



Bend Metro Park & Recreation District

January 6, 2026

# Board of Directors

## Agenda and Reports

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## Our Vision

To be a leader in building a community connected to nature, active lifestyles and one another.

## Our Mission

To strengthen community vitality and foster healthy, enriched lifestyles through parks, trails and recreation.

## Our Community Pledge

To reflect our community, welcome and serve equitably, and operate with transparency and accountability.

## We Value

**COMMUNITY** by interacting in a responsive, considerate and efficient manner to create positive patron experiences and impact in the community.

**INCLUSION** by reducing physical, social and financial barriers to our programs, facilities and services, and making them more equitable for all.

**SAFETY** by promoting a safe and healthy environment for all who work and play in our parks, trails, facilities and programs.

**STAFF** by honoring the diverse contributions of each employee and volunteer, and recognizing them as essential to accomplishing our mission.

**SUSTAINABILITY** by fostering a balanced approach to fiscal, environmental and social assets to support the health and longevity of the district, the environment and our community.



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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**MEETING SUMMARY – 12/16/2025**

**REPORTS – Project Update**

**BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR**

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<b>BOARD AGENDA COMMUNICATION</b>
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<b>AGENDA DATE:</b>	January 6, 2026
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Deschutes River Access and Habitat Restoration Plan Mid-term Update
<b>STAFF RESOURCE:</b>	Rachel Colton, Park Planner
<b>PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:</b>	November 2, 2021 – Deschutes River Access and Habitat Restoration Plan Adopted
<b>ACTION PROPOSED:</b>	None
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN:</b>	
<b>Priority:</b>	Service
<b>Goal:</b>	Steward fiscal resources, and further environmental and social sustainability
<b>Strategy:</b>	Continue efforts to be responsible stewards of the natural environment and evaluate and identify opportunities to respond to changing environmental conditions

**BACKGROUND**

The [2021-2031 Deschutes River Access and Habitat Restoration Plan \(River Plan\)](#) was adopted in November 2021 and includes 28 projects. Over the past four years, the district has completed 12 of the 28 projects, or approximately 43%. This aligns with the district's target of completing approximately 10% of the River Plan projects annually.

Since adoption, on the ground conditions have changed and new data sources have become available. Specifically, the Park Service's Natural Resources and Trails program recently completed an updated habitat inventory that includes spatially referenced data to more dynamically track on the ground conditions and habitat quality, and the district now has access to Placer.ai data, which provides information about river park usage. Given evolving conditions and data availability, coupled with the fact that the district is nearly halfway through the River Plan's 10-year implementation horizon, the district is kicking off a mid-term update of the River Plan (River Plan Update). The district anticipates the plan update will take approximately one year and will be completed in-house. Unlike the 2024 Mid-term Update of the Comprehensive Plan, the district anticipates that the River Plan Update will culminate with the adoption of a completely updated plan. This is feasible due to the shorter nature of the original River Plan document and will negate the need for cross reference with the 2021 River Plan.

Given this is a mid-term update and not a new plan, the River Plan Update is expected to have the same sunset year of 2031. It's important to acknowledge that because the implementation period will not extend, the district needs to be mindful of the breadth of proposed changes and total

number of projects, to ensure adoption of a plan that is implementable within the River Plan Update's time horizon. The River Plan Update will include five key tasks:

1. **Data Review and Analysis:** District staff will review and analyze relevant data to inform the plan update. This data will include but will not be limited to the current River Plan, updated habitat inventory, projects completed to date, remaining projects on the project list, and river park usage data from Placer.ai.
2. **Staff, Focus Group and Board Feedback:** This will be the most time intensive phase and is expected to include internal meetings with district staff, three focus group meetings and four board meetings (including this board meeting).
3. **Project List Development and Review:** An updated project list will be developed in a similar manner to what was done for the River Plan. Specifically, the River Plan Update team will solicit feedback from district staff, the public, focus group and board. The focus group and board will provide formal feedback on the draft project list prior to district staff drafting the River Plan Update.
4. **Draft 2026 River Plan Update:** The River Plan Update will be data driven and informed by staff, the public, focus group and board feedback. Board review of Draft River Plan Update is targeted to occur in fall 2026.
5. **Finalize and Adopt 2026 River Plan Update:** The plan will be updated to reflect staff, public, focus group and board feedback, with board action on the plan targeted to occur before the end of calendar year 2026.

