



# Board of Directors

December 18, 2018

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon

## AGENDA



### 5:30 p.m. MEETING CONVENED

#### BOARD PRESENT

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

#### STAFF PRESENT

Don Horton, Executive Director  
Michelle Healy, Planning and Park Services Director  
Matt Mercer, Director of Recreation  
Julie Brown, Manager of Communications and Community Relations  
Lindsey Lombard, Administrative Services Director  
Sheila Reed, Executive Assistant  
Brian Hudspeth, Development Manager  
Betsy Tucker, Finance Manager  
Sasha Sulia, Superintendent of Park Operations

#### MEDIA

Stephen Hamway, The Bulletin  
Jacob Larsen, KTVZ

#### WORK SESSION

1. Report on South UGB DRT Connection – *Michelle Healy, Mary Orton and Turner Odell*

Ms. Sulia introduced Turner Odell and Mary Orton to the Board. Mr. Odell gave an overview of Oregon Consensus as an organization. He said that Oregon Consensus is Oregon's legislatively established program for public policy consensus building and conflict resolution. After reviewing proposals and consulting with a few stakeholders, Mary Orton was selected to perform this assessment. This program provides a neutral opportunity to help the community to work toward a solution.

Ms. Orton reviewed the conflict assessment report, which can be found on page 4 of the January 15, 2019 Board Report at this link <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/0-Board-Report-Web.pdf> Ms. Orton covered a wide breadth of issues in the report and highlighted a few of these areas. Overall, she said that there is a lot of conflicting facts about the project and some mistrust amongst some of the interviewees. Most of the people that were interviewed are willing to consider and participate in a collaborative process.

Ms. Orton reviewed her recommendations that are also in the report. Some of the recommendations are as follows:

- **Trust Building Conversations:** continue with trust building conversations starting with 1:1 conversations or very small group discussions. She further recommended that these meetings could be facilitated by a professional trained in helping people have difficult conversations.
- **Neutral Convenor:** An outside leader that would be engaged in the remaining steps to prevent any impression that the District is attempting to control the process or outcome.
- **Joint Fact-Finding:** Due to the large number of disagreements as to fact, speaks to the need to address and attempt to resolve the disagreements.

Upon completion, a decision would be made about whether the process moves forward or not. If the process is to move forward, there would be further community collaboration and considerations such as funding of the process to be explored. A consensus process and decision rule should be decided upon so that it is clear and everyone at the table can live with the outcome. It also gives an incentive to people to not just reject a proposal, but try to make it better so that they can live with the outcome.

Director Sprang said that she read the report and two things jumped out to her, the lack of trust and the disagreement on facts. These would both need to be resolved. She said she thinks the District would like to be in alignment with environmental stakeholders and there is common ground mentioned in the report that the District takes care of and preserves the river and encourages people to get out there and be future environmental stewards. Sharing these common goals, she said it was disappointing to hear that this divide has been created. Moving forward, Director Sprang expressed that she would like to know more about the financial commitment and commented that the report suggests that costs could be shared with other stakeholder groups, but wondered if that would even be possible.

Director Hovekamp said that it is difficult to hear the comments about trust and the need to rebuild it. He said that it is important to remember that these are impressions of the people that are being interviewed and many were selected due to their opposition to the bridge. This is not characteristic of broadly speaking of the entire community. The District has a lot of data that the community does trust the District and people love the work that the District does. The District generally has a good relationship with the community.

Director Grover said that she was one of the interviewees. She said that it is her view the District tries to provide equitable trail connections and access while also trying to be good stewards too. She said the trail system is used much more than ever before because the community and tourism are both growing. The bridge provides an opportunity for connectivity. District land bumps up to forest service and we should get creative and figure out how to integrate these trail systems and provide good experiences to people. There should be a broader look at the trail system and stay consistent with the comp plan that was just adopted. The trail system is one of the most important things that the District does. This is a piece of a large network and should reflect the values in our community.

Director Schoenborn said that he can't help but agree that the fact finding and trust issues are the two major issues here. One of the ways to gain trust is to start the fact finding first and that becomes the basis for all further conversations. He said he does not believe that the District is in a position to discuss this until there is an agreement on the facts. He said that he admired the study provided and

it gets us off to a good start; there is need to have a facilitated discussion. He hopes this is a good start to the discussion.

