaction with district staff. She reported that some felt the fee for non-profit events was steep. Jan also shared the results of staff evaluation and the most notable concern has been accommodating those events that are last minute and not very well organized. She stated that staff has asked that the requirement for event organizers to sign up for their event three months in advance be adhered to. Jan explained that responding to events on short notice deteriorates staff's ability to provide good customer service on all levels. She stated the park maintenance

schedules are working well in relation to public events in the parks. Jan shared statistics regarding the number of public events held in the parks that demonstrate the number of events is growing considerably. She also explained changes to the web site to provide information for those interested in using the parks for events. She stated that the new process, staff support and structure has improved customer service, is protecting our parks and increasing revenue toward the cost recovery of the program.

The work session was concluded at 6:35 pm.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair George Thayer convened an executive session at 6:37 pm pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Chair George Thayer called to order the regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

### **VISITORS**

Steve Wursta, Central Oregon Masters, addressed the board. He presented a check from the group for \$2,000 for maintenance of the scoreboard at Juniper Swim & Fitness Center (JSFC). He noted the group had originally pledged \$10,000 for this fund and with this contribution they have contributed \$8,000 of the total pledge. He also presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the Learn to Swim Program at JSFC. He stated the group also donates to the Redmond and Madras pools to make sure that kids learn how to swim. The board thanked Steve and the Central Oregon Masters for their donation.

Ryan Lane addressed the board regarding disc golf at the Pine Nursery. He stated he has been largely involved in the local disc golf scene and there are a lot of users in the community who have no outlet to play disc golf. He stated the course at Central Oregon Community College is in an area that is being redeveloped shrinking the area of play. He stated he thinks the Pine Nursery is a great fit and if it is possible to incorporate disc golf into future master plan revisions we have advocates who are willing to donate their time. He stated it is a resource that we really need in the community and it is a low impact sport that doesn't require much maintenance. He asked the board to consider a disc golf course for the Pine Nursery.

Jeanette Wells addressed the board. She stated she is a vet in the community and supports the non-lethal methods of goose population control. She proposed putting a five-year moratorium on the lethal processes that happened this past summer. She stated it is important to let the community know what is available in controlling these animals, how much that costs and how much exterminating them costs. She stated it is important to let the community know what has been successful and what has not. She stated taxpayer dollars are going towards these processes. She stated she thinks it sends the wrong message to our children and there are better things we can do.

Tom Petullo addressed the board regarding reducing the goose population. He stated it is an issue that needs to be resolved and we are aware that you are doing the best that you can from a budgetary standpoint. He asked that other factors be considered to solve the issue without destroying the geese. He stated that would go a long way in reflecting on who we are as a community and a great example for our children and grandchildren.

Barb Troyer addressed the board regarding the use of non-lethal methods of controlling the goose population. She stated the geese have never been a bother in her life and she realizes these things can

get out of hand. She urged the board to look at some of the things other cities around the country are doing, even in populations larger than ours. She stated they are having some good successes.

Marilyn Miller addressed the board regarding the use of non-lethal methods of goose control. She stated she is the conservation chair for the Juniper Group Sierra Club and serves on the executive committee and executive committee of the Oregon Chapter Sierra Club. She shared comments prepared regarding the management of geese. She cited her experience in working with geese and biologists around the world. She stated the Sierra Club believes strongly that only non-lethal methods be used. She asked to be put on the agenda to speak with the board. She stated we have provided very nicely for the geese in our parks and golf courses and there are ways to take those away from them in a non-lethal manner. She cited a newspaper article that reported success with non-lethal methods followed by the extermination of 109 geese with no public comment. She stated she does not believe in lethal methods to control our geese. She stated until the core issues of food, safety and shelter are addressed, you can't keep murdering goose after goose after goose. She stated the void is going to be filled. She stated you consulted with a group that their only agenda is extermination. She asked that the district terminate its contract with animal damage control and start working more with people that understand goose behavior and biology. She stated she is willing to educate everyone on what geese want and how to deal with geese in a non-lethal manner. She stated you need to disclose to the public how much money you have spent with animal damage control addressing the goose problem.

Patty Medeiros addressed the board. She stated she is strongly opposed to killing the geese and that she was shocked and appalled to hear it took place. She stated we as humans caused the problem and she feels we need to take the extra steps to resolve it. She stated there are several other measures to consider to help control the geese population.