During the board meeting, staff will provide an overview of the River Plan Update approach and timeline.

#### **BUDGETARY IMPACT**

The River Plan Update will be developed in-house, with minimal expenditures associated with hosting feedback meetings with the focus group, district staff and the board. Once approved, the River Plan Update will guide the district's future investments in a variety of habitat restoration and access projects along the Deschutes River. As such, implementation of the River Plan Update will have a future fiscal impact to the district, the magnitude of which cannot be quantified at this time as it will be dependent on the scope of projects identified within the River Plan Update.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

None, for informational purposes only.

#### **MOTION**

None

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

None

<b>BOARD AGENDA COMMUNICATION</b>
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<b>AGENDA DATE:</b>	January 6, 2026
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	System Development Charge (SDC) Waiver History and Update
<b>STAFF RESOURCE:</b>	Michelle Healy, Executive Director Sara Anselment, Planner
<b>PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:</b>	November 19, 2024 Adopted Resolution 2024-09, October 18, 2022 Adopted Resolution No. 2022-07, January 5, 2021 Adopted Resolution No. 2021-01 June 4, 2019 - Adopted Ordinance 12: System Development Charges, and accompanying Resolutions No. 421, 422, 423, 424, and 425.
<b>ACTION PROPOSED:</b>	None
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN:</b>	
Priority:	Service
Goal:	Steward fiscal resources, and further environmental and social sustainability.
Strategy:	Use financial modeling and other planning tools to holistically evaluate, plan and forecast necessary expenditures for system expansion, operations and maintenance.

**BACKGROUND**

The Bend Park and Recreation District began providing System Development Charge (SDC) waivers to support affordable housing projects in 2019. Since that time, the program has evolved. Staff will provide a brief overview of the program's history, summarize waiver usage to date, including an update on 2025 activity, and outline key considerations for future discussion.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT**

None, for discussion only.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

None, for discussion only.

**MOTION**

None

<b>BOARD AGENDA COMMUNICATION</b>
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<b>AGENDA DATE:</b>	January 6, 2026
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Comprehensive Plan & Level of Service Update
<b>STAFF RESOURCE:</b>	Henry Stroud, Principal Planner Sara Anselment, Planner
<b>PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:</b>	Adopted comprehensive plan update on November 19, 2024; Adopted comprehensive plan on July 17, 2018.
<b>ACTION PROPOSED:</b>	None
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN:</b>	
<b>Priority:</b>	Service
<b>Goal:</b>	Support the recreational needs of an evolving community through programming, parks, trails and facilities.
<b>Strategy:</b>	Maintain adopted levels of service targets for parks, trail and facilities.

**BACKGROUND**

The district's current comprehensive plan was originally adopted in July 2018 and updated in November 2024. The plan identifies level of service (LOS) targets for three categories of park infrastructure:

Neighborhood and Community Parks:	7.85 acres per 1,000 residents
Regional Parks:	10 acres per 1,000 residents
Trails:	1 mile per 1,000 residents

Each year, district staff calculates our current levels of service in order to evaluate how well we are meeting the community's park and recreation needs. The district's comprehensive plan identifies new park and trail projects to ensure we maintain adequate levels of service as the district's population increases.

The district also works to provide a park within a ½ mile walking distance to as many residents as possible. To do so, the district uses a walkshed analysis model to determine which areas of the district are served by existing parks and where there are gaps in service. The results of this analyses were used to develop the district's Park Search Area Map which identifies the planned location of future parks.

District staff will present our new level of service calculations and provide a high-level status update on the 110 projects identified in the comprehensive plan update.