Director Fuller said that he feels better with this tonight than he did several months ago reacting to the legislative moves. This is more collaborative and he appreciates the work that has been done.

Director Fuller invited visitors that would like to speak about the project to the podium for comment.

### **VISITORS**

**Larry Waters – River Rim HOA President:** Mr. Waters briefly spoke about his extensive experience as a public works director in multiple cities, dealing with environmental issues and native species act. As the president, he expressed the HOA's support for the process, the sorting out of facts, and he said he appreciates the comments about trust. Mr. Waters added that he has been in Bend seven years and is unaware of any trust issues. In his vast experience with councils, he remarked that trust issues often boil down from those that did not get what they want, not so much wrong doing by the agency in charge. He went on to further say that if the community was asked about the District that he was sure the majority would say that the District does a good job.

**Val Girard – Co-Chair of DogPAC:** Ms. Girard read a statement on behalf of the Board of DogPAC. It is attached to the minutes.

**Eric Anderson –** Mr. Anderson has lived in Bend 25 years. He has travelled all over the country and has seen city leaders in other places that have had the courage to preserve places for everyone. He spoke of Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania as an example. The city developed canals as walkways for people to use. The trails are beautiful and well used; they go through neighborhoods that likely objected to the trails, but now these trails bring the community together. He continued to say that it is important to take a long term perspective. He referenced the work of Teddy Roosevelt and the criticism he received for setting large parcels of land aside for the people and without this people would not have access to these areas today. Mr. Anderson next remarked about the south crossing bridge and how widely used it is and what it would be like without it now.

This is a community issue; he was disheartened when Salem stepped in, and the protections on the river were designated for political reasons. Everyone should come together and make a solution. He thanked the Board and Executive Director Horton for their courage on the existing south bridge which no one would say was a bad idea.

**Mandy Bonahan –**Ms. Bonahan said she likes to use Good Dog Park and brings out of town guests who are always impressed that there is a park for dogs on the river. She explained that she likes to run in this park with her dogs because they can be off leash and she doesn't have to worry about conflicts with other users. Earlier this year at the Green Lakes trailhead she was confronted by a hiker who tried to hit her dogs with a trekking pole, which is another reason she really appreciates having the off leash area. Ms. Bonahan shared a concern from a friend that lives on the east side of town. The concern is that there would not be a parking area and without a parking area, there is no benefit to those that live east; they would still have to drive to the west side to use the park. She spoke about all the activities that she enjoys with her dogs and said she would hate to lose the off leash access at the Good Dog park.

**Allison Wirth:** Ms. Wirth commented that her focus is on the existing trail that is already heavily used. People are happy with the trail and there is no problem to fix. What we have now is great, people are happy and people do not want to lose the off leash access. The bridge is a threat to the

off leash access. There is not a need for the bridge. The environmental impact would cause problems for the wildlife. She agreed with an earlier speaker that Salem should be involved and said it is not about politics; Salem got involved because it's about the environment. House bill 4029 passed last February to protect the environment. There are a lot of areas to add trails and that stretch of the Deschutes is not the place to do it.

Don Hartsell: Mr. Hartsell purchased a home along the river 30 years ago. He has lived on two other rivers in his life in Indiana and offered a word of caution, once you do something to the river, it cannot be undone. The charm of this river is that it has not had a lot done to it. He is concerned that by talking about the data first that data can be shaped for the process. The trust issue is really critical and people will argue about the data and can interfere with building trust. He closed by advising the Board to be careful what they do because it is a wonderful river and he would like to see it preserved in as wild of a setting as possible.

Erik Fernandez, Oregon Wild: Mr. Fernandez said that he is amazed how educated people can look at an issue like this and have so many disagreements about the facts. The facts should be undisputable and there should be more common ground. He said that he is interested in coming to the table and getting to the facts and is interested with beginning with the facts. He said that it is important to remember that this is the national forest land and it belongs to all of the people. Congress has spoken and designated this as a wild and scenic river and this involves more than just the people in this room. He looks forward to finding more common ground and building trust. Oregon Wild is interested in upholding protections for public lands, rivers and wild life.

