

Board of Directors

June 6, 2023
District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon

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BOARD PRESENT

Deb Schoen Nathan Hovekamp Jodie Barram Donna Owens 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
Matt Mercer, Director of Recreation
Sheila Reed, Assistant to the Executive Director
Brian Hudspeth, Development Manager
Sasha Sulia, Superintendent of Parks
Eric Baird, Finance Manager
Jeff Hagler, Park Stewards Manager

VISITORS

Evan Neigland: Mr. Neigland commented in favor of a footbridge at the South UGB location. He stated the advantages of having a bridge connecting to the west side. He said that the opposition is due to NIMBYism instead of environmentalism. He urged BPRD to take the necessary steps to move the project forward.

Tom Ashton: Mr. Ashton advocated for easy access to greenspace and also in favor of the South UGB bridge.

WORK SESSION

1. Park Services Overview – Sasha Sulia

Ms. Sulia reviewed the staff, divisions and responsibilities of the Park Services department. She reviewed each of the following divisions: landscape, facilities, natural resources and trails, park stewardship, fleet, and administration.

2. Park Services: Natural Resources Vegetation Management - Sasha Sulia

Ms. Sulia spoke about the developed and natural landscapes. She said developed area are high use areas and require daily maintenance. The maintenance includes water management, integrated pest management and park tree inventory and management plans.

Next she explained the native or natural landscapes management. She said this landscape treatment is not as frequent and is less predictable. The vegetation management plan and treatment prescriptions are in accordance with local and state agencies. Management activities include:

- Mechanical thinning or hand cutting
- Burning-broadcast or piles
- Chemical
- Biological

She said this division does a lot of vegetation restoration for riparian areas, park property that are full of non-native vegetation prior to development and to re-establish disturbed sites.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes: 05/02/2023

Director Barram made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Borja seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Hold Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution No. 2023-06 – Adopting the Budget and Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023-24, and Adopt Resolution No. 2023-07 - Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for Fiscal Year 2023-24 – *Kristin Donald*

Director Schoen opened the public hearing and asked for any comments. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Donald explained the two resolutions on the agenda and staff recommendations.

Director Hovekamp made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-06 Adopting the Budget and Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Director Barram seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Director Hovekamp made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-07 Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Director Owens seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-05 Adopting the 2024-2028 CIP - Michelle Healy (5 min)

Ms. Healy said each year the board adopts a five year capital improvement plan. She said the combination of all the years is about 64 million from SDCs, general property tax revenues and alternative funding.

Director Owens made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05, adopting the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years ending 2024-2028. Director Borja seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

3. Approve Private Security Contract – Jeff Hagler (15 min)

Mr. Hagler said the contract tonight replaces the current contract. In the past the district has used two contractors to meet all the district needs. This year staff looked at combining the contracts to one company, a request for proposal was issued; both contractors submitted and Trident was selected.

Director Hovekamp made a motion to authorize the executive director to negotiate and award a contract with Trident Professional Security for unarmed private security services through June 30, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$430,000, and to approve an additional \$15,000 each year for a total amount not to exceed \$460,000. Director Borja seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Horton reminded the board that the Big Sky Bike Park grand opening is on Friday and the joint meeting with the city is next week. He said there will be two items for the joint meeting agenda, the Mirror Pond Fish Passage and a Juneteenth Proclamation.

PROJECT REPORT

BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Director Barram said she will be at Big Sky for the grand opening from 4-5pm. She mentioned
 that a resident asked that the district build more pickleball courts with lights. She said she
 wanted to address the visitors advocating for the southern foot bridge connection that in the
 budget this year, there is money allocated for outreach and facilitation for a possible
 community collaboration on the project (pending board direction).
- Director Schoen said she appreciates that people take the time to come before the board and liked that children were in attendance to witness the public process. She also attended an Envision Bend meeting and said she is excited to see the report of the meeting when it comes to the board.

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