**BUDGETARY IMPACT**

None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

None

**MOTION**

None

**ATTACHMENT**

None

**BOARD AGENDA COMMUNICATION**

<b>AGENDA DATE:</b>	January 6, 2026
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	JSFC Project Update
<b>STAFF RESOURCE:</b>	Brian Hudspeth, Director of Planning & Development
<b>PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:</b>	January 7, 2025, Pool Cover Discussion April 1, 2025, Adopted Resolution No. 2025-01 June 3, 2025, Award Design Build Contract
<b>ACTION PROPOSED:</b>	Discussion only.
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN:</b>	
<b>Priority:</b>	Service
<b>Goal:</b>	Maintain quality, clean and safe parks, trails and facilities.
<b>Strategy:</b>	Take care of what we have by prioritizing investment in existing assets.

**BACKGROUND**

The framed fabric structure covering the 50-meter pool at Juniper Swim & Fitness Center (JSFC) was originally installed in 1997 over an outdoor 40-yard pool. In 2006, as part of the JSFC renovation and expansion project, the structure was reused and expanded to accommodate a new 50-meter pool.

Since its original installation, the fabric covering has been seasonally removed each summer to create an open-air, outdoor pool environment. As the structure has aged, this annual installation and removal process has become increasingly difficult and problematic. The fabric material has an expected service life of 8 to 10 years given local climate conditions and usage; the district is now facing the need to purchase a fourth generation of fabric for the structure.

Due to the age of the structure, ongoing operational challenges associated with the fabric panels, and the fact that the original manufacturer is no longer in business, staff determined it was prudent to evaluate alternative options before investing significant funds into the existing system. During the 2025 Board Workshop, staff discussed these concerns with the Board and proposed an alternative delivery method to design and construct a new pool enclosure structure. This approach would also include renovations to the 50-meter pool walls, locker rooms, and other related building systems.

In June 2025, the district awarded a progressive design-build contract to Pence Construction. Since that time, Pence has been actively collaborating with staff to refine the project scope and develop cost estimates. Recent updates to manufacturer pricing and contractor cost estimates show that the total costs for the preferred roofing system and related building repairs have risen by over \$2 million. As a result, district staff asked the contractor to review other roofing options and

reconsider additional facility repairs. This report is intended to provide the board with an update on the project costs and facilitate discussion regarding other potential building and construction options.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT**

The 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) allocates \$9,670,000 in property tax revenue for the JSFC Pool Cover project and assumes the issuance of debt. Currently \$870 has been billed to date on the preconstruction work contract, which has a not to exceed amount of \$391,134.00.

The current cost estimate from Pence to complete the scope of work exceeds \$11 million dollars. Staff reviewed the studies done last winter with the Design Build Contractor and will discuss possible options with the board. Feedback from the board will be incorporated into the proposed CIP for full discussion at the budget workshop in January.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

No recommendation, for discussion only.

**MOTION**

*None*

**ATTACHMENT**

None



# Board Meeting Summary

December 16, 2025

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon

The Bend Park & Recreation District Board of Directors met on Dec. 16, 2025, for its final meeting of the calendar year. A [video recording](#) of the meeting is available. The meeting began with employee recognition for Shannon Gilman, who is retiring as the aquatics supervisor after 35 years with BPRD, and staff introductions in Recreation.

## **Business Session:**

### **Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Audit**

The board received the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) from Finance Manager Eric Baird, Administrative Services Director Kristin Toney, and guest presenters Cyrus Ward and Jessica Luther-Haynes. The report, required by Oregon law, provided a thorough overview of the district's financial position and operations. The independent audit, conducted by Aldrich CPAs + Advisors LLP, resulted in an unmodified "clean" opinion, affirming the district's fiscal integrity. The board accepted the ACFR as presented, recognizing its importance for transparency, bond ratings, and public trust.

