



Bend Park & Recreation District

October 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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AGENDA

4:30 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will meet in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) and (h) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions and consulting with legal counsel regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. This session is closed to all members of the public except representatives of the news media. Representatives of the news media who wish to attend should contact Natalie Macsalka at nataliem@bendparksandrec.org

The board of directors will hold its bi-monthly regularly scheduled meeting. In accordance with Oregon state law, this meeting is open to the public and may be attended in person or remotely.

In-person: Community Room at 799 SW Columbia St. Bend, OR 97702

Virtual/remotely: There are two ways to join remotely:

- Via Zoom: click the link below and enter the passcode:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81492874137?pwd=lbOwoSKVFsLbsWus4AaYbKYz2aNuFW.1>
Passcode: 541688
- Telephone: Call 1 669 900 6833 and enter webinar ID: 814 9287 4137 Passcode: 541688

5:30 pm CONVENE MEETING

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

The board welcomes comments on district-related topics. This time is for listening only and is not intended to be a dialog with the board. Comments are limited to three minutes and may be provided in person or virtually. In-person speakers must complete a comment card and submit it to staff. Virtual participants should use the “Raise Hand” feature and will be called in the order received; cameras and microphones should be enabled. If there are questions, follow up will occur after the meeting. Thank you for your involvement.

WORK SESSION

1. Deschutes River Trail South—Refinement Study Progress Update – *Matt Kittleson, Kittleson and Associates (60 minutes)*
2. COB and BPRD Framework for Advancing Affordable Housing, Recreation Access, Interagency Collaboration, and Community Vitality—*Michelle Healy (5 min)*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

MEETING SUMMARY –9/15

REPORTS – Project Report

BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR

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BOARD AGENDA COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE:	October 6, 2026
SUBJECT:	Deschutes River Trail South – Refinement Study Progress Update
STAFF RESOURCE:	Henry Stroud, Principal Planner
PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:	October 21, 2025, Contract Award to Kittelson & Associates
ACTION PROPOSED:	None
STRATEGIC PLAN:	
Priority:	Service
Goal:	Support the recreational needs of an evolving community through programming, parks, trails and facilities
Strategy:	Maintain adopted level of service targets for parks, trails and facilities

BACKGROUND

In October of 2025, the district awarded a contract to Kittelson & Associates for the Deschutes River Trail South Refinement Study. This study will develop and analyze possible alternatives for completing the southern gap of the Deschutes River Trail in Bend, including at least one “no-build” alternative that utilizes existing trail corridors to complete the connection. The study will also complete preliminary feasibility studies for two “preferred alternatives”, which will be recommended to the board by the project team for approval and may include a “no-build” alternative depending on the results of the alternatives analysis.

The results of this study will provide the district, the public, and other stakeholders with more information regarding the possible design, regulatory constraints, permitting pathways, costs, and environmental impacts or benefits of the project. The results of this study will be used to inform future community conversations and decision-making processes.

The study has been divided into four distinct phases:

- Phase 1 – Existing Conditions Documentation
- Phase 2 – Alternatives Development
- Phase 3 – Alternatives Analysis
- Phase 4 – Feasibility Studies

The project team has completed Phases 1 & 2 and will use this presentation to provide the board with an update on the project including: project background, a summary of work completed to date including an overview of the existing conditions within the study area and the developed alternatives, and a summary of input by the general public and the project’s Stakeholder Advisory

Group.

More information about the project, including recordings of all project Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings and links to project documents can be found at:

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/deschutes-river-trail-south-study>

BUDGETARY IMPACT

The district approved a contract to Kittelson Associates for \$270,284, including contingency. The 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) allocates \$300,000 in system development charge funds (SDCs) for the project and there are no anticipated changes to the total contract value. This study will include order of magnitude cost estimates for the two “preferred alternatives” approved for evaluation in Phase 4.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None