Judy Petullo addressed the board. She asked the board to take off the table the idea of killing the geese. She stated it is pretty well proven that more geese will come so it is really not effective and it is sending the wrong message to our kids and other people; that if something is in our way or inconvenient, let's just kill it. She asked that the board give them time at one of the board meetings to have a discussion and ask questions. She stated that she knows the board received a lot of input, but she does not believe that a lot of the public was even aware this was on the table for discussion. She stated she thinks if people knew it was an ineffective method to kill them and that more are going to come and take their place and there are other options, she thinks most people would want that. She stated she doesn't think there will be a full commitment to non-lethal methods as long as that is on the table, and she doesn't think the volunteers will feel that good about helping if they think in the end all their efforts might be for nothing.

Craig Miller addressed the board. He stated he has a background in medicine, biology and physics. He stated he would like to remind the board that they have been elected by the public and should be responsive to public concerns. He asked the board to ask themselves if the negative costs in terms of the controversy, publicity, message you are sending and financially is worth the minimal or no benefit generated by killing geese. He stated the biologists he has talked to all agree that non-lethal methods can be effective and that random killings is not scientifically or ecologically defensible. He stated that although the park and recreation staff makes the claim that lethal control is a last resort method, their actions have shown otherwise. He stated last summer's killings occurred after non-lethal methods were beginning to work even though those methods were lackluster and not given nearly enough time. He requested the board to reconsider the wisdom and scientific basis for killing the geese and to put a five-year moratorium on lethal methods so that non-lethal methods are given a fair chance to work.

Asante` Riverwind addressed the board. He stated he has been working on conservation issues in this area over two decades. He expressed his appreciation to the board for taking the time to be here and manage our parks. He asked the board to take a serious look at who the park district is partnering with in Wildlife Services. He stated last year alone they killed over four million wildlife of different species. He stated their track record is pretty reprehensible. He stated there is a nationwide campaign to abolish the Wildlife Services from the US Department of Agriculture. He stated he thinks the \$29,000 the park district paid for the current contract is far better spent in taking care of our parks and redesigning the landscaping and habitat so it is not so amenable to geese. He stated it is pretty devastating to see what happens in the aftermath of the killing and the sadness that emanates from the geese. He stated he thinks we can do a lot better and cited efforts of Geese Peace across the United States, Rockford, Illinois, and Seattle and Vancouver, Washington. He stated he thinks Bend needs to come into this current century and show it, too, is a compassionate community.

Barbara Campbell addressed the board. She stated our parks network is world class. She noted she has traveled in 11 countries and lived and visited in numerous cities and states in the United States. She stated she has a small business downtown on Brooks Street, and she believes that part of the success of that is our park service. She stated she thinks the district has the opportunity to be one of those communities that uses non-lethal methods vs. receiving bad publicity. She stated she thinks the board has demonstrated itself to be forward thinking and she is one of the people that think this building is an example of that. She stated that with a little more education people would choose non-lethal if they understand it can effectively solve the problem of goose poop. She stated you have had great success with the non-lethal measures that you have used and we would like you to put a moratorium on killing them. She stated it is going to take some time to get to where Rockford did to not sweep the sidewalks.

Maureen Parco addressed the board. She stated she is opposed to the lethal killing of the geese and requested that the goose management plan be revised to delete the lethal killing. She stated that there is 50-year old research in the plan to support our geese not being healthy. She stated our geese are pretty healthy in this area. She suggested that rather than hiring more employees the district could move two guys off a lower priority job and move them to run the machine in Drake Park. She referred to the sign program on the agenda and suggested replacing signs as they fail and use some of that money to run the machines at Drake Park. She stated you are jeopardizing your funding and there are lots of conservation groups that work with parks and recreation, donate land for example, so that you can create nice parks for the residents, and you are jeopardizing your funding if you have people that are in conservation groups that don't like killing geese. She stated that the cost to Bend's image, to our residents and tourists alike is immense. She stated she wouldn't like to see Bend known as a killer of geese; it is not a good image nationwide.

Foster Fell addressed the board. He stated it is a world class park system, but not all is well as he sees it. He presented copies of petitions representing signatures of 515 people who feel that the district should resume the previous successful program of non-lethal methods and incorporate the recommendations of Geese Peace and give the recommendations time to be implemented. He stated he thinks a five-year moratorium on non-lethal is fair. He stated 19 people who signed the petitions indicated a willingness to volunteer in this program. He asked for an opportunity before the next molt season to have hearings so we can bring in expert witnesses to share the success of their own humane goose control programs.