Michael Eisley: Board member of the coalition of the Deschutes: Mr. Eisley participated in the Upper Deschutes advisory group, one of the prior attempts at a public process. He said that he is one of the people that have a trust problem. He said the District is not a conservation and recreation group, but a park and recreation group. There has been an underappreciation for the community that values the wildness and scenic view of the proposed placement of the river. The recommendation of Mary's report would go a long way to build trust. Giving up control to a broader group would be a huge step forward. The river is not just another park, it belongs to the people. He closed by encouraging the Board to follow the recommendations of Mary's report.

Mari Hanes: Ms. Hanes has lived on River Bend Drive for 36 years. Ms. Hanes spoke about the Deschutes River stamp that is coming out in January representing one of the ten scenic rivers of America. She said she loves the idea of mediation and is hoping that someone that is knowledgeable about fires can be involved in the process. She said she has lived through two fires on her street and shared the stories of the two fires. She expressed concern about the wind tunnels and the study of them and would like to see some fire experts involved.

Foster Fell: Mr. Fell submitted a letter for the record. It is attached to the minutes.

## 2. City of Bend Community Climate Action Plan – *Sasha Sulia, Cassie Lacey and Gillian Ockner*

Ms. Lacey presented the City's plan. She said the City Council passed a resolution in 2016 adopting climate action goals. The goals are as follows:

City Operations

Strategic Energy Management Plan to:

- Become carbon neutral by 2030
- Reduce fossil fuel use for City facilities and operations by
  - 40% by 2030
  - 70% by 2050

**Community Wide**

**Community Climate Action Plan to:**

- Reduce fossil fuel use community wide by
  - 40% by 2030
  - 70% by 2050

Ms. Lacey said that it will require strong partnerships with other public agencies in order to achieve the community wide goals. For the City’s operation goals there has been a heavy reliance on the involvement with Energy Trust of Oregon’s Strategic Energy Management program. She acknowledged that both the City and District have been working with Energy Trust to reduce overall energy use. The City has also hired Ameresco, an energy services company, to conduct energy audits of City facilities and make recommendations on investment opportunities to further save energy.

Ms. Lacey showed this slide indicating that the City is expected to pass a project bundle that includes many of the projects proposed by Ameresco.

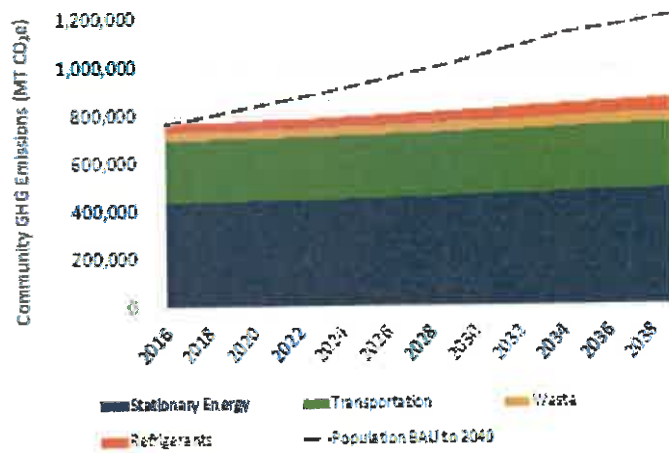
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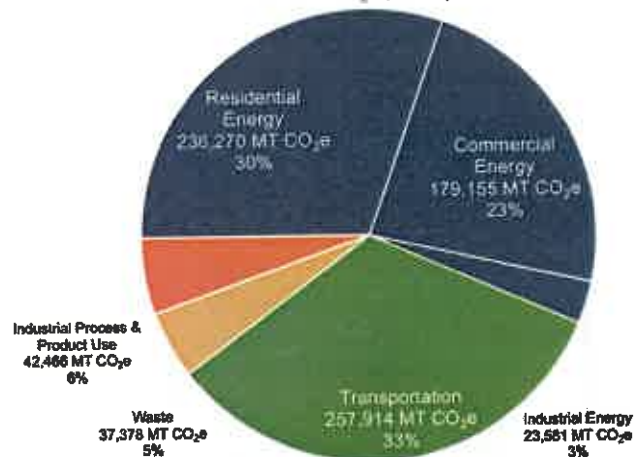
The City’s role and scope is to act as a convener and bring together community stakeholders to identify voluntary pathways for carbon reduction. This is primarily grant funded and the City has paid for some staff time. A Sustainability Coordinator was hired and a Climate Action Steering Committee convened in April 2018. This committee is made up of 13 community members from government agencies, private companies and topic experts in the area.