MOTION

None

ATTACHMENT

None

BOARD AGENDA COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE:	October 6, 2026
SUBJECT:	City of Bend and Bend Park and Recreation District Shared Framework for Advancing Affordable Housing, Recreation Access, Interagency Collaboration, and Community Vitality
STAFF RESOURCE:	Michelle Healy, Executive Director Natalie Macsalka, Executive Assistant and Board Liaison
PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:	7-21-2026, Introduction in Work Session
ACTION PROPOSED:	None
STRATEGIC PLAN:	
Priority:	Community
Goal:	Expand and leverage collaborations to increase impact
Strategy:	Strategically align with partners that enhance the district's efforts

BACKGROUND

In early Spring 2026 leadership from the city approached the district's board chair and vice-chair to discuss how both organizations could collaborate on addressing community challenges related to housing affordability while continuing to fulfill their respective core missions. Early conversations focused on developing a shared vision that acknowledged the importance of housing affordability, its impact on the community, and each agency's commitment to doing its part to support a healthy and livable Bend.

Through a series of meetings, the discussions expanded beyond housing to include parks, trails, recreation access, environmental stewardship, transportation connections, and long-term community vitality. The resulting framework reflects a shared commitment to collaboration and coordination where interests align, while recognizing the unique missions, governance responsibilities, financial constraints, and operational needs of each organization (see attachment A). The framework is intended to identify potential areas for partnership and future exploration and does not commit either agency to any specific financial obligation, policy change, or implementation strategy.

During development of the framework district leadership emphasized the importance of protecting the district's long-term financial sustainability and operational responsibilities. As a result, the framework includes language encouraging the evaluation of mitigation and offset strategies including Tax Increment Financing (TIF), joint grant opportunities, revenue sharing mechanisms, transient lodging taxes, fee waivers and other sources that might help offset potential impacts associated with affordable housing initiatives and related infrastructure needs. The proposed

framework has now been reviewed by both boards of directors, and a final draft is ready. City of Bend intends to approve the Framework at their October 21, 2026 City Council meeting.

BUDGETARY IMPACT

Potential budgetary impacts could be modest to significant depending on how the framework is ultimately implemented. The framework itself does not commit the district or city to specific expenditures, policy changes or financial obligations. However, it identifies several strategies that could affect revenues, operating costs, capital costs, and long-term maintenance obligations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Review the final draft of the Framework, and, if supportive, direct staff to place the framework on October 20, 2026, Business Meeting agenda for formal consideration and adoption by resolution.

MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENT

- A. COB & BPRD Shared Framework for Advancing Affordable Housing, Recreation Access, Interagency Collaboration, and Community Vitality

City of Bend & Bend Park and Recreation District

Shared Framework for Advancing Affordable Housing, Recreation Access, Interagency Collaboration, and Community Vitality

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Purpose

To reflect the City and Park District's shared commitment to collaboration and coordination, recognizing that with limited resources and a growing community, intentional partnership is needed to ensure community members have access to housing, essential services, and parks and trails that support a thriving community.

Shared Vision

A Bend where people can live, work, and play in connected, healthy neighborhoods with access to parks, nature, and essential services. The City and BPRD recognize that housing affordability and high-quality parks, trails and recreation services are desired and foundational to community well-being and long-term sustainability.

High-Level Goals

1. Expand and Sustain Affordable Housing Across the Continuum

Ensure Bend has a range of housing options—from deeply affordable to workforce housing—so residents regardless of income levels can live in the community.

2. Preserve and Enhance Access to Parks, Trails, Natural Spaces and Recreation programming

Recognize parks and recreation are essential for our entire community. Ensure equitable access to high-quality recreational and environmental amenities as parks serve as the “front and back yards” for many residents, especially as Bend becomes denser.

3. Strengthen Interagency Collaboration to Meet Community Priorities

Create predictable, transparent, and coordinated processes that allow the City and BPRD to jointly address growth pressures, rising costs, and structural revenue challenges.

4. Support a Healthy, Connected, and Thriving Community

Integrate housing, transportation, parks, trails, climate and environmental planning to ensure Bend remains livable, resilient, and economically vibrant.

Strategic Goals & Joint Strategies

GOAL 1: Coordinated Planning

Objective: Align long-range plans, development policies, and capital investments to support both affordable housing and park, trail and recreation services and access.

Strategies

- Identify areas where increased density and park/trail access can be co-planned.
- Use shared data (housing needs, park access gaps, transportation patterns, park usage data—~~such as Placer Ai~~) to inform and guide decisions.
- Align Council and BPRD goals to establish and reinforce shared priorities.

GOAL 2: Environmental Health & Community Well-Being

Objective: Recognize parks, trails and natural areas as essential environmental and public health infrastructure.

Strategies

- ~~Highlight Value~~ the role of parks in urban heat mitigation, stormwater benefits, mental health, and community cohesion.
- Ensure that as density increases, parks remain accessible, high-quality, and equitably distributed.
- Collaborate on urban forestry, wildfire mitigation, green infrastructure, and climate adaptation initiatives.
- Establish ~~programmatic~~ process improvements to optimize and streamline efficiencies for parks, trails, natural areas development and maintenance.

GOAL 3: Collaborative, Efficient Development Pathways for Affordable Housing

Objective: Work collaboratively to create more predictable ~~and~~, efficient, ~~and~~ ~~programmatic~~ processes that accelerate ~~housing projects~~ serving lower-income households.

Strategies

- Establish more ~~programmatic and~~ efficient approval pathways for housing ~~projects~~ developments that provide affordable rental housing for households earning 60% AMI or less and affordable homeownership opportunities earning 80% AMI or less ~~serving <60% AMI.~~

- Explore a streamlined, tiered park SDC waiver program that aligns exemptions or reductions with affordability levels and duration.
- Evaluate in-kind contributions, incentives and policy approaches that support both housing and parks and trails development.
- Prioritize housing tools that have a lower impact on BPRD's finances, operations or long-term maintenance obligations.

GOAL 4: Shared Financial Sustainability & Revenue Innovation

Objective: Address structural revenue challenges while enabling affordable housing production and parks and trails development.

Strategies

- Explore and then develop revenue-sharing models where appropriate (e.g., tax increment, URA-based offsets, joint grant pursuits, transient lodging taxes).
- Identify opportunities for state or federal funding that support both housing and parks/trails.
- Evaluate long-term financial impacts of SDC waivers, exemptions or adjustments and develop mitigation strategies.
- Consider Develop joint advocacy for state-level structural reforms that support both agencies.
- Explore and then develop Urban Renewal as a mechanism to offset impacts or fund shared infrastructure for parks and trails.

GOAL 5: Transportation, Mobility, and Connected Communities

Objective: Ensure residents of all income levels can safely and easily access parks, trails, schools, jobs, and services.

Strategies

- Coordinate on transportation and mobility improvements that serve both housing and park access.
- Prioritize walkable, bikeable, transit-connected neighborhoods with integrated green space.
- Use shared impact assessments to evaluate how new housing affects park access and mobility networks.

Guiding Principles for “How We Work Together”

- **Transparency:** Share information early and consistently.
- **Predictability:** Establish clear processes and timelines for decision-making.
- **Equity:** Prioritize actions that improve access and outcomes for lower-income and underserved residents.
- **Mutual Benefit:** Seek solutions that support both affordable housing and park system sustainability within the means and resources of each agency.
- **Operational Stewardship:** Avoid ~~tools that~~ compromising either agency's ability to maintain essential services.
- **Flexibility:** Adapt approaches as community needs and financial conditions evolve.
- **Community-Centered:** Keep the focus on long-term livability, health, and resilience for Bend residents.

Potential Tools for Implementation

- Tiered SDC exemptions, waivers or reductions
- ~~Programmatic~~ Approvals for ~~deeply~~ affordable housing with agreed upon AMI levels or other terms that can be approved programmatically vs on a project-by-project basis
- Urban Renewal participation or mitigation with more specificity on park development projects and timing
- Joint infrastructure planning (parks, trails and mobility, utilities)
- Land swaps or co-location opportunities
- Revenue-sharing and/or cost offset mechanisms
- ~~Grant~~ partnerships
- ~~Support~~ and advocacy of alternative or additional funding
- Shared policy collaboration (e.g., density bonuses tied to park access improvements)
- Permitting and approval efficiencies for park and trail needs
- Development Code changes that facilitate shared goals

- In-kind Park and trail contributions, including maintenance of trails, sidewalks and roadway connections within the City's low-stress network
- Parking management
- Law enforcement coordination



Board Meeting Summary

September 16, 2026

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon

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DIRECTORS PRESENT

Cary Schneider
Deb Schoen
Donna Owens
Jodie Schiffman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Absent: Nathan Hovekamp

The official minutes of the September 15, 2026, Bend Park and Recreation District Board of Directors meeting are captured via video recording and are available for viewing online at: https://www.bendparksandrec.org/about/board_meetings/. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

VISITORS

No visitors wished to speak

Executive Director Michelle Healy began with the following statement regarding the removal of the boat at Harmon Park:

“Daily, at Bend Park and Recreation District, we take pride in our work to create spaces and experiences where the community can come together. It is core to our mission, and we are very fortunate to have a dedicated staff of professionals who embrace their responsibilities and make decisions, big and small.

The boat was a safety concern, and it was our responsibility, we felt, to remove it. We have a playground safety inspection process, and we have certified playground inspectors on our staff. Unfortunately, when the boat was pulled out of the Little Deschutes back in the 1970s and repurposed, it was not designed to meet today’s standards for play equipment. It has also taken a lot of maintenance investment over the years. There has been graffiti, there have been a lot of things that have gone on with that boat, and it really just reached the end of its life.

The staff decision to remove the boat at Harmon Park was not made lightly. We all knew. We were sad. Many of us have been on that boat and used it ourselves. We understand it is disappointing to some community members who have a deep love for it and for the memories they may have made there at the park.

We also know that others have expressed their disappointment that there was not more public engagement in making the decision. A lot of people saw it through social media, and some of

the responses were very nostalgic about the boat. I will say that we were not quite expecting the level of sentimental attachment, but it is understandable, and it led us to reflect on what we could have done differently.

The history of Bend is critically important, especially as it is growing and changing so dramatically, and we do want the public involved with our services. I think the question is, what is going to come next? Our work out there is not finished. We plan to have a public outreach process. We had intended to; we probably could have told people that sooner, rather than after the fact, to look at what kind of replacement equipment should be there. Some people are very interested in maybe another type of boat, and maybe that is what it is. We will see what the community thinks and what kids these days are most interested in seeing.

We are committed to doing this outreach because, one, it is the right thing to do, but also because we really want to honor the feedback that we received over the last week. You all know that taking care of what we have is our priority, and we have a lot of aging systems. We must make decisions all the time, and we are going to have to make more decisions about replacing things. The boat at Harmon was unique, for sure, but we have other things that some people may be attached to, so we need to consider that. We also need to consider safety and access as we make those choices moving forward.

We have told community members that they are welcome to contact us at any time. We have this public meeting and this public forum for people to show up, but we are also going to be reaching out and doing intentional outreach with them as well. I want to say thank you to the community members. Some of their feedback was hard to hear, and some of it was expressed very bluntly, but it keeps us accountable. We needed to hear that, and I respect it. Thank you everybody and thank you to the Board. There is more to come on the process for the boat moving forward.”

Work Session

Board Clerk Natalie Macsalka provided a high-level review of fiscal year 2026 progress under the district’s 2024-2029 Strategic Plan. Staff completed 54 of 67 annual actions across the plan’s team, service and community priorities. Highlights included improvements to employee onboarding and recognition, operational efficiencies, volunteer engagement, the tree inventory and inclusive recreation programming.

Fiscal year 2027 actions are underway, and planning for fiscal year 2028 will begin in November. Board members commended staff’s progress and discussed lessons learned, including the value of phasing larger efforts and allowing additional time for work involving multiple partners.

Executive Director’s report

- Healy recognized staff work completed during the Larkspur Center maintenance closure, including pool maintenance, exterior painting and other facility improvements. The Art Station was expected to open September 21, and the Juniper outdoor pool cover was expected to go up in mid-October.

- Healy celebrated Kids Inc. for being fully staffed by the start of the program, crediting strategic staffing decisions, professional development and improved retention.
- September 17 pickleball naming celebration at Pine Nursery Park.
- District representatives would attend ORPA, where the district would receive a safety award for the AEDs in Parks project and Kelsey would present a session. She thanked the Community Engagement team and the Foundation for coordinating the Hollinshead open house and Pavilionpalooza.

Good of the Order

- Director Owens reported on the City of Bend work session concerning the shared framework and tree code review; attendance at the Nine Peaks ribbon cutting; patron questions regarding Larkspur hours, youth swim center access and potential open-space acquisition; and migrating Vaux's swifts at the Boys & Girls Club.
- Director Schiffman thanked the Board and staff for covering responsibilities during her wildfire assignments. She supported the safety-based decision regarding the Harmon Park boat and suggested a plaque or interpretive feature to preserve its history as replacement equipment is considered. Healy agreed staff would evaluate the suggestion.
- Director Schoen supported staff's safety decision, acknowledged the community's disappointment and emphasized public involvement in determining what replaces the boat. She also reported on Pavilionpalooza and thanked the Foundation and District staff.
- Director Schneider congratulated Redmond on opening its new recreation center and recognized staff, consultants and volunteers participating in the South Connection stakeholder process.

The meeting adjourned following Good of the Order. The next board meeting is October 6, 2026. ###



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES October 2026

COMMUNITY PARK PROJECTS

Pine Nursery Park Phase 5: *This project constructs the final features identified in the approved development plan for this highly used community park. Project work includes athletic field lighting, artificial turf infields, more pickleball courts, pickleball court lighting, full court basketball, new trail connectivity, ADA access improvements, off-leash dog area improvements, pedestrian trail lighting, maintenance area improvements, landscaping, and irrigation.*

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

Phase: Construction

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- The final electrical equipment has been installed to complete the athletic field lighting and the storage building. The commissioning of the lights as well as dark sky certification can now be scheduled, and the project will be wrapping up soon.

Sawyer Park Upgrades: *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/>

Phase: Permitting

☒ No updates

- Permitting is causing some delays in construction getting started, however, the contractor is expected to mobilize on site this month.

☐ Update

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PROJECTS

Coulter Grove Park: *The district purchased this property in 2023 to fulfill Search Area 18. The preferred concept for this neighborhood park includes a picnic shelter, open lawn, play areas, exercise stations, half-court basketball, pathways, and natural areas.* <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/reed-lane-neighborhood-park-site/>

Phase: Outreach/Design

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- The preferred concept design was approved at the July 21 board meeting. Design development has been put on a temporary hold due to staffing. When staffing is normalized, staff will continue work on design development with the design firm this coming winter.

TRAIL PROJECTS

Deschutes River Trail South – Refinement Study: *This project will investigate and refine alternatives for completing the Deschutes River Trail South project. It does not include scope for final design or construction at this time.*

<https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/deschutes-river-trail-south-study/>

Phase: Planning

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- The stakeholder advisory group held their second meeting on September 2, 2026, to review preliminary alternatives (trail alignments) and provide feedback on the proposed criteria to evaluate each alignment. The project team is currently working on finalizing these criteria and evaluating each potentially promising alternative and will provide an update to the Board of Directors at the October 6, 2026 meeting.

North Unit Canal Trail – Phase 1: *This trail in northeast Bend is planned to be a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail with primarily compacted gravel surface, with some portions having asphalt surface. Phase 1 includes the development 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/>

Phase: Permitting

☒ No updates

- The district has completed property acquisition and has submitted a permit application to the Bureau of Reclamation. Currently, staff do not have a set timeline for the permit review and approval process.

☐ Update

Riverfront Street Deschutes River Trail Improvements: *Riverfront Street, between Galveston Avenue and Miller’s Landing Park, is a local street with narrow sidewalk that has functioned as the DRT for many years. It is one of the last remaining “gaps” of 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/>

Phase: Design

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- The City of Bend has provided the district with 90% design documents for the “one-way street” design approach that includes a 10-foot-wide concrete trail in lieu of sidewalk throughout the entire street corridor. District staff have reviewed and approved the designs. 100% designs are expected to be delivered in the coming weeks.