***Director Schoen made a motion to accept the Bend Park and Recreation District's audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year 2025. Director Hovekamp seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. (Owens, Schneider, Schiffman, Hovekamp, Schoen)***

\*Attachments to the summary are online and include documents that were emailed to the board.

A – Board Package

B – FY 2025 BPRD Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

### **Boyd Acres Shop Construction Contract**

Bronwen Mastro, Landscape Architect, presented the proposal to award the construction contract for the Boyd Acres Park Services Complex. The board reviewed the project's background, noting the inadequacy of the existing facilities and the strategic importance of the new complex. After considering the single bid received from 2KG Contractors, Inc. for \$2,898,500, the board approved the contract and a 10% contingency.

***Director Schiffman made a motion to authorize the executive director to award a construction contract to 2KG Contractors, Inc. for \$2,898,500 and approve a 10% contingency of \$289,850, for a total construction budget not to exceed \$3,188,350. Condition upon the district's closing of the property. Director Schneider seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. (Owens, Schneider, Schiffman, Hovekamp, Schoen)***

### **Authorization to Amend Lease for Bend FC Ground Lease**

Senior Advisor Matt Mercer and Executive Director Michelle Healy recommended amending the ground lease with Deschutes Academy Futbol Club, also known as Bend FC, to extend the timeline for Phase 2 construction of additional soccer fields at Pine Nursery Park. The board of directors authorized the executive director to negotiate and approve Lease Amendment #4, extending the substantial completion date to July 31, 2028, and revising fundraising milestones.

***Director Schneider made a motion to authorize the executive director to negotiate and approve Amendment #4 of the Ground Lease with Bend FC, changing the organization's name, and extending the Phase 2 substantial completion and associated milestones in Amendment 3 to July 31, 2028. Director Schiffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. (Owens, Schneider, Schiffman, Hovekamp, Schoen)***

### **Consent Agenda:**

The board codified amended personnel policies, updating procedures for payroll, leave, compensation, and performance evaluations to reflect legislative changes and best practices, ensuring alignment with current workforce needs.

***Director Schneider made a motion to codify the amended policies as presented in Exhibit B – Amended Personnel Policies. Director Schiffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. (Owens, Schneider, Schiffman, Hovekamp, Schoen)***

### **Work Session:**

**Optimize Play** -- Staff reported on the Optimize Play initiative, highlighting successful training and broad staff engagement in process improvement and efficiency. There was strong engagement in recent training sessions, with 188 employees earning Greenbelt status. The board reviewed feedback and outcomes, noting widespread enthusiasm for process mapping and the "Batch vs. Flow" concept. Supervisors and managers were encouraged to support staff in applying these tools, with each team tasked to identify three opportunities for process improvement in the current budget year.

**Recreation Facility Level of Service** – Matt Mercer presented options for measuring level of service for indoor recreation facilities, especially swimming pools. The board considered methodologies including per capita analysis, need/unmet need surveys, and actual use data.

The meeting concluded with the executive director's report and board comments. The next board meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2026.



## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES January 2026

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### COMMUNITY PARK PROJECTS

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**Pine Nursery Park Phase 5:** Construction started in October with the first areas of focus being the maintenance yard, off leash area and pickleball courts. Work on the artificial turf infields has also begun, and excavation for athletic field lighting should begin early January. Construction is anticipated to be complete by fall of 2026.

*This project will construct the final features identified in the approved development plan for this highly used community park. Project work includes athletic field lighting, artificial turf infields, pickleball courts, new trail connectivity, ADA access improvements, off-leash dog area improvements, maintenance area improvements, landscaping and irrigation. Budget permitting, the project may also include full-court basketball, pickleball court lighting and pedestrian trail lighting.*

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/pine-nursery-park-phase-5/>



**Sawyer Park Upgrades:** The draft memorandum of agreement (MOA) is complete and is being circulated for signature. Once the MOA is signed by all parties, the agreement for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant can be completed and the project advertised for bid.