Ms. Lacey said that the first steps in the Community Climate Action Plan included research for best practices from other communities and engagement with resources available to work through questions and challenges.

## Business As Usual Forecast



## Bend Sector-Based Greenhouse Gas Emissions 776,765 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e 9.3 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per capita



The top figure above forecasts Bend's community emissions, the dotted line shows 2016 emission rate with projected community population growth to 2040. The colored areas show the reduction in emissions due to existing state and federal policies, which are intended to reduce emissions by 28 percent compared to business as usual. With the anticipated population growth, emissions will still grow by 13 percent by 2040.

Ms. Lacey reviewed the timeline of the plan and said that in September 2019 it is expected to have a draft plan to the Council for review.

The opportunities for engagement include:

### Advisory Working Group Input

- Led by Climate Action Steering Committee members
- Seeking direct input on barriers, objectives, and equity considerations
- Goal: **brainstorm and create a list** of potential climate actions
- We are providing direct invites to major stakeholders to be at the table
  - Examples: Pacific Power, Cascade Natural Gas, Central Electric Coop in the Energy Supply group; builders and realtors in the Energy Efficiency in Buildings and Waste and Materials Management groups

### **Community Survey**

- January 2019, open for the whole month
- Seeking broad community input
- Allow the community to respond to proposed ideas from working groups
- Share how the proposed ideas might impact you

Ms. Sulia spoke about the current sustainability work at the District including:

- SEM Cohort: Many energy saving projects have been identified and implemented throughout the District resulting in earning checks from the program.
- Sustainability Committee: Helps educate staff on energy saving ideas and encourages staff to submit ideas that are sustainable.
- Transportation-trails
- Staff led initiatives: Staff are attending workshops and implementing practices at the District.
- Data tracking

Ms. Lacey reviewed some of the best practices associated with energy supply, energy efficiency in buildings, waste and materials management and transportation.

The Board expressed their interest in being a partner in this, commenting that the District staff is a good resource and supports them staying engaged.

**6:50 p.m. BREAK/TRANSITION**

**7:00 p.m. BUSINESS SESSION**

### **VISITORS**

**Craig Lacey:** Mr. Lacey has lived in Bend about 34 years; he has followed Mirror Pond issues since the dredge in 1984 and has been involved in other river issues as well. Mr. Lacey complained about the lack of public process and involvement in the discussions to dredge Mirror Pond. He said that the first meeting of the group was closed to the public and later meetings were open, but only a few people attended. Notices went out only three days before the meetings and no agendas were posted. Mr. Lacey said he was only allowed to speak for three minutes at the beginning of the meeting and was not allowed to ask questions. He believes that there has been limited opportunity for the public to speak about this especially since Pacific Power has decided to keep the dam. He stated that during the vision process, the community made very clear that there should not be any new taxes assessed to pay for the dredge, but that is what is being proposed. The franchise fee is highly regressive and hurts the people that can least afford it. He recommends that the public be allowed to vote on whether they want to spend the money on the project.

**Michael Tripp:** Dr. Tripp read a letter that he had written to the Board. It is attached to the minutes.

**Gary Timm:** Mr. Timm said that he is President of the city of Bend and he does not support the current proposal to dredge Mirror Pond. He remarked that other alternatives need to be explored and he does not believe that the need for dredging has been adequately demonstrated. He further said that it has been shown that if the pond is left alone the natural wetland habitat will develop, especially if restoration funding is committed to achieve this. This would be considerably cheaper. He went on to say that the public has not had adequate opportunity to participate in the process. He listed many other unfunded needs that the money could be spent on and cautioned on spending six plus million dollars on private property without the public weighing in. He concluded by saying this

should be put before the voters and should only be considered with a fish passage included in the project.

