

# **Board of Directors**

April 19, 2022

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon

#### **AGENDA**

A video of the entire board meeting can be viewed on the website:

https://www.bendparksandrec.org/about/board-meeting-videos/

## **BOARD PRESENT**

Ariel Méndez Deb Schoen Jason Kropf Nathan Hovekamp

## **BOARD ABSENT**

Zavier Borja

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Don Horton, Executive Director
Michelle Healy, Deputy Executive Director
Julie Brown, Manager of Communications and Community Relations
Kristin Donald, Administrative Services Director
Sheila Reed, Executive Assistant
Brian Hudspeth, Development Manager
Kim Johnson, Community Engagement Supervisor
Rachel Colton, Park Planner
Sara Anselment, Park Planner

## 5:30 p.m. MEETING CONVENED

#### **VISITORS**

**Steve Bachtel:** Mr. Bachtel thanked the district for installing the temporary disc golf course at Skyline. He said this was a good partnership with disc golf community and big success for them. He thanked the various staff members for their help and involvement.

Andy Wade: Mr. Wade commented about the disc golf course and how positive it was for the disc golf community.

#### **WORK SESSION**

1. Volunteer Appreciation – Kim Johnson

Ms. Johnson shared some profiles of a few volunteers and shared some of the challenges that volunteers faced during the pandemic. The district hosts 952 volunteers that have served 28,480

hours that equals 13.7 full-time equivalency. Volunteers are coaches, parks and trail support, goose hazers, facility (Larkspur Community Center) support, events and activities and organization oversight, including the board.

Ms. Johnson shared feedback from volunteers that report that they truly enjoy the work they do with the district.

## 2. Community Sponsored Projects program update – Rachel Colton

Ms. Colton gave the background on community sponsored projects. This program was developed to better respond to projects desired by the community. The projects vary in scope and ten community projects have been implemented to date. Some examples include the kayak slalom at First St. Rapids and Farewell Bend, sand volleyball courts at Pine Nursey and most recently the temporary Skyline Park disc golf course.

Ms. Colton reviewed the disc golf project. She said staff gathered community feedback, usage data and determined that the course did not impact other users of the park.

## 3. Mobility Analysis presentation – Sara Anselment

Ms. Anselment explained transportation as moving of good and people and mobility as having transportation options and the quality of those options with time, affordability and safety in mind. She reviewed the goals of the analysis is to document the following:

- what considerations are made when determining how much parking to build
- what actions the district currently takes to increase mobility and decrease parking
- explain parking demand management and supply strategies
- determine if additional actions are needed

She reviewed the considerations that should be made that include parking opportunities, transit access, alternate transportation routes and seasonality. She said parking demand and supply strategies also need to be considered and commented that the district is already practicing the documented best practices and gave several examples. She also reviewed the promotion of multimodal transportation and mentioned the tactics used to reduce barriers to district amenities.

Ms. Anselment spoke about some of the district green design strategies for parking lots with permeable pavement, cool pavements, stormwater management, tree canopy, design and parking lot infrastructure. She included some of the current work that is being done in collaboration with the city and an analysis for Riverbend and Farewell park for access will be conducted. Future work includes a development standard update and mid-term comprehensive plan update.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Horton invited the board to attend the Little Fawn outreach event tomorrow night at the community clubhouse in Golfside neighborhood.

### **PROJECT REPORT**

## **BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR**

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Director Kropf: Appreciates the board meeting topics and commented on the level of community engagement with volunteers. He added that community sponsored projects and the mobility presentations are reflective and forward thinking.
- Director Méndez shared that he sent a letter to city council and cc'd the board about the
  district concerns on the tax plan the city is working on. He added that he and director Schoen
  will meet with Eric King and a couple of city councilors as a follow up. Director Méndez
  commented on his desire to see more data on parking and the affects to some groups of the
  community. Where the district has control, he would like to see more effort to get people
  places without driving.
- Director Schoen said she appreciates the work the staff did to take the board and budget committee on the budget tour last week.

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Ariel Méndez, Chair

Deb Schoen Vide-Chair

Nathan Hovekamp