*Decades of use and increased visitors to the park created the need for an improved entrance and parking lot. The plans include relocating the parking area closer to O.B. Riley Road, adding accessible parking, habitat restoration, improving trail accessibility, and the addition of a permanent restroom, picnic shelter and river overlook. This project is funded in part by grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Local Government Grant Program.*

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/sawyerparkupgrades/>

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### NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PROJECTS

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**Coulter Grove Park:** The design phase is starting, and the next round of public outreach will take place in the second half of January. Outreach will include an online survey and two public open houses in which people will be asked to provide input on what type of features and amenities they would like to have in the new park. Feedback from this round of outreach will inform the preliminary conceptual designs.

*The district has been actively pursuing neighborhood park properties in underserved areas to meet the 2018 Park and Recreation District Comprehensive Plan goal of providing a park within one-half mile of every resident. The district purchased this property in 2023 to fulfill Search Area 18. <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/reed-lane-neighborhood-park-site/>*



**Manzanita Ridge:** The construction of Manzanita Ridge Neighborhood Park is complete. The park’s opening has brought excitement to the neighborhood, and the mild fall kept the park busy and active through November.

*This property will provide a new neighborhood park for surrounding residents in Shevlin West. The preferred concept design includes open lawn, picnic facilities, a shade shelter, play areas, soft surface and paved trails, benches, bike parking, and ADA designated street parking. A trailhead for the Manzanita Trail is also located in the park.*

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/shevlin-west/>

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## TRAIL PROJECTS

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**Deschutes River Trail South – Refinement Study:** On October 21, 2025, the board of directors approved a contract with Kittelson & Associates Inc. to complete a project refinement study which will develop and analyze new trail alignment alternatives. Information resulting from this work will be used to inform future community conversations and decision-making processes. The project started in mid-December and staff are currently working on the project website and finalizing the overall project schedule.

*This project will investigate alternative design and locations options for potential trail connections to the USFS river trail. It does not include scope for design or construction of infrastructure at this time.*



**North Unit Canal Trail – Phase 1:** The district has completed property acquisition and has submitted a permit application to the Bureau of Reclamation. Currently, staff does not have a set timeline for the permit review and approval process.

*This trail in northeast Bend is planned to be a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail with a primarily compacted gravel surface, similar to other canal trails in Bend, while some portions will have asphalt surface. Phase 1 includes the development of the trail between Canal Row Park and the future extension of Yeoman Road, which will also provide access to Pine Nursery Park. The segment of the trail that passes through the new Pahlisch Homes Petrosa subdivision will be transferred to BPRD for management upon completion and will offer connections to interior trails for Fieldstone Park.*

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/northunitcanaltrail/>



**Riverfront Street Deschutes River Trail Improvements:** The City of Bend has provided the district with 30% design documents and cost estimates. The designs are based on the “one-way street” design approach and include a 10-foot wide concrete trail in lieu of sidewalk throughout the entire street corridor. The district will continue to provide input to the city at regular intervals as design progresses. Design work is expected to be completed early 2026, however, funding for construction has still not been identified, so a timeline for construction cannot be provided at this time. BPRD and City staff met earlier this month to discuss project logistics as well as the Gilcrest Bridge. Both parties agreed to continue forward with design work on Riverfront Street to progress towards construction documentation. The City has agreed to look for ways to fund a bridge replacement for the Gilcrest Bridge. This work would likely be a partnership, where BPRD staff would do the work, with City provided funding.

*Riverfront Street, between Galveston Avenue at Drake Park, to Miller’s Landing Park, is a local street with a sidewalk that has functioned as the DRT for many years. It is one of the last remaining “gaps” along the trail through downtown Bend. In 2023, BPRD and the city signed an intergovernmental agreement as a joint effort led by the City of Bend and supported by BPRD. The renewed project will seek to improve conditions for trail users as well as replace the street and other public infrastructure as needed.* <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/deschutes-river-trail-riverfront/>



**Manzanita Trail:** Staff have completed all construction on the Manzanita Trail and it is now open for public use between Discovery Park and Shevlin Park. Staff will be installing additional wayfinding signage in the surrounding neighborhoods in early 2026.

