



**Bend Park &  
Recreation**  
DISTRICT

## Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2016

### **BOARD PRESENT**

Craig Chenoweth, Chair  
Ted Schoenborn, Vice Chair  
Brady Fuller  
Nathan Hovekamp  
Ellen Grover

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Don Horton, Executive Director  
Vanessa DeMoe, Assistant to the Executive Director  
Jan Taylor, Community Relations Manager  
Matt Mercer, Director of Recreation  
Lindsey Lombard, Administrative Services Director  
Michelle Healy, Strategic Planning & Design Director  
Kim Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, BPRD Foundation  
Jeff Hagler, Stewardship Manager  
Russ Holliday, Sports Program Manager  
Kevin Collier, Sport Program Coordinator

### **STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

Matt Mercer introduced Mark Cain, Charlie Redline and Sue Glenn. Mark has worked for the District for the past six years part time and is now full time as a supervisor at the Senior Center. Charlie is new to the District and is a full time evening supervisor at Juniper Swim and Fitness Center. Sue is also new to the District and is the Recreation Facilities Manager; her current primary focus will be managing Juniper Swim and Fitness Center.

### **WORK SESSION**

1. Effects of Alcohol and Marijuana on Youth - *Jessica Jacks, Julie Spackman and Evan Thibeau, Deschutes Co. Health Services*

Ms. Jacks introduced Ms. Spackman and Mr. Thibeau. She clarified that the presentation will not be speaking specifically to the effects of alcohol and marijuana, but rather about prevention best practice and how we as a community can work together on substance abuse prevention.

Ms. Spackman lead the presentation on Substance Abuse Prevention; A collective Impact Approach. She explained that her role with Deschutes County is to provide technical assistance and staff support to a community coalition made up of diverse stakeholders. She shared a video from the Shared Future Coalition and discussed their vision and mission. She explained that the approach is very deliberately a positive welcoming approach and shared the coalition values and goals. Ms. Spackman provided data on youth substance use and discussed the multiple layers of impact on youth in our community.

Ms. Spackman asked that the District lead by example and welcomed suggestion on how the District and coalition could work together in prevention. The Board discussed how the District's role

in the community is already aligned with emphasizing healthy behaviors and to also to keep in mind, when creating policy, how the policies establish norms in the community. The Board asked what it meant to be a coalition member and shared their concern for staff time. Ms. Spackman explained that there are many levels of involvement; coalition membership can range from Board member to a community friend or champion. She said there is a wide range of ways for the District to be involved and still be a partner or a member. The Board agreed that being a partner with the coalition was appropriate and that staff can use the partnership as a resource for policy making.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ron Radabaugh, Crook County resident – Mr. Radabaugh commented on the growth in Deschutes County and the evolution of parks and recreation. He provided comment on the use of the term marijuana and said that when communicating with youth the proper term, cannabis, should be used. He said that the use of cannabis is lawful in this state and education on use is important for youth.

Nunzi Gould, Deschutes County resident - Ms. Gould stated that she had testified before the Board several months ago regarding Troy Field. She said that the hearings officer had made a decision on Troy Field that the Board may want to review. She shared that there is documented recreational use of Troy Field dating back to 1907. She asked for a copy of the letter provided to the School District from BPRD. She shared that Troy Field is a historic site in our community and deserves a historic survey be completed.

#### **2. Bend Park and Recreation Foundation – *Jan Taylor & Kim Johnson***

Ms. Taylor explained that the Foundation is a 501-c-3 tax exempt corporation that exists for the purpose of supporting the work of the Bend Park and Recreation District. The foundation incorporated in 1974 and has served the District in a wide variety of ways ranging for accepting donation of property to serving as a fiscal sponsor of community fundraising efforts to fund new District services. Ms. Taylor and Ms. Johnson shared an overview of the foundation's history and current relationship with the District. They covered the purpose and structure of the Foundation, its mission, fundraising efforts and events and the future of the Foundation.

#### **3. The Pavilion Update – *Matt Mercer***

Mr. Mercer gave a brief update on The Pavilion since its opening five weeks ago. He recognized Russ Holliday and Kevin Collier for their extraordinary efforts throughout this project. Mr. Mercer shared a summary of visits, skate rentals, programs and leagues and gave an update on other uses and services such as concessions, skate sharpening, and group and party rentals. The Board shared their observations and comments they have heard from the public. Mr. Mercer asked that they continue to share things they are hearing from the community. Director Horton said that he is most proud of the utilization of the facility and diversity of the programs.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

Staff reports were provided to the Board for informational purposes only. There was no formal presentation or discussion.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Bend 2030 Livability Conference planning is moving forward. Bend 2030 wants to address affordable housing, transportation and the cost of public transit and some of the City's UGB pressures. The District has decided to be a part of the existing tracks instead of creating a separate parks and recreation track. The conference is scheduled for Friday – Sunday, June 3-5.
- Local Meeting Calendar – As a follow up from the Board self-evaluation, as to how the Board can be more involved in the community, a local meetings calendar was created. The calendar captures many of the local meetings including, chamber, rotary, school district, City Club, District public meetings and others. The Board was asked if this would be a helpful tool. The Board agreed to have it be provided at each meeting for their information.
- OPRD rule change on South UGB bridge location - OPRD is going to make recommendation to the Commission later this month that they do not support the rule change as it has been submitted and that they would like more time to study it further. The Commission meeting is on February 24 in Portland. Don will attend and provide comment.

**BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR REVIEW**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

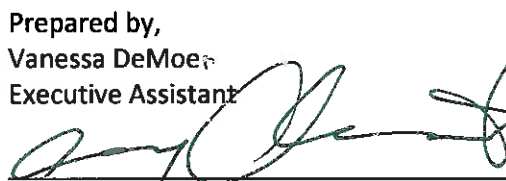
Director Fuller asked for an update on the Farewell Bend Bridge. Executive Director Horton shared that the project is on schedule. He said staff anticipate going out for bid later this spring and hope to complete the project by mid-summer. He said that even with being on schedule, we are not scheduling any special events that would use the bridge this summer.

Director Grover asked for an update on the Bend Whitewater Park. Executive Director Horton briefly discussed the work being done. He said the work should be complete by the end of the month if not sooner, allowing water to be moved in to the center channel so that we can see how the wave functions. He explained that a lot of work is being done on the communication plan to be sure we are clear about the intended function of the channels and to provide clear information about the experience you can expect from each channel.

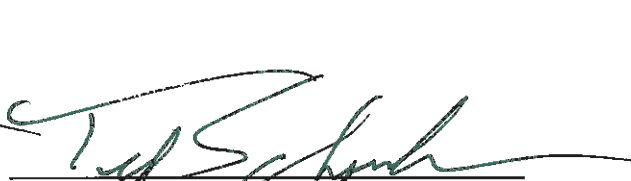
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The Board did not meet in executive session.

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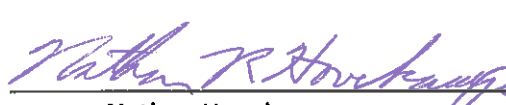
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