



**Joint Meeting
Bend Park and Recreation District Board of Directors
and
Bend City Council
May 10, 2018**

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon



BOARD PRESENT

Nathan Hovekamp, Chair
Brady Fuller, Vice Chair
Ted Schoenborn
Ellen Grover
Lauren Sprang

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

Casey Roats, Mayor
Sally Russell, Mayor Pro tem
Justin Livingston
Nathan Boddie
Bruce Abernethy
Bill Mosely

STAFF PRESENT

Don Horton, Executive Director
Michelle Healy, Planning & Park Services Director
Julie Brown, Manager of Communications and Community Relations
Lindsey Lombard, Administrative Services Director
Matt Mercer, Director of Recreation
Sheila Reed, Assistant to the Executive Director
Brian Hudspeth, Development Manager
Jeff Hagler, Park Stewardship Manager
Jeff Amaral, Natural Resources Manager
Sasha Sulia, Superintendent of Park Services
Quinn Kever, Park Planner
Michael Egging, Recreational Analyst
Audrey Robeson, IT Manager
Bryan Longoria, Marketing Coordinator

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Eric King, City Manager
Jon Skidmore, Assistant City Manager
Brian Rankin, Principal Planner
Nick Arnis, Director of Growth Management
Mary Winters, City Attorney
Anne Aurand, Communications Director
Robyn Christie, City Recorder

MEDIA

Julia Shumway, The Bulletin

Mike Allen, KTVZ

Pedro Quintana, KTVZ

5:30 p.m. Meeting Convened/Called to Order

WORK SESSION

1. Tree Planting and Tree City USA partnership – *Eric King, City Manager and Don Horton, BPRD Executive Director (30 min)*

Mr. King gave a history of the Tree City USA partnership with the District and the City of Bend. Next, just outside the District Office, a ceremonial tree was planted and Katie Lompa, Community Assistance Forester with Oregon Department of Forestry, congratulated the group on the City's 15th year recognized as meeting the standards of Tree City USA.

2. Mirror Pond Solutions Dredging Update – *Todd Taylor and Paul MacClanahan (15 min)*

Mr. Taylor presented a brief history on Mirror Pond Solutions (MPS) and reviewed the memorandum of understanding (MOU) that was signed with the District in June 2016.

Mr. MacClanahan explained that all the permits have been secured to dredge the pond. The permits allow the work to start as early as this year with an option to extend past this year if needed.

The funding of the project is the last part of that needs to be addressed. Mr. Taylor requested consideration of a workgroup made up of three District Board Members, three City Councilors and MPS to discuss how funding of this project can be secured.

The Board and City Councilors thanked Mr. Taylor and Mr. MacClanahan for their time and many vocalized their support for creating this workgroup.

3. FLAP Grant partnership – *Laura Underhill, Landscape Architect and David Abbas, Transportation Services Director (15 min)*

Ms. Underhill presented the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant project with the City to create a paved trail (Haul Road Trail) that connects McKay Park to the USFS boundary. She showed a map of the trail and discussed the fractured ownership of the trail between the City of Bend and the District and the improvements needed to finish the trail. The Federal grant was \$1.8 M and the District contributed \$450,406 to the project.

Mr. Abbas spoke about the partnership and unified goals that benefit both parties and creating a relationship that best uses the available resources. The agencies have worked on other projects before on creating roads and safer crossings, work in parks and Deschutes River Trail. This partnership demonstrates a commitment to work together and improve the quality of life in Bend

The Board of Directors and City Councilors commented on the work that is being done in the partnership and encourage more of this kind. There were several suggestions of other opportunities that were mentioned to extend budgets, safety and transportation. The community feedback is that

trails are a high priority and this is a good way to meet the needs of the community for both agencies.

6:45 Casey Roats excused himself to attend another engagement

4. BPRD Comprehensive Plan Update – *Michelle Healy, Planning and Parks Services Director and Quinn Keever, Park Planner (30 min)*

Ms. Healy talked about the Comp Plan and said that the hope is to have this project done in July, tailored to the conversations with the city. This plan is comprised of policies and strategic direction for the next 10 years. Ms. Keever explained that public input is one of the most important elements of the planning process, several outreach efforts have been made thus far and this summer more events and meetings will take place.

The input so far in relation to the work that the District does with the City reveals that the public is most interested in more coordination between the agencies. It was also suggested that the agencies publicize and celebrate the work that is done together. The public has indicated a need for active transportation routes, east-west connections, safer crossings to parks, more sidewalks and bike lanes to parks and more events on the East side of Bend.

Ms. Keever reviewed the plan for trails, targeting 1 mile per 1,000 people, adding 63 planned miles of trail to the Comp Plan. She next spoke about the need for parks or improved access to existing parks in 32 areas to fulfill the target of a park within a ½ mile walking distance of most homes.

Ms. Keever discussed the projects that relate to the City of Bend and highlighted the work that could be coordinated to support the City of Bend's level of traffic stress analysis with involvement with the TSP and integrating the District's trail plans into the City's TSP. Working together to improve crossings to parks and refine the trail standards to reflect the community's desire for trails as active transportation routes.

There were some questions from the City Council about the park users parking near Galveston Bridge and obstructing the streets in the summer. In the past, emergency vehicles have had trouble getting through due to this parking congestion. The questions were addressed explaining that the District has no jurisdiction over parking on city streets. However, the District is trying to help this issue by offering bus service to and from the area, adding an additional bus this year, changing bus stops to better control overcrowding the area and recently shared in costs with the City to limit parking hours at Drake Park to allow for more in/out access.

5. UGB Expansion Area Planning Process – *Brian Rankin, Principal Planner and Jon Skidmore, Assistant City Manager (30 min)*

Mr. Rankin reviewed how the City is implementing the growth plan. The UGB expansion was approved in 2016 and in that parks were planned as part of the land needs. Mr. Rankin showed a map of the land that has been brought into the UGB and spoke about how this land will be used for future development. He then talked about the following items:

1. Area readiness: The Elbow Southeast Bend and Core areas: areas most ready with the needed infrastructure in place for development
2. Implementation: Area plan for the elbow and urban renewal in Bend Central/ KorPine and adjoining smaller opportunity areas

3. Housing Incentives: Further study prior to implementation, looking at tax relief plans
4. Desire to reach consensus on funding Murphy Rd. and Empire Ave. corridor projects by July 1.

Mr. Skidmore explained the importance of existing infrastructure for new development. He said that infrastructure is really important to keep working on to get development started. He further commented on land that is owned by multiple owners, the goal is to have a look of one cohesive development while dealing with multiple property owners and get all the items needed to best serve the community. An area plan can assess what needs to be built, the infrastructure needs and the funding mechanisms to pay for community improvements. With this the development can move forward with fewer issues.

There was discussion about the affordable housing brought up by a City Councilor. It was explained that the District has other ways to reach target groups directly with fee reductions and needs-based assistance programs; however, the District is seeking clarification of the legal opinion of reducing SDC's and will adopt a new methodology in a year that may be able to better address the need. Currently, land is so expensive in Bend that a reduction in SDCs appears to have little impact on the feasibility of building affordable housing.

7:45 Sally Russell asked that the meeting end and discussion of the final item be addressed at another meeting.

6. Transportation System Plan update – *Nick Arnis, Director of Growth Management (30 min)*
Due to time constraints this was not discussed, it will be brought to a later board meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Due to time constraints this was not discussed.

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Nathan Hovekamp, Chair

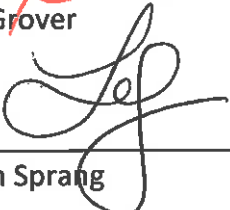


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