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## REGIONAL/ COMMUNITY WIDE PROJECTS

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**Art Station:** Construction began in October and foundations are installed, with underground utilities underway. The Art Station is expected to be under construction until summer of 2026.

*This new facility will be built adjacent to the basketball court at Larkspur Park. It will have an entry space, three classrooms, office space, and restrooms. The surrounding natural space and trails will be a beneficial asset to the Art Station for inspiration and space to create, while preserving the landscape and trail experience to the fullest extent possible.*

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/art-station/>



**Bend White Water Park Maintenance and McKay Park River Access Project:** Conceptual design development began in late summer 2025 and will continue through the winter. These concepts, which will be presented to the public in early 2026, will allow the project team to analyze varying levels of options to address priorities.

*Completed in 2016, the Whitewater Park is due for review and maintenance. The first phase of this project will use survey and engineering analysis to compare the current functions of the park with the original design intent. Once the reports are complete, the district will determine a scope of work for a project to update and improve the whitewater park features. The project also includes improving river access for all users at McKay Park. The preferred concept design was completed and approved in 2023 under the McKay, Miller's, and Columbia Park River Access and Restoration project.*

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/bend-whitewater-park-maintenance-and-mckay-park-access/>



**Columbia Park River Access Project:** Land use permitting at the local level is complete and construction permits at the state and federal levels have been secured, but construction permitting at the local level continues. It is anticipated that this project will go out to bid in summer 2026 with construction beginning in early fall 2026.

*The preferred concept design includes bank improvements to enhance the natural area within this reach of river frontage. Also included is a small, hardened access point for river users to enter and exit the river, or to sit and relax by the water. This project was prioritized from the 2018 Deschutes River Access and Habitat Restoration Plan, and the preferred concept design was completed under the 2023 McKay, Miller's, and Columbia Park River Access project.*



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## ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

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**JSFC Outdoor Pool Roof Cover Replacement and Renovation Project:** In June of 2025, the district hired Pence Construction as a Design Build contractor to complete both design and construction of the project. Pence has been working on preliminary design and bringing on additional design build contractors to move the project forward for better cost estimating. Design and permitting will continue through 2026.

*This design build contract project combines five projects needed for the facility which are replacement of the existing 50-meter pool cover, replacement of the main chiller unit, replacement of the roofing material covering the south wing, re-lining of the Myrtha walls in the 50-meter pool and remodeling the original locker rooms on the northwest side of the building.*

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/juniper-renovations/>



**Park Services Complex:** The award of the construction contract was approved at the December 16, 2025 board meeting and the district closed on the sale of the property the following day. Construction is expected to start late January and is anticipated to be complete September 2026.

*The district has executed a purchase and sale agreement (PSA) with the City of Bend for the purchase of their existing utility shop on Boyd Acres Road to become the new Park Services site. This PSA allows the city to occupy the facility until their new facility is complete, which is anticipated at the end of 2025. The district is developing a design for tenant improvements to be constructed once the district takes ownership of the property.*



**Hollinshead Park ADA and Preferred Concept Design:** With designs nearing completion, staff will begin analyzing different funding opportunities for installation of the upgrades at Hollinshead Park. Construction is slated to begin mid-2027.

*Knowing the importance of this historic property, community members and BPRD staff worked together in 2010 to develop a preferred concept plan for the future of the property. Improvements for the park include a new permanent restroom, ADA-compliant pathways, renovation of the parking area, enclosing the off-leash area, a "history walk" with interpretive signs in collaboration with the Deschutes Historical Society, and a maintenance report to preserve the park's structures.*

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/hollinshead-park/>



**Sylvan Park Playground Renovation:** This project is out to bid for construction with bids due by January 15<sup>th</sup>. The estimated groundbreaking will be this spring 2026.

*The small wood-based playground was built in 1993, no longer serving the needs of the neighborhood. The district will replace the playground and surfacing and create an accessible route to the playground from the parking area.*

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/sylvan-park-playground-renovation/>



**Old Bend Gym Wall Renovation:** A contractor has been selected, and the award of the construction contract will go to the board for approval at the same time as the lease for the Boys & Girls Club. Construction is anticipated to start late spring 2026, when the weather is more suitable for the work.

*The Old Bend Gym is a historic building on the National Register of Historic Places. The building is owned by BPRD, operated by the Boys & Girls Club on property owned by the Bend-La Pine School District. The entry to the building from NW Wall Street utilizes an exterior staircase for access to the second floor. The structural wall supporting the staircase is failing and needs to be replaced.*



**Larkspur Park Playground Renovation:** After years of use at this highly popular playground, renovations and replacements of the existing playground surfacing is needed. The major priority for this replacement is to ensure property ADA access is maintained throughout the playground area, including proper grade transitions from hardscape to playground surfacing. A site survey has been completed, and staff will begin to analyze that data this winter.

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## OTHER PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

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**Park Search Area Planning:** District planners regularly work with local developers or private property owners to acquire property for new parks and trails in district Park Search Areas as defined by the 2018 Comprehensive Plan: 2024 Midterm Update.

- The board of directors recently approved the Easton Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of a new 2-acre neighborhood park site in southeast Bend. District staff are working to finalize the agreement.

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**SDC Waivers for Affordable Housing:** Park SDC waivers for 787 single- and multi-family units have been approved through coordination with the City of Bend at a cost to the district of about \$5.5 million in waived SDC fees. BPRD has also approved SDC waivers for three temporary shelter projects, totaling 32 units, and at a cost of \$200,737 to the district. The board approved an additional 150 waivers for 2025 and 2026, all 150 of which have been used. Staff and legal counsel have completed the necessary deed restriction documents for 614 units since May 2020. Planning staff will provide an update on the waiver program at the January 6 board meeting.

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**Deschutes River Access and Habitat Restoration Plan (River Plan) Update:** The River Plan was adopted by the Board in November of 2021, and significant work has been completed to implement the plan lead by a team comprised of Planning and Development and Natural Resources and Trails. On-the-ground conditions and data availability have changed significantly since the plan was adopted, and a mid-term update is necessary. Planning staff will provide a summary of our work to date to implement the plan and discuss the mid-term update at the January 6, 2026, board meeting.

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## Board Calendar 2026

*\*This working calendar of goals/projects is intended as a guide for the board and subject to change.*

### **JANUARY 20**

#### **WORK SESSION**

- Recreation Facility Feasibility Study – *Matt Mercer (60 min)*

#### **CONSENT**

- Board Manual Update

#### **BUSINESS SESSION**

- B&G Club Lease – *Kristin Toney (15 min)*
- Resolution No. 2026-01 Budget Amendment Rental Fund– *Kristin Toney (15 min)*
- Approve Old Bend Gym Wall Repair construction contract – *Bronwen Mastro (10 min)*

### **BUDGET WORKSHOP** – January 23

### **FEBRUARY 3**

#### **STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

Sue Glenn

- Jacob Swinn

#### **WORK SESSION**

#### **BUSINESS SESSION**

### **FEBRUARY 11** – Joint Meeting with the City

### **FEBRUARY 17** Joint Meeting with the City 4 pm -6 pm

#### **WORK SESSION**

#### **BUSINESS SESSION**

### **Future Topics**

IGA with NUID for canal trail – *Henry Stroud*

Comp Plan Update – *Sara Anselment*

Quitclaim for NUID – *Henry Stroud*

DEI Update – *Bronwen Mastro*

OB Riley annexation

Annexation Policy update approval

Larkspur Parking

Perception Survey – *Rachel Colton*

South UGB Updates

Bend Whitewater Park

Coulter Grove Park Concept Plan– *Bronwen Mastro*

Talline PSA

Approve Amendment to Pre-construction JSFC Pool Cover Contract – *Brian Hudspeth (45 min)*