**Jerry Freilich:** Dr. Freilich is an aquatic ecologist (PhD), he is relatively new to Bend (3 years). He gave a description of his broad background and career of 25 years with the National Park Service. He was the chief scientist working on the removal of two dams in the Olympic National Park and it took 13 years. He commented that he is not here to discuss dam removals, but is very concerned about what he has read in the press, online and in the meeting minutes about the dredging of Mirror Pond. A previous speaker said that we are in the ninth km of a 10k race; Dr. Freilich disagrees with this comment. Public opinion can and needs to be involved and in his experience he has seen public opinion change 180 degrees over long periods of time. In this case of Mirror Pond, Dr. Freilich feels that the science is weak or lacking and the need to dredge is not urgent and can wait until the public weighs in. He continued to say that there is no way that this should be done without financial transparency and open to the public, public opinion can be changed and consensus can be reached.

**Todd Taylor:** Mr. Taylor has been a resident of Bend for 56 years. He commented that he is the speaker that made the reference to the 10k race; he still believes that we are at the last part of the race. Mr. Taylor referred back to the MOU signed with the District back in September 2016 and said there were multiple meetings with several agencies and the community and he strongly disagrees that public process was not allowed. The MOU was signed with the intent to advance the community vision of removing the sediment. The MOU also designates the responsibility of each involved party for the process. MPS was responsible for getting all the permits, which was also subject to public comment. The permits have been obtained. The District was responsible for taking more of the park where some of the sediment was located and use to increase the acreage of the park. MPS has done everything that was agreed upon in the MOU. He recognizes that not everyone is in agreement, but the process has been taking place for a very long time. He said he is looking for the financial support to get the job done.

**Allegra Briggs:** Ms. Briggs is in agreement that there should be some sort of a referendum. She mentioned the online survey that she thought may have been done ten years ago and she thinks that people are still making decisions based on that information that she understands is not statistically valid. She went on to say that the population is very different today than it was ten years ago and decisions should be based on what people want today. She further expressed some concerns about the safety of the project.

**Mathias Perle:** Mr. Perle is a Bend citizen and also works as the restoration program manager at UDWC. Mr. Perle does not believe that public funds should be used for dredging as a stand-alone project. He would like to see funds used as a community supported holistic solution for Mirror Pond that includes benefits to the river such as a fish passage. Every dollar spent on dredging cannot be used as to leverage grant funds for restoration. A dollar spent on dredging could cost two dollars in grant funding.

Director Hovekamp asked how the District's decision to contribute funding toward dredging the river may affect future funding with the District and UDWC. Mr. Perle responded that it is difficult to answer, the majority of UDWC projects are community supported with science based solutions and public engagement. The impact to future funding is hard to answer, but he would like to continue to work with the District and advance in the common goals with the riparian projects. He reiterated that he would like to see the money for the dredge spent in a more holistic way.



David Paulson: Mr. Paulson said that the District is the last bastion to protect us in this situation. He said most of us are environmentalist, and addressed that the Board likely consider themselves as environmentalists. He said the Board campaigned on preserving Oregon's natural beauty. The community is divided and it is not clear that the community supports the dredge. Mr. Paulson referenced prior Resolution 375 that says the dam should be modified to function more like natural part of the river, enhance habitat, enable fish passage and identify sources other than tax dollars. None of those things are being met today. Mr. Paulson went on to quote campaign statements that some of the Board members made regarding protecting the environment. Mr. Paulson closed with saying the money spent on this project does nothing to benefit the Deschutes River. He urged the Board to follow the stated values of the District.

Foster Fell: Mr. Fell said that he respectfully disagrees with Mr. Taylor; the process has excluded the environmental and grass root voices for a decade. He claimed that there are not any valid statistical surveys of the sentiment of the public to achieve community consensus. He cited a survey done by the City three years ago that showed significantly more people prefer improved water quality, river banks and wildlife habitat in favor of aesthetics of Mirror Pond. He further stated that the process should be reopened to the public with stakeholders and environmentalists before funds are allocated. He spoke about a no dredge option as an option to be considered. He asked the Board to live up to its vision to be a leader to build a community connected to nature,

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Meeting Minutes – 12/4/2018

***Director Schoenborn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Sprang seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.***

#### **BUSINESS SESSION**

1. Resolution No. 418 Mirror Pond Solutions – *Don Horton*

Executive Director Horton reviewed the vision in Resolution 418 with the Board. He said that some of the goals have been met and some fall short such as creating a fish passage as an example. He went on to explain the process and said that at the time of these meetings a geomorphologist, a hydrologist and US Forest Service personnel were all on the team, this is in contradiction to the statements made earlier that these type of groups were not included.

