



Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2017

BOARD PRESENT

Ted Schoenborn, Chair
Nathan Hovekamp, Vice-Chair
Craig Chenoweth
Ellen Grover

BOARD ABSENT

Brady Fuller

STAFF PRESENT

Don Horton, Executive Director
Vanessa Steele, Assistant to the Executive Director
Lindsey Lombard, Administrative Services Director
Michelle Healy, Planning & Park Services Director
Julie Brown, Communications & Community Relations Manager
Matt Mercer, Director of Recreation
Ian Isaacson, Landscape Designer

Media: Scott Hammers, The Bulletin
Legal Counsel: Sharon Smith

REGULAR MEETING

VISITORS

Doug Werme – Bend Citizen – Mr. Werme gave the Board a copy of his “Residents of the River” calendar. He provided comment on how wildlife and people coexist along the river, his support of the Districts attempts to build a bridge along the river, support for maintaining the Mirror Pond dam, and his concerns about plans to impede access to the river edge at Drake Park and to limit access at Riley Ranch.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes – 12/6/16 & 12/20/16
2. Authorize Executive Director to negotiate Deschutes River Trail Easement

Director Chenoweth made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Grover seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Larkspur Trail - Pilot Butte Gap – Ian Isaacson

Mr. Isaacson provided a brief recap of the concepts that are proposed for the project. He explained that the trail begins at Larkspur Park and travels north, ending at Stover Park; this has become known as the Pilot Butte Gap. He said that the project addresses improvements for safety and way-finding and improved pedestrian and bicycle circulation. Mr. Isaacson covered the existing conditions, needs and shared the proposed concepts for the trail.

Director Hovekamp made a motion to approve the conceptual plans for the Larkspur Trail – Pilot Butte Gap project and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an amendment to the existing Memorandum of Understanding with State Parks for the project. Director Chenoweth seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deschutes River Bank Restoration Project – Executive Director Horton shared that this project establishes a pilot program to map the riparian edges of 10.5 miles of the District owned or managed stretch of the Deschutes River corridor. He provided additional background on the project and shared the project benefit, goals and schedule.

Pending Endowment Donation – Executive Director Horton shared that Sally Fleming, a long-time BPRD volunteer and friend, had passed away this last fall. Mr. Fleming had contacted the District and shared that a trust had been set up with Oregon Community Foundation and the Bend Park and Recreation District Foundation will be receiving an annual distribution of \$33,750, designated to support scholarships and free community programs. All of the details are not known, the Board will be updated as we learn more.

Storm Update - Michelle Healy shared a storm update with the Board. She briefly discussed the lessons learned, District limitations, communications, how the storm affected facilities, programs and events and shared that staff had been working with Emergency Management throughout the storm event.

Board Volunteers Needed - Lindsey Lombard said that volunteers from the Board will be requested at the next Board meeting. Two volunteers will be needed for the Benefits Committee. The Committee will meet one time for two to three hours in mid-March. The other is for the Audit Selection Committee. Proposals are due February 8, the selection committee will meet soon after the due date to choose who is interviewed or to make a selection.

BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR REVIEW


GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURN 6:18 pm


EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session upon adjournment of the regular meeting pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions and ORS 192.660(2)(h) for the purpose of consultation with counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

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