

# **Board of Directors**

April 05, 2022

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon

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# **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
Henry Stroud, Trail Planner
Rachel Colton, Park Planner

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

# **VISITORS**

None

#### **WORK SESSION**

1. Update on the Deschutes River Trail – Galveston to Miller's Landing Park Connection – Henry Stroud and Dave Abbas

Mr. Stroud showed a map of the location for the Deschutes River Trail project, Mr. Abbas gave some background on the project describing the work that began in 2014 and stopped in 2017 due to utility impacts, complexity and funding limitations. He said the project area is nearing failing conditions and beyond preservation. The district CIP has \$703,000 and the city received grant funding of \$346,750 for the project.

Mr. Stroud reviewed some of the complications to the older neighborhood. He spoke of the project elements including ODOT crash data, project challenges, and possible alternative approaches to the project.

Mr. Abbas spoke about the next steps including an IGA for cost sharing, assigning the city as project manager, restart design efforts, and finalizing design and cost estimates. He reviewed the funding and mentioned the city may need to come up with additional funding from other sources within the city.

2. Potential Tax Exemption Programs Follow-up up - Rachel Colton and Michelle Healy

Ms. Healy gave an overview of the program including the history, review of the proposed programs. She updated the board on the SDC waiver financial impact to the district. She said the total projected SDC impact is approximately \$2.6-\$2.8 million and equivalent to the cost to procure land for and construct a neighborhood park.

Next, she reviewed the Core Area projected TIF impact to the district stating that over time the district will lose \$26.7 million. In total both programs will likely cost the district just under \$30 million. She explained that she is anticipating discussions with the city later this year regarding the extension of the SDC waiver program.

Ms. Colton reviewed the proposed city programs with a focus on Non-Profit Property Tax Exemption (NPTE) and Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE). She said the city council will discuss in a work session in April, conduct a public hearing for NPTE and MUPTE in May with a second reading in June to go into effect in July.

Ms. Colton reviewed the rules of NPTE and MUPTE, program caps and reporting and financial impacts to the district with no caps in place. She reviewed staff recommendations that include:

- Support NPTE and focus on non-profit developers + affordable housing
- Express concern for abating taxes for for-profit developers to build market-rate residential units
- Request mandatory program review every two years
- Request MUPTE cap of 750 units
- Express concerns about cumulative impacts of TIF, SDC waivers, NPTE, MUPTE and existing affordable housing exemption program
- Support third party proforma review
- Support removing Middle Income Exemption
- Support additional open space related public benefits
- Request clarity on how park space will be provided in TIF area

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approve Needs Based Assistance Plan for Fiscal Year 22-23
- 2. Minutes 3/15/2022

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

#### **BUSINESS SESSION**

1. Approval of name for Project 155- Bend Golf Club Park site – Rachel Colton

Ms. Colton said this park is in the SE Bend area and is a 3.4-acre neighborhood park. She spoke about the park features and opening date for summer of 2023.

She explained the naming process including public engagement, staff recommendations, naming committee review and board approval. She reviewed the potential names and the said the naming committee selected Little Fawn Park as the name. She asked the board to consider approving the name of the park.

Director Hovekamp made a motion to approve Little Fawn Park as the name for the "Project 155 – Bend Golf Club Site" neighborhood park property. Director Kropf seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Executive Director Horton reported the following:** 

Ms. Healy was asked to serve on the NRPA Gold Medal Committee, he said it is an honor for her and the district. With this appointment, she will have access to the gold medal applications that represent the best of the best in the country for parks and recreation. He stated the one drawback is the district had to rescind the application for the Gold Medal Award.

There were so many people participating in summer registration, that it overloaded the system. In the first four hours, 6012 people registered online and 132 over phone. Last year that number took 30 hours. In 2019 it took the district 8 hours for the same volume. He explained some of the suspected reasons: less programs, opened a month later to be sure that programs offered could be staffed.

#### PROJECT REPORT

# **BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR**

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Director Hovekamp interesting discussion on the gap on the river trail and potential for the tax exemption programs.
- Director Schoen attended the Londonderry art installation event and commented on the
  great event and artwork. She gave praise to Ms. Healy for selection to the Gold Medal
  Committee and said she is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> person she knows of from the west coast to be chosen.
  She added that it speaks to executive director Horton and the support of the staff as well as
  the sacrifice to give up the award application. She shared that registration issues are common
  and glad to hear the district is committed to fixing it.
- Director Méndez said Alpenglow Park is getting close to completion and commented that it is great to see the in the community.

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Sheila Reed
Executive Assistant

Ariel Méndez, Chair

Deb Schoen, Vice-Chair

Nathan Hovekamp