The meetings that were held had 75-100 people in attendance and the community was split almost equally on the dredge and a free flowing river. The vision that ended up being adopted had the pond elevation remaining the same; the dam would be modified to be more of a spillway that would allow for fish passage and riparian habitat restoration and the Deschutes River Trail would be part of the plan as well and some modifications to the parking areas. The District went into negotiations with PacifiCorp in hopes of the District acquiring ownership of the dam. At about the same time MPS acquired ownership of the land under the pond and began their own negotiations with PacifiCorp. After many meetings, PacifiCorp decided to maintain ownership of the dam eliminating the option of the new vision that had so much community support. Executive Director Horton said that there is still an option to create a fish ladder sometime in the future. He explained the City's effort in reducing the sediment from the outfalls of the storm water as one more piece of the vision coming together. The District is doing the riparian and habitat work, and extending the Deschutes River Trail and

funding the over six million dollar project. Looking at the entire vision a lot of the pieces are coming together and dredging was part of the original vision. He further explained the modification of the dam from the vision and private sector development will not happen at this time.

The size of the project required that it be broken down in pieces and there has been a lot of public discussion about each piece. Executive Director Horton said that with all of the discussion about the project that it is the most robust public process that Bend has experienced. Where this may have fallen short is on the goals to not use tax dollars, but it would be very difficult to do otherwise due to the scope of the project. Funding options discussed by the committee included the franchise fee, which was not viewed as a tax and the other option was an improvement district, which is no longer a viable option.

Executive Director Horton continued to review Resolution 418 with the Board.

The Board asked for clarification that if all of the conditions of the resolution are not met, then the resolution would be void, Executive Director Horton affirmed this. It was also requested that there is a contractual agreement with MPS for the work that is done and payment for that work. In addition, there would need to be a contractual agreement with the City and the District on the payoff of the debt service.

The Board had a discussion about the idea of amending the resolution to add a 6<sup>th</sup> condition that includes an agreement to explore an option for a fish passage. There was some concern expressed that this was an ambiguous request and further concern that the amendment would kill the agreement altogether. The Board all agreed that they support a fish ladder, but there was disagreement that this was the way to get it. After this discussion a motion was made.

***Director Hovekamp made a motion to amend Resolution No. 418 to add a 6<sup>th</sup> condition that requires the District, the City and PacifiCorp to agree in writing to initiate a process for exploring options for fish passage beyond the dam. Director Grover seconded. All in favor: Director Hovekamp, Director Sprang and Director Grover. Opposed: Director Fuller and Director Schoenborn. The motion passed 3-2.***

Director Grover requested to add restoration to item #5 of the resolution.

***Director Sprang moved to amend Resolution No. 418 to make acceptance of the Mirror Pond property contingent upon a long term funding plan for future dredging, maintenance or restoration established by mutual agreement of the City, the District, Mirror Pond Solutions and Pacific Power. Director Grover seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.***

The Board continued their discussion of the financial contribution to the dredge before asking for a vote.

***Director Schoenborn moved to adopt Resolution No. 418 authorizing the contribution of \$300,000 to the Mirror Pond Dredging Project under the conditions identified in the Resolution and as amended. Director Grover seconded. All in favor: Director Fuller, Director Sprang, Director Grover and Director Schoenborn. Opposed: Director Hovekamp. The motion passed, 4-1.***

2. Fiscal year 2017-18 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Financial Update – *Lindsey Lombard, Betsy Tucker and SGA CPAs & Consultants*

The board was given the following report: <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2017-18-Comprehensive-Annual-Financial-Report-final.pdf>

Brenda Bartlett from SGA CPAs & Consultants spoke about the report and explained the audit that was performed. She spoke about the reporting of this document to state agencies and detailed what is included and what is not. In the audit, she did not find any areas that the District is not in compliance.