North Shevlin Trail Construction: *The district recently completed a detailed trail plan for North Shevlin Park which recommended multiple projects including new trail connections, trail closures, and trail renovations designed to create managed formal access in the area of Shevlin Park east of Tumalo Creek and north of Shevlin Park Road. This multi-year project will be completed in phases as funding becomes available.*

Phase: Planning

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- The district has begun construction of phase 1 of the proposed changes to North Shevlin which includes new trail construction, decommissioning certain trails, and installing trail wayfinding signage. Phase 1, construction is expected to continue through Spring of 2027. The district is currently preparing a scope of work for design and construction of the planned trail bridge near Aspen Hall to provide enhanced access across Tumalo Creek to the northeast portion of Shevlin Park.

REGIONAL/ COMMUNITY WIDE PROJECTS

Art Station and Larkspur Parking Considerations: *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 art programs for inspiration and space to create, while preserving the landscape and trail experience to the fullest extent possible. Additional research will also be done to evaluate the Larkspur complex parking. Staff hired a transportation engineer to review and evaluate the current parking constraints seen frequently onsite. The potential for 50+ parking stalls may be required for the overall Larkspur Site.* <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/art-station/>

Phase: Construction

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- The Art Station is up and running! Punch list items are being addressed as well as some exterior improvements and landscaping. Full completion is expected this October.

Bend White Water Park Maintenance and McKay Park River Access Project: *After completion in 2016, the Whitewater Park is due for review and maintenance. The first phase of this project used survey and engineering analysis to compare the current functions of the park with the original design intent. The district will work with the consultant to determine the 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/>

Phase: Design

☒ No updates

- Staff provided a project status update to the July 21 board meeting.

☐ Update

Columbia Park River Access and Gilchrist Bridge Replacement Project: *The preferred concept design includes bank improvements to enhance the natural area within this reach of river frontage, as well as a small, hardened access point for river users. 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. Additionally, the BPRD Board of Directors and Bend City Council met and agreed in March 2026 to add replacement of the Gilchrist Bridge into the scope of the Columbia Park project.* <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/columbia-park-river-access-project/>

Phase: Permitting

☒ No updates

- Tree protection is being installed, and permits are being finalized. The construction start date is anticipated for this month.

☐ Update

ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Sylvan Park Playground Renovation: *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/>

Phase: Construction

☒ No updates

- Playground equipment is being installed by the contractor, with surfacing to follow.

☐ Update

JSFC Outdoor Pool Roof Cover Replacement and Renovation Project: *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, and re-lining of the Myrtha walls in the 50-meter pool. Work is scheduled to begin Fall 2027. <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/juniper-renovations/>*

Phase: Planning

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- The Pence Construction team has been finalizing design issues with the City of Bend's permitting staff; the design of the new structure will require some building code modifications which have been submitted to the City for review and opinion. Once those modifications have been addressed, the design will move forward for permit submittal.

Boyd Acres Park Services Complex: *The district 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 allowed the city to occupy the facility until their new facility was complete. The complex has been going through tenant improvements, which are anticipated for completion by the end of 2026.*

Phase: Construction

☐ No updates:

☒ Update

- The contractor is expected to receive occupancy for Buildings B and C by the end of September. The final occupancy for Building D is expected by mid-October. Park Services staff will begin moving by mid-October and should be fully operational by the first of November.

Hollinshead Park ADA and Preferred Concept Design: *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/>*

Phase: Permitting

☒ No updates

- The City of Bend Land Use application is being prepared and will be ready to submit this summer. Once Land Use has been finalized, the construction permitting process will begin and carry through to spring 2027. Construction is anticipated to start summer 2027.

☐ Update

Old Bend Gym Wall Renovation: *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.*

Phase: Permitting

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- The contractor who is casting the molds for the decorative cornices completed onsite work at the end of September. The molds will be taken to his shop for final completion this winter.

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.*

Phase: Planning

☒ No updates

- Additional analysis is required to determine the full scope of this project. Staff will continue to develop options.

☐ Update

OTHER PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

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 Comprehensive Plan: 2024 Midterm Update.*

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- Staff are working with several property owners in search areas 15, 21 and 38, all located in the SE section of town. These are very difficult areas of the community to locate park properties within. PSA 38 is anticipated to be presented to the board for approval at the October 20th meeting. As staff receive more details on PSA's 15 and 21, these properties will be brought to the board for consideration to move forward with purchase and sale agreements.

SDC Waivers for Affordable Housing:

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- 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 \$5.37million 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 819 units since May 2020.

Deschutes River Access and Habitat Restoration Plan (River Plan) Update: *The 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%. Planning staff are working on a minor update to the plan to reflect changing conditions within the river corridor and to incorporate new sources of data regarding environmental conditions and river park usage.*

☒ No updates

- Staff provided the board with an update on plan implementation and the scope of the update and are currently working on background data collection and review, including a review of the habitat inventory work completed by BPRD's 2025 summer intern.

☐ Update

Climate Adaptation Plan Update: *The district has begun to develop a Climate Adaptation Plan that will include specific strategies to reduce impacts to district assets and manage the risks associated with climate change.*

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- The Executive Team is reviewing the final list of potential adaptation strategies and actions. Once complete, staff will begin the process of prioritizing the strategies and actions based on agreed-upon criteria.

Tax Exemptions and Tax Increment Financing (TIF): *The City of Bend uses a number of tax exemptions and TIF programs to incentivize both residential and commercial development. These tax exemptions and TIF programs have a near term impact on district property tax revenues, with the goal of increasing property tax revenues in the long term. TIF and tax exemption durations range from 5 to 32 years from approval date.*

☒ No updates

- At the City of Bend City Council work session on August 12, Council reviewed recommendations from the Housing Options Made for Everyone (HOME) committee on how to stimulate and facilitate housing development in Bend. [Here is the staff memo](#) and [here is the staff presentation](#). Both tax exemptions and additional tax increment finance areas were options considered by the committee. The next step is for staff to develop a workplan based upon the HOME committee's recommendations and Council feedback, which is expected to be complete early 2027.

☐ Update

Board Calendar 2026

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

October 20 Board Reports Due 10/9

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Land

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Josh Olsen

- Andrew Owen-Facility Specialist 2

WORK SESSION

- Class and Comp Update (30 min) Kathleen Hinman
- Summer Recreation Overview—*Michael Egging (15 min)*

BUSINESS SESSION

- Approve Resolution # 2026-0X for the purchase of PSA 21— *Sara Anselment (15 min)*
- Approve Resolution # 2026-0X for the purchase of the Bear Creek property— *Sara Anselment (15 min)*
- Resolution No. X Approving COB/BPRD Framework – *Michelle Healy (5 min)* – tent

REPORTS

November 3 Board Reports Due 10/23

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WORK SESSION

- City of Bend Economic Development Initiatives – *Katy Brooks (30 min)*
- Report on Historical Society for Hollinshead Museum – *Julie Brown (20 min)*
- Park Steward Program—*Julie Brown (30 min) tentative*
- Budget Committee Appointment Process—*Kristin Toney (5min)*

BUSINESS SESSION

- Approve DRT South recommended alignments – tentative *Henry Stroud (45 min)*

REPORTS - Project Updates

November 17 Board Reports Due 11/6

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WORK SESSION

- TPL Financial Feasibility report – *TPL and Michelle Healy (30 min)tent*
- Neighborhood Parks and Sports—Overview of Program
- Events and rentals in Parks – Jase Newton and David Keiffer (30 min)
- Optimize Play—*Kristin Toney (10 min)* (tell Kristin)

BUSINESS SESSION

REPORTS

- First Quarter Admin Update

- Summer Recreation Report

Future Topics

IGA with NUID for canal trail – *Henry Stroud*

DEI Update – *Bronwen Mastro*

South UGB Updates – *Henry Stroud*

Park Search Area 5 PSA – Quinn Keever

Therapeutic Recreation Update

Girls in sports

Stewardship enforcement

Class and Comp

Fleet Leasing Update