



**Bend Park &
Recreation**
DISTRICT

Board of Directors

June 18, 2019

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon



5:30 p.m. MEETING CONVENED

BOARD PRESENT

Ted Schoenborn, Vice Chair

Nathan Hovekamp

Lauren Sprang

Ellen Grover

BOARD ABSENT

Brady Fuller, Chair: *Director Fuller participated by phone for the discussion and vote on Mirror Pond Resolution No. 430

STAFF PRESENT

Don Horton, Executive Director

Michelle Healy, Deputy Executive Director

Matt Mercer, Director of Recreation

Julie Brown, Manager of Communications and Community Relations

Sheila Reed, Executive Assistant

Brian Hudspeth, Development Manager

Jeff Hagler, Park Stewardship Manager

Sarah Bodo, Park Planner

Jason Powell, Construction Supervisor

Jeff Hagler, Park Stewardship Manager

MEDIA

Isaac Biehl, The Source

WORK SESSION

1. Recreation Report: Open Skate and Roller Sports – *Kevin Collier and Russ Holliday*

Mr. Collier said open skate is the top priority according to the recreation community survey. Open skate is scheduled forty percent of the ice time. It is offered on multiple days and times and discounted days are available as well. Mr. Holliday said the open skates are in the highest demand by the community which makes it difficult to balance the time needed for the sport programs that are at capacity. For the past three years, each year about 31,000 visits have been recorded for open skate visits with December as the busiest month followed by November and January.

Mr. Collier spoke about the roller sports coming to The Pavilion. He shared with the board that Cascade Indoor Sports is no longer offering roller sports and the community has asked The Pavilion to

and greater access will be needed. Ms. Bodo said RTCA would bring a neutral voice and best practices from other communities to help enhance the planning effort that will be completed mostly through staff and partner efforts. Ms. Bodo asked the board to pass the resolution for submittal of the application at the end of the month.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes – 06/04/2019
2. Land Acquisition Policy
3. Public Records Request Policy
4. Approve Resolution No. 429 – Supporting RTCA Technical Assistance Program

Director Grover made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Hovekamp seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Final Strategic Plan – *Quinn Keever*

Ms. Keever stated that since June 4, there have been some edits made to the Strategic Plan that were requested by the board. She reviewed the minor changes and additions. She spoke about the implementation strategy and said each of the action items will have actions behind them that will be further developed. She explained that the plan will go through annual and quarterly reviews to monitor progress with updates that will be shared with the board. Ms. Keever asked the board to pass the final Strategic Plan.

The board complimented Ms. Keever on the process and completed plan.

Director Hovekamp made a motion to adopt the 2019-2022 Bend Park and Recreation District Strategic Plan. Director Sprang seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0

2. Pine Nursery Playground Surfacing Project Contract Award– *Jason Powell*

Mr. Powell presented this project to the board. He said this playground has been closed too long and would like board approval for the necessary repairs. The district solicited bids and received three responses in May. Staff recommends awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Precision Recreation Contractors, Inc. Mr. Powell said that this project is not part of the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan or next fiscal year adopted budget and requested the use of reserve funds for this project.

Director Grover made a motion to amend the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan to add the Pine Nursery Playground Surfacing project with a funding allocation of \$130,000 in property taxes. Director Hovekamp seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0

Director Grover made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute a construction contract to Precision Recreation Contractors, Inc. for the construction of the Pine Nursery Park

David Paulson: Mr. Paulson said the board should be demanding answers it doesn't have. He said the cost for the dredge is a rough estimate and questioned why an engineering study has not been done to define the costs and what is included. He asked the board why they have not demanded to have fish passage design estimates and construction cost estimates. He continued to say that there are no enforcement mechanisms in case the verbal commitments from PacifiCorp aren't kept and stated that he believes the dam will be gone in 30 years.

Craig Lacey: Mr. Lacey expressed his concerns that the resolution only addresses funding for the dredge. He asked about the other goals of the vision and asked why the district is not willing to contribute to the overall solution.

Todd Taylor: Mr. Taylor thanked the board for all their effort. He said he wanted to provide some clarity on three items. He stated he understands there is a delta between the funds from the city and district and what is left to be raised; he is confident that they will get the funding for the full dredge. He said that Mirror Pond Solutions shares the passion for a fish passage and will commit \$10,000 to it; he believes that the funds can be raised in the community and suggested that the district contribute \$300,000 to the fish passage as well. Mr. Taylor addressed the topic of the dam and said Pacific Power has communicated their intent for the dam and they are committed to the dam, he said all the comments about this is speculation.

Director Hovekamp asked if Mr. Taylor would share his observation that the commitment to the dam by Pacific Power can be taken at face value. Director Hovekamp said originally the dam was deemed to not be sound and then Pacific Power decided to keep it in place. He asked what is to keep Pacific Power from changing their minds again. Mr. Taylor said Mirror Pond Solutions has expressed interest in owning the dam and hope to remain on the list should it come up for sale. He stated that Pacific Power has not spoken of the condition of the dam and all conversations he has had indicate that they are going to keep it.

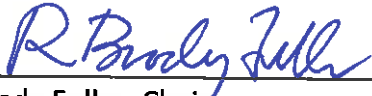
Executive Director Horton said he would like to address a couple of things. He said anytime a project is started there is a cost estimate done and there are cost estimates for the dredging and the entire vision. The dredge project has permits and it is now known how the sediment will be removed and disposed. He said at this stage there is more than an estimate. The second part he addressed was the financial contribution of the district. He said the district is addressing the more than the dredge by funding \$300,000 for the dredge and another \$6.6 million for the riparian habitat and trails in Drake Park. The city is also committing to the storm water process, which will add to the \$3 million investment that is committed for the dredge.

Mike Ogle: Mr. Ogle said he heard from ODFW that the dam is only running two months of the year. He believes that the dam is only being kept to avoid the costs of dredging that PacifiCorp could be charged by removing the dam.

The board discussed the revisions to the resolution and the board members agreed that it does a better job of addressing the full vision of the project; they agree the project is multifaceted and the dredge is just one component. The board showed appreciation for the public comments and expressed that they are moving forward with as much certainty possible. They all agreed that the

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