The board thanked the speakers for coming to the meeting. George Thayer urged everyone to visit the web site for information about future board meetings.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

### **Approve Pine Nursery Concept Plan**

Deb Kraus addressed the board regarding the Pine Nursery Concept Plan. She stated she is a frequent user of the Pine Nursery off-leash area and a volunteer in the district off-leash areas. She stated she is very familiar with the parks and the user groups. She referred to the plan to reduce the size of the Pine Nursery off-leash area and stated she thinks that is a step backward. She stated there are many reasons the off-leash area should not be reduced in size as this is the only park in all of Bend that provides a fenced trail system for all users to effectively recreate with their dogs. She stated that people come to the Pine Nursery from all over the city to use this park for this reason. She stated the ability to hike, walk or even ski with our dogs in solitude, in the natural area and get a good workout is the off-leash area's key feature. She stated the trail system is unique among all of the parks in general. She stated the size is important and the inherent size of the off-leash area at the Pine Nursery is the paramount feature and is the key attribute of that park. She stated the absence of equipment, structures or other built-out facilities should not in any way indicate that the off-leash area space to be up for grabs when other uses are put into play and planned for. She stated the amount of open space combined with the adequate trail system is really valued by its users and if you minimize the space you are going to adversely affect both the off-leash area's unique features as well as the user's experience of it. She cited off-leash areas in other cities and stated the trend is to give more space for off-leash use. She asked that the board consider not reducing the size of the off-leash area. She stated that she is aware that the Pine Nursery off-leash area was initially an experiment and she feels it is pretty clear that with the amount of use that has occurred over the last 18 months, the experiment showed that it is a great area as is. She stated that it is the only use of Pine Nursery that is year around. She stated that parks and recreation has done an exemplary job of identifying and meeting the needs of dog guardians in Bend and the Pine Nursery off-leash area is absolutely evidence of that, but messing with size the of this coveted trail system seems contradictory to the initiative to serve dog owners in Bend. She asked the board to wait until an assessment of public input regarding the size of the off-leash area can be assessed.

Bob Wenger addressed the board regarding the off-leash area of the Pine Nursery. He requested that the board not approve the portion of the master plan that does reduce the size of the existing off-leash area. He stated an 18% size reduction of the off-leash area does not, in his opinion, best serve the needs of the community. He stated with approximately 50% of the Bend residents having dogs more space is needed for people to recreate off-leash with their dogs, not less. He stated that he has obtained the signatures of over 100 people who have asked that you not reduce the size of the Pine Nursery off-leash area. He stated that with the growing popularity of this off-leash area and planned improvements at the Pine Nursery, usage should continue to increase and that further justifies keeping the existing current space. He stated the majority of the people who are using the Pine Nursery are people who are walking their dogs. He stated that with 159 acres in the park the parking, tennis courts and community garden could be easily relocated to other areas in the park including the Phase III area. He stated the need to remove about a dozen pine trees to accommodate the parking lot, and possibly making the access improvements off of Deschutes Market Road, really represent, in his opinion, a poor use of limited park funds. He stated that

the Yeoman Road entrance and large parking lot west of the off-leash area will provide plenty of close-in parking for area users and keeping the off-leash area at the present site would avoid the cost of having to relocate the existing gate, kiosk, bench and other structures that are already there. He stated that some dogs do get very excited when they get around tennis balls and having to walk around tennis courts to get to the entrance might not be the best idea. He stated it is his hope that the board will continue with the great strides that have been made toward providing the badly needed recreational opportunities for off-leash users in the district parks and not take a major step backward by reducing the size of the Pine Nursery off-leash area.