Ms. Lombard explained the General Fund update. She showed the differences between what was budgeted and what actually occurred and how the upcoming fiscal year will be prioritized. Ms. Lombard said the end general fund balance is \$6.4 million with \$782,000 more than estimated for budget. She continued to review the update showing that revenues slightly exceeded expectations and spending was less than projected. She recommended that the additional unbudgeted ending fund balance be carried forward into the fiscal year's budgeting process, to be prioritized along with the other resources.

Ms. Lombard reviewed the following items ahead of the budget work that is being done for this year:

How we prioritize:

- Fund current level of service in operations
- Consider new or growing program needs
- Prioritize funding for capital projects

Ms. Lombard next previewed the topics for the upcoming Board Workshop that will help determine priorities for the next year's budget.

Financial forecast; operational priorities; difficult decisions

- Operational costs related to growth and inflation
- PERS increases and a potential lump sum payment
- Minimum wage increases
- Asset management needs
- Debt for park maintenance shop

Current-adopted CIP projects: (Amounts are from 5-year CIP)

- Larkspur Community Center (\$18.7 M)
- Asset management (\$5.2 M)
- Park rehabilitations (\$3.7 M)
- Park maintenance shop (\$8 M)

Other projects and impacts:

- Mirror Pond dredge project (\$300 K)
- More asset management and park rehab
- Cost increases

***Director Sprang made a motion to accept the District's audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year 2017-18. Director Grover seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.***

### 3. Larkspur Community Center GMP update – *Brian Hudspeth*

Mr. Hudspeth presented the Larkspur Center as the single largest project to date by the District. He said it will benefit residents for generations and there is a high expectation for the use of this facility. Mr. Hudspeth reviewed the project status and explained that the GMP (guaranteed maximum price) phase is approaching and should be ready for approval at the February 5 Board meeting.

Mr. Hudspeth reviewed the current bid costs and explained that there are actual costs instead of estimates. He said a few of them would be going out for re-bid. Next, he reviewed the contractor provided value engineering report, showing areas that costs could be cut or savings could be made with adjustments. He reviewed the overall project costs showing that the project was over budget by \$1.2 million with estimates and now it is about \$2.2 million over budget since the actual costs are coming in higher than estimated. The costs have increased due to the rising costs of building and materials in the area.

The Board asked if the contractor gets buy out savings does that flow to the District's contingency or stay within the GMP. Mr. Hudspeth replied that any realization of savings will ultimately come back to the District.

Mr. Hudspeth ended with saying that the current state of construction is rising at an alarming rate and is hard to keep up with. Value engineering of the project will continue to cut costs.

Executive Director Horton added that this is one of the general fund discussions that will take place at the Board Workshop, there will have to be more of a contribution to this project from the general fund.

### 4. Athletic Facility Policy Guidelines – *Matt Mercer*

Mr. Mercer said he wanted to share the progress made with implementing the changes made to the policy guidelines adopted by the Board last year. He also said he will share the new report format which helps inform future field development. The policy guidelines are the same guidelines used for the facilities so it made sense to combine them and change the wording from athletic fields to athletic facilities. He explained that there were some minor changes made to the policy that reflect comments that the Board suggested.

***Director Grover made a motion to approve the modifications to the Athletic Field and Sports Program Policy Guidelines and including renaming the polity the Athletic Facility and Sports Program Guidelines. Director Schoenborn seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.***

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

Executive Director Horton said he wanted to address the comment made by Director Hovekamp about the public process in relation to Mirror Pond. The project started in 2004-2005 and the City went through a process that the District was part of and then it died and started up again in around 2013. The vision was created and then there wasn't much in front of the public for a long time. Getting elected to a Board when you weren't a part of the process you have to rely on us to bring you up to speed, this sometimes works and sometimes doesn't. If the Board ever feels like there hasn't been enough public process then we need to know that. We would be glad to go back and bring in more public comment if the Board felt it was necessary. He said that he heard a lot tonight about the

lack of public comment on the funding strategy and said this is what we rely on the Board for because we cannot ask the public every time the District spends money.

**BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR REVIEW**

**PROJECT REPORT:** Attachment in Board Report

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**ADJOURN 9:25 pm**



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