

Board of Directors

June 14, 2023

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon

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BOARD PRESENT

Deb Schoen

Nathan Hovekamp

Jodie Barram

Donna Owens

BOARD ABSENT

Zavier Boria

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

Melanie Kebler

Megan Norris

Anthony Broadman

Mike Riley

Megan Perkins

Barb Campbell

Ariel Méndez

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

Henry Stroud, Planner

BUSINESS SESSION

- ## 1. Juneteenth Proclamation – Melanie Kebler and Deb Schoen

Ms. Kebler read the Juneteenth proclamation that was included in the board report.

Councilor Broadman made a motion to accept the Juneteenth Proclamation. Councilor Campbell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 11-0.

2. Fish Passage at Mirror Pond – Don Horton, Eric King and Fish Passage Committee

Mr. Horton gave a background on the Mirror Pond Advisory Committee and described who served as members of the committee. He gave a brief review of the 2015 Mirror Pond Community Vision, including the split in the community to remove or not to remove the dam and the seven goals identified for the dam and Mirror Pond. He reviewed the primary elements of the middle ground option.

He said the city and the park district adopted the same resolution in June 2019 and this included forming the fish passage committee. This process was managed by a third party, open to the public with a wide range of representation with consideration made to Pacific Corp retaining the dam.

Ms. Ediger, facilitator of the fish passage committee, reviewed the advisory committee process, the constraints of building a fish passage, effectiveness, safety, operations, costs, and social and aesthetic conversations of the committee. She spoke about the public input at the meetings and the integration of that information into the decision making.

Mr. Wright spoke about and shared the alternatives development for review. He shared the design objectives and showed the various alternative designs they chose from that included:

- Alternative 1: traditional: small footprint, concrete structure, could be made to look more natural.
- Alternative 2: Nature-like fishway: Some concrete, but blends more into nature, small footprint, minimum impact to the dam. Common approach to getting fish passage around a dam.
- Alternative 3: Rock Ramp (Partial Span) natural channel, full span rock ramp or partial span rock ramp

Ms. Ediger shared the discussion tool that the committee used to rank the alternatives. She said the nature-like fishway was selected as the best option with the traditional ladder as the second best option. She said the letter in the packet lists the committee's next request including funding to move forward on this project, easements, ownership and maintenance (for a minimum of 10 years), providing flow, and monitoring flow of the fish.

Mr. Knight, executive director of Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, said Upper Deschutes Watershed Council (UDWC) is prepared to seek funding for this project. Mr. Tripp, Committee member, said he is optimistic about this project. He said the committee considered in the design if the dam were to be removed in the future.

Director Hovekamp shared some comments about the fish passage and working on the committee. He said a lot in this community is driven to the river and this is an opportunity to give back to the river and give it a win.

Councilor Méndez made a motion to accept the Mirror Pond Fish Passage Advisory Committee's recommendation to modify the 2015 Mirror Pond Vision by replacing the Mirror Pond Dam modification called for in the vision with a nature-like fishway proposed by the committee and to further instruct staff to remain involved with the committee to help identify funds to construct the passageway and to assist with determining ownership and care of the facility. Director Barram seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 11-0.

Jodie Barram

