

continues to grow. The framework establishes a shared vision and identifies opportunities for future collaboration while recognizing the unique missions, governance responsibilities and financial constraints of each organization.

During development of the proposal, district leadership emphasized protecting the district's long-term financial sustainability and operational responsibilities while exploring opportunities to address community challenges collaboratively. Staff indicated the City of Bend plans to consider the framework later this month and recommended that the board consider formal adoption at its Oct. 20 business meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The district's \$1 million Local Government Grant request for Hollinshead was recommended for funding by the committee and awaits final approval by the Commission.
- Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund approval was received for the Western Rivers Brooks property, which allows the grant agreement to proceed and closing on the property, expected this winter. It adds another trail connection.
- Staff will report later this fall on the Oregon Recreation and Park Association (ORPA) conference and a safety award the district received.
- The Art Station event is Sunday; volunteers are welcome.
- On October 12 at OSU-Cascades at 5:30 p.m., the City of Bend hosts the Southwest Neighborhood District Roundtable, and district staff will attend. A city neighborhood survey ranked access to nature and outdoor recreation, including COID parkland and a footbridge across the river, among top priorities.
- A letter regarding e-bikes is in the Board packet and was also emailed.
- Customer Service Appreciation week is under way.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Cary Schneider:

- Thanked the district for the opportunity to attend NRPA, describing it as one of the most insightful conferences he has attended.
- Recognized Natalie Macsalka for coordinating conference travel and logistics.
- Acknowledged the recent departures of Rachel Colton and Bronwyn, noting the significant value both brought to the organization and expressing appreciation for their contributions.
- Thanked staff, including Julie Brown and Natalie Macsalka, for their work preparing for the meeting and managing the evening's public engagement process.

Jodie Schiffman:

- Thanked BPRD's customer service staff for their excellent work.

- Shared highlights from the ORPA Conference, including BPRD receiving both the AED Lifesaving Award and an unexpected award recognizing district lifeguards.
- Praised BPRD staff who attended and presented at ORPA, particularly Kelsey Schwartz for her support, networking assistance, and well-received conference presentation.
- Noted the strong reputation BPRD staff enjoy among parks and recreation professionals statewide.
- Reported gathering ideas and vendor feedback related to the future Harmon Park boat replacement.
- Recognized Chris at Pine Nursery Park for his dedication and customer service.
- Expressed appreciation for Rachel Colton and her contributions to the district, wishing her well in her next endeavor.
- Mentioned plans to attend the Art Station open house.

Donna Owens:

- Thanked the district for the opportunity to attend NRPA conference.
- Shared that conference sessions provided valuable ideas for the Harmon Park boat replacement project and community engagement strategies to support future planning efforts.

Deb Schoen:

- Thanked the district for the opportunity to attend NRPA and praised staff for their passion, professionalism, and thoughtful work.
- Observed that BPRD continues to operate at a very high level compared with agencies across the country.
- Noted that a key takeaway from the conference was the importance of kindness, especially when addressing differing viewpoints.
- Thanked community members for their respectful and thoughtful participation in the evening's discussion.
- Congratulated Michelle Healy on her service as lead judge for the National Gold Medal Awards program.
- Shared positive feedback about the recent pickleball court grand opening and recognized Matt Mercer's contributions to the project.

Nathan Hovekamp:

- Commented positively on the progress and design of Sylvan Park, particularly the timber construction and its alignment with community feedback.
- Reflected on the district's longstanding commitment to equity, accessibility, and ADA compliance.

- Encouraged continued focus on equitable access to parks and amenities throughout the district.
- Expressed support for finding a solution that would improve access through a pedestrian bridge connection.

The meeting adjourned following Good of the Order. The next board meeting is October 20, 2026. ###