



Bend Park & Recreation District

November 3, 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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BOARD AGENDA COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE:	November 3, 2026
SUBJECT:	City of Bend Economic Development Initiatives
STAFF RESOURCE:	Henry Stroud, Principal Planner
GUEST PRESENTER:	Katy Brooks, City of Bend Economic Development Director
PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:	None
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

The City of Bend completed an Economic Development Strategic Plan in January of 2026 (see website link below). The plan, which was created by the city's newly formed Economic Development Department, contains goals, strategies and metrics designed to support productive relationships with Bend's business community and innovative strategies designed to keep Bend's economy resilient. Katy Brooks, the city's Economic Development Director, will share key components of the new strategic plan and discuss current economic indicators, key industry sectors, the city's employment land readiness program which focuses on accelerating the development of industrial and commercial sites, and urban renewal areas.

BUDGETARY IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None

MOTION

None

ATTACHMENT

The Economic Development Strategic Plan and appendices are available at:
<https://bendoregon.gov/departments/community-development/economic-development-department/>

BOARD AGENDA COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE:	November 3, 2026
SUBJECT:	Hollinshead House Partnership
STAFF RESOURCE:	Kim Johnson, Community Engagement Supervisor Julie Brown, Community Engagement Director
GUEST PRESENTERS:	Kelly Cannon-Miller, Deschutes County Historical Society
PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:	N/A
ACTION PROPOSED:	Information Only
STRATEGIC PLAN:	
Pillar:	Community
Goal:	Expand and leverage collaborations to increase impact
Strategy:	Strategically align with partners that enhance the district's efforts

BACKGROUND

Hollinshead Park is a former working ranch acquired from Dean and Lily Hollinshead by Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD) in 1984. The park is also home to the Hollinshead-Matson sharecroppers house, now a museum. The Hollinshead-Matson Historic House has been maintained for nearly three decades through a relationship between Sharron Rosengarth, one of the five Matson children, and her late-husband Tony Rosengarth, and the park district.

In partnership with the Deschutes County Historical Society, a full inventory and collections assessment of the house and tack shed was completed by a Portland State University graduate student. The report provided a framework for the preservation and management needed to maintain the collection, which launched a collaborative project.

BPRD was awarded Oregon Heritage Commission Grants in 2019 and 2023 for the purposes of providing long-term collections management assistance and care, interpretation, and exhibit management of the Hollinshead-Matson Homestead House and tack shed/bunkhouse and worked in collaboration with museum staff and volunteers on the phased project.

With comprehensive interpretative signs completed in the house, tack shed and bunk house, and the barn event space, the district and the museum entered into an agreement to provide regular open house opportunities and recruit and train volunteer docents to assist Sharron Rosengarth.

The work session will share about the first season of open houses from May to October 2026 and how the partnership aligns strengths of the organizations and sustainably prepares to continue into the future.

BUDGETARY IMPACT

\$4,800 annually to Deschutes County Historical Museum, calculating for 10 hours per month at a rate of \$40.00 per hour for completing the duties outlined above in acknowledgement of the expertise provided and staff involvement in making it a successful opportunity to share history about Central Oregon. These funds are included in the Community Engagement Department annual operating budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None

ATTACHMENT

None

BOARD AGENDA COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE:	November 3, 2026
SUBJECT:	Budget committee selection process
STAFF RESOURCE:	Kristin Donald, Administrative Services Director
PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:	November 18, 2025, Approved Board and Committee Appointment Policy
ACTION PROPOSED:	Review the Budget Committee Selection Process
STRATEGIC PLAN:	N/A

BACKGROUND

The district's Budget Committee consists of five members appointed by the Board of Directors. Under Oregon Local Budget Law, Budget Committee members must reside within district boundaries, be registered voters, and be willing to serve a three-year term.

There is currently one vacancy on the Budget Committee following the completion of Joanne Mathews' third consecutive term at the conclusion of the FY 2025-26 budget process. During her nine years of service, Joanne provided thoughtful community perspective, asked insightful questions, and contributed to numerous important budget discussions that helped guide the district through a period of significant growth and change. Her service and commitment to the district are greatly appreciated.

Staff advertises Budget Committee vacancies and solicits applications approximately three to four weeks before the board considers appointments. Applications and applicant summaries are provided to the board in advance of the appointment meeting for review and scoring.

Budget Committee Member requirements:

- Reside within district boundaries
- Be a registered voter
- Serve a three-year term
- Attend the Annual Board Workshop in January/February
- Participate in a daytime tour of district facilities in April
- Attend up to three evening meetings each May during the budget process
- Attend special meetings when needed
- Serve in a volunteer capacity without compensation

Budget Committee selection process:

- Board members independently review and evaluate all eligible applications.

- Each board member ranks up to three candidates using the following point system:
 - 3 points for their first-choice candidate
 - 2 points for their second-choice candidate
 - 1 point for their third-choice candidate
- Individual ratings are submitted to staff.
- Staff compiles the results and provides the board with a summary identifying the candidates who received the highest combined scores.
- The board considers the highest-ranked candidates and makes the appointment.

The Budget Committee plays an important role in ensuring community involvement, transparency, and accountability in the district's budget process. The district appreciates the time, expertise, and commitment of community members who volunteer to serve in this capacity.

During the work session staff will review the timeline, selection process including scoring, and the application (see attached).

BUDGETARY IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the board continue its established application and selection process to fill the current vacancy and appoint a qualified community member to serve on the Budget Committee.

MOTION

None, for information purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Committee Application

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Board Meeting Summary

October 20, 2026

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Nathan Hovekamp, Jodie Schiffman, Donna Owens, Deb Schoen (Vice Chair) and Cary Schneider (Chair)

The official minutes of the October 20, 2026 Bend Park and Recreation District Board of Directors meeting are captured by video recording and are available for viewing on the Board Meetings webpage:

https://www.bendparksandrec.org/about/board_meetings/.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Chair Schneider conducted roll call. All directors were present. Chair Schneider acknowledged the community tragedy at Silver Rail Elementary, expressed condolences to those affected and thanked District staff for supporting the community during a difficult time.

VISITOR COMMENTS

No visitor comments were received.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Facility Maintenance Supervisor Josh Olson introduced Andy Motley, the District's new Facility Maintenance Specialist 2. Motley shared that he had enjoyed learning the park system and visiting parks throughout Bend during his first months with the District.

Sue Glenn introduced Emma Bell, who was promoted into the aquatics supervisory group after approximately 14 years with the District. Emma described her progression from lifeguard and swim instructor into increasingly responsible aquatic and recreation roles. Glenn recognized Emma's leadership and support of swim lessons and lifeguard operations during a period of staffing shortages.

Recreation Business Manager Michael Egging introduced Mariela Baza-Azucar as the Recreation Administrative Assistant. The position supports the Recreation Department through office coordination, reporting, financial reconciliation, program planning support and technology assistance. Baza-Azucar previously served as a finance intern and worked in customer service while continuing her education.

WORK SESSION

Summer Recreation Review

Recreation Business Manager Michael Egging presented an overview of summer recreