

they are continuing to fundraise for the field lighting. The work has begun on the fields with the goal of completion with lights by the end of November this year.

Ms. Bilanski said there are new programs that will be rolled out with the fields and she talked about the benefits to other local community sports and new tournament opportunities. She said the kids in the programs are very excited to play on turf and there has been a lot of community support for this as well. The club offers something for everyone. With the opening of the new fields, other district fields can be freed up for district programs.

The board expressed appreciation for the agreements and all the work that the two organizations have done over the years to get the turf fields built.

2. River Recreation use findings: Sarah Bodo and Kayla Sicard

Ms. Bodo began by saying the first step in the river access and habitat restoration plan is collecting data. This summer the Ms. Sicard took the opportunity to collect data on river use during high use months. The purpose was to better understand how people are currently using the river for recreation.

Ms. Sicard collected most of the data this summer in 16 riverfront parks. She began by collecting the baseline data to understand the public use of designated access points and user created access points. Each type of access point was observed 1-6 times over 145 hours of observations on high use days and hours. There are 25 designated access points and 80 additional user created entry areas. The top three recreational activities along the river include: floating, viewing and swimming.

Ms. Sicard surveyed people using the river and asked people where they were from, more than half were from Bend. The survey asked about the type of recreation on the river that people are doing, likes and dislikes, and improvements needed. Ms. Sicard showed a sampling of comments received on the survey, the next steps will be to finalize the summer use report and begin the river access and habitat restoration plan.

The board showed support for the efforts of working with other partner groups such as Upper Deschutes Watershed Council and efforts to obtain the technical assistance grant with the US Forest Service. Ms. Bodo said that she has applied for this grant and will hear back later this month. She said she hopes to continue to engage with other agencies as a result of this planning effort.

Ms. Bodo continued to say that there will be a significant public outreach organized and staff will use the community needs assessment from 2017. Ms. Bodo said she is hoping to have quite a bit of public input as part of this project. Executive Director Horton pointed out that more river access has been created as a result of surveyed community needs and there is also a lot of interest expressed by patrons in preserving the habitat along the river as well. This study will help staff to determine the best balance of recreation use and habitat restoration.

VISITORS

Margaret Meg Brookover: Ms. Brookover asked the board to consider providing more pickle ball courts. She made a few recommendations for tennis courts that could be used for dual purpose in

parks on the westside, suggested an agreement with the school district or COCC for use of some of their courts and named a couple of areas that the district had space to build courts.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes – 08/20/2019
2. Approve Agreement with Roats Waterline Relocation at Alpenglow Park

Director Sprang made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Director Mendez seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Director Hovekamp abstained from voting because he was not at the meeting.

Director Sprang made a motion to approve the agreement with Roats Waterline Relocation at Alpenglow. Director Kropf seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Approve Construction Contract for Rockridge Restroom – *Jason Powell*

Mr. Powell gave some background on the project, explaining that Rockridge Park was developed in 2016. At the time of development, the property was in the county and city sewer was not accessible. Since then, it has been annexed into the city and with access to city sewer there is now an opportunity to build the permanent restrooms.

Mr. Powell reviewed the project details explaining the bid process and the resizing of the restroom that was done to bring the project within budget. He showed drawings of the project and placement within the park.

Director Hovekamp moved to authorize the executive director to award a construction contract to Cedar Mill Construction Company, LLC, for construction of the Rockridge Restroom with a bid amount of \$314,000, and to approve an additional 10% construction contingency of \$31,400, for a total construction budget not to exceed \$345,400. Director Sprang seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

2. Approve Construction Contract for Juniper Park – *Jason Powell*

Mr. Powell presented the goals of this project at Juniper Park:

- Improvements to the north facility entry and ADA parking spaces in the north and south parking lots (completed in the fall of 2018).
- Replace the aging restroom and provide restroom access to the pool deck.
- Replace the dated and noncompliant playground.
- Add parking for the park and facility.
- Improvements to the 6th Street entry and improved site circulation.

Mr. Powell explained the timeline; he said the master plan was adopted in February of 2017, the project was paired down to meet budget, put out to bid in June 2019, and three bids were opened

August 2019. All bids exceeded the current budget. Mr. Powell said that all efforts have been made to bring the project into budget. He showed the plans for the project and explained the new restrooms would serve the park and pool deck, the new playground additions, and new parking area with additional parking that will be added.

The board raised some questions about the parking spaces, inquiring about the net gain of spaces and one director asked why the district would put money into parking which encourages patrons to drive instead of use alternate transportation. Staff responded that overall, 33 parking spaces will be done, and of those about 16 are new spaces. Executive Director Horton further stated that additional parking is needed because Juniper is a well-used facility that people tend to use before and after work. Many patrons are parking in the neighborhoods and the additional parking will help alleviate the pressure put on the neighborhood streets. It is anticipated that additional parking will also be necessary to accommodate playground users. It was explained that in this stage of the project, it would be very costly to make any changes to the project. Another director said reducing, or not expanding parking isn't necessarily a deterrent from driving, but creating safer and better access to trails and transit does promote alternate transportation. Ideas about incentivizing and encouraging patrons to not drive cars were discussed as well. The board recognized Juniper Swim and Fitness Center as a heavily used facility and commended staff on taking care of existing facilities.

- 1. Director Hovekamp moved to amend the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan to increase the funding allocation for the Juniper Park Accessibility Improvements Project by \$220,000. Director Sprang seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**
- 2. Director Hovekamp moved to authorize the executive director to award a construction contract to Kellcon, Inc. for the construction of the Juniper Park Accessibility Improvements Project – Phase II, including the base bid in the amount of \$2,059,243 and to approve an additional construction contingency of 10% for a total construction budget not to exceed \$2,265,167. Director Sprang seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Executive Director Horton reminded the board that the city is sponsoring Welcoming Week, a series of events in our community that brings together immigrants to build strong connections, he mentioned that Director Mendez is attending the bilingual meet and greet, September 16 from 6-8pm and invited the rest of the board to attend as well.
- Executive Director Horton said the city wants to charge the regular service fee of 1.5% for processing the SDC charges that are being waived for affordable housing. The board discussed possible solutions and revisions to the prior resolution to cover the costs of this fee to the city. After the discussion, Executive Director Horton said he would schedule a meeting with the city to discuss some of the ideas; if the city still wants to charge the fee, an amendment to the resolution could be on the agenda for the next meeting.

PROJECT REPORT – Attachment in board report

BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR REVIEW

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Director Sprang complemented the Miller's Landing Project completion and stated that the move back to the Senior Center appeared to go well and said her comments earlier were not

intended to discourage others from pushing for their ideas and she appreciated the discussion.

- Director Mendez expressed his appreciation for the discussions and ability to express ideas, recognizing that he has a lot to learn and credited staff for all their hard work.
- Director Hovekamp commented that the latest Playbook is the best one so far and appreciates all the work that went into it; he said the work that goes into it is amazing. He was very complimentary of the layout, graphics and information. Executive Director Horton said most districts have given up on printed magazines, but surveyed patrons give staff feedback that they receive their information from the printed Playbook. Executive Director Horton mentioned the challenges that may be ahead with printing of the Playbook with the sale of the Bulletin. He said staff is reaching out to other companies for printing in case its needed.

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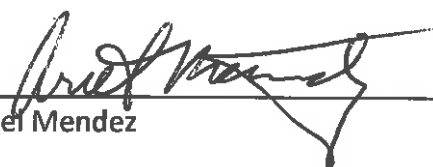


Nathan Hovekamp, Vice-Chair

Lauren Sprang



Jason Kropf



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