Bruce Ronning stated that Norm Ziesmer would review a previous presentation regarding the Pine Nursery Master Plan with the board. He stated that the plan is being identified as a conceptual master plan as it is an amendment to the master plan that gives us direction as to how we will design future elements of the park. He stated it is a living document that can be changed as we reach future phased development. He stated the board's adoption of the conceptual master plan is not the final discussion about how Pine Nursery Park will be developed out, but it is further iteration of the conversation about what amendments might be included to the original master plan discussion that began in 2002 with David Evans and Associates first conceptual master plan. Norm Ziesmer reviewed the 2006 master plan that was used in 2007 to gain land use approval from Deschutes County. He noted much of the park was identified as natural area on the plan in anticipation of long-term development and planning for future programs. He noted that with the recent development the park has opened up for uses such as fishing, kite flying, sports field use, and people have become very excited about the park. He referred to public comment with recommendations for various uses and explained the master plan does not identify specific area for those activities such as disc golf, horseshoes, etc. He stated that as a result of public input the master plan has been revised and pointed out the revisions including areas that can be expanded to accommodate various options during future development phases. He noted that natural areas are reduced, but still consist of 20% of the park. He explained we are trying to protect natural areas in the plan as well as identify other areas that could be more flexible in terms of use. Norm pointed out the 2006 plan did not include an off-leash area which is something we want to identify that can serve the Pine Nursery. He stated the temporary off-leash area is a fenced area of about 17 acres and approximately 14 acres are identified as developed in the master plan amendment. He stated we believe we can re-design it to accommodate desired uses within the 14 acres. Norm stated that many of the components of Phase II and Phase III development do not have identified funding and are not part of the immediate CIP list. He stated as the Pine Nursery is developed we will have to look closely at what fits and we will have to make compromises. Ruth Williamson stated that she appreciates that we continue to be responsive to the community in terms of expressed interests and that the Pine Nursery is as multi-faceted as it is. She stated she is hearing that staff will continue to work in the spirit of flexibility and this is not a prescriptive plan, rather that it identifies major usage and directions we anticipate. She asked if changes to the off-leash area consist of only reducing the size. Bruce Ronning noted that there is funding this year to make some improvements to the dog off-leash area including the pond, two meadow areas and re-configuring the fence. He explained that each of the elements will be brought before the board for approval. Scott Wallace stated that he likes the flexibility the concept plan provides and clearly the fact that the off-leash area is enjoying such popularity and success speaks to the process that we have for how we are building and implementing things. He stated we need to be cognizant of disc golf or anything else we do out there as a "demonstration", there are going to be passionate people who will feel this is how it needs to be. He stated that as a board we need to be aware of what we do, even in a demonstration realm, is perceived as more permanent. He said the way it is evolving, the input he is receiving and with his own personal experience in the park, he is pleased with the way it is progressing and overall we are on track. Ted Schoenborn stated that the process staff is using

is obviously very responsive and effective. He asked if the remaining two ball fields in the wheel are scheduled. Bruce Ronning explained they will be in the completion of Phase I including lighting and structures. He stated funds are anticipated in the CIP in years three through five for that work. Scott Asla stated that he uses the park weekly and would like to reiterate that we keep a human trail presence in the park. He stated he is also excited about the possibility of tennis courts since we are lacking in the number of courts throughout the district's facilities. Don Horton proposed that the off-leash design be returned to the board for consideration following the public input process. Scott Wallace moved to adopt the December 7, 2010, Pine Nursery Park conceptual master plan revision. Ted Schoenborn seconded the motion. Scott Wallace, Ted Schoenborn, Ruth Williamson, Scott Asla and George Thayer all voted aye. Motion passed.

### **Gopher Gulch Property Acquisition**

Don Horton explained the proposed purchase of property identified as Gopher Gulch has been a topic of executive discussion for several months. He stated it is not very often in the history of an organization that we have the opportunity to do what is being considered at this time. He referred to the history of park acquisition and how that defines what we are as a community and as an organization; the two parks that really stand out for him are Drake and Shevlin parks. He stated the community had the foresight in the 1920s to buy Drake Park and accept the donation of Shevlin Park from the Shevlin-Hixon Co. He stated that 50 years from now people are going to compare Gopher Gulch to Shevlin Park, particularly in terms of the natural area and character of the site. He identified the property on an aerial map and explained it is currently two lots, one consisting of 62 acres that includes a large meadow, and the second is approximately 60 acres within the canyon. He identified the river frontage as consisting of 7,100 linear feet or more than one mile in length which is a substantial increase in the Deschutes River Trail. He explained the district is looking at acquiring the property for \$2,750,000 that is divided as \$2,604,990 for the land, and a series of easements and licenses to be acquired along with the property for \$145,010. He stated the property appraised at \$21,300 per acre which is what the district offered and the owner accepted for the sale of the property. He stated it is anticipated the closing will occur by December 31, 2010. Don added there are no deed restrictions on the property allowing the district to use the property however it chooses. He explained it is expected the property will become a regional park. He identified easements to include road access, a utility easement, a small irrigation pond, and a license for access on a paved road for maintenance purposes. He stated the purchase of the property includes 19-acres of water rights. He noted an additional easement that abuts Tumalo State Park that would allow the Deschutes River Trail access to the main body of Tumalo State Park. He identified future connection of Shevlin Park to Tumalo State Park. Scott Wallace stated this is a legacy opportunity for the district. Scott Wallace moved to authorize the executive director to negotiate and execute a purchase and sale agreement with Ed and Doris Elkins for the acquisition of roughly 122.3 acres of land situated along the Deschutes River, better known as Gopher Gulch Ranch, and all associated easements and water rights for the sum of \$2,750,000, subject to adjustment of final acreage plus the district's portion of the closing costs. Scott Asla seconded the motion. Scott Wallace, Scott Asla, Ruth Williamson, Ted Schoenborn and George Thayer all voted aye. Motion passed.

### **SDC Resolution No. 312**

Bruce Ronning explained the board is being asked to conduct an annual review of SDC Resolution No. 312, previously adopted in March 2009, establishing the SDC fee schedule and an incremental fee increase program. He noted the resolution contains a trigger mechanism related to population growth providing the option of imposing the fee at the full amount in the event the economy improved and growth resumed at the level that is anticipated in the Deschutes County Coordinated Population Forecast. He reported the preliminary population forecast has been received from Portland State University (PSU) that shows although the Bend population did grow by 1%, from the period of July 2009 through June 2010 it did not exceed the Deschutes County Coordinated Forecast for that same period that predicted a growth rate of 2.52%. He stated the growth rate threshold included in Resolution No. 312, and based on the PSU and Deschutes County Coordinated Forecast estimate is not met so the option to impose the fee at the full amount is not called for. He stated it is important to note that the board has the authority to set the fee at the full amount or any lesser amount at any time it chooses. Ted Schoenborn stated that as he understands it, the rate will increase 25% or half of the gap between the original number and appropriate number. Bruce stated that Resolution No. 312 sets an absolute figure which was 25% of the difference at the time Resolution No. 312 was adopted for a single family residential unit. He explained the actual amount is added to the existing fee and there is an inflationary adjustment applied resulting in the final fee. He stated if the board elects to follow the plan set out in Resolution No. 312, the resultant fee for 2011-12, effective July 1, 2011, would be approximately 85% of the full amount. Don Horton explained the board's direction is helpful to staff for budget preparation and the board will have an opportunity to adopt the fee increase formally as part of the budget process. Ruth Williamson stated that the board's initial response to the economic downturn and impact on the building community was to try to be in step with our constituents and she believes we stay the course and be prepared for conversation when growth resumes. She added that she is not in support of deferring collection of the fee as she does not see this as an economic stimulus, while she does see a strong park district as a stimulus for the community. She stated she does not want to see us undermine funding for a strong park district.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Lindsey Lombard reminded the board of last year's process for appointing Budget Committee members and explained the timeline for filling one vacancy this year. She shared a supplemental questionnaire to be posted on the district's web site that could be added to the process to help the board evaluate applicants. The board agreed to add the questionnaire and from the results of that determine whether to appoint a sub-committee to conduct interviews.

Jan Taylor explained the Drake Park special event policy resulting from the district working with the neighbors to limit the number of event days for the park to six event days per month with no more than two event days in a row. She stated that has worked very well and historically the Cascade Festival of Music was grandfathered in as a seven day event. Jan asked the board to allow seven event days for one month next year due to a request from an event organizer that is exploring the concept of having the Oregon Shakespearean Festival conduct live performances at the pavilion, as a three day ticketed event. Following discussion the board agreed to allow up to eight days special event use in Drake Park for the month of August 2011 only.

Don Horton provided a fact sheet on the Gopher Gulch property.

Don Horton noted the Trust for Public Lands had received the Glass Slipper from The Source for the acquisition of Miller's Landing.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Prepared by,

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Executive Assistant

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George Thayer, Chair

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Scott Asla, Vice-Chair

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Ted Schoenborn

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Ruth Williamson

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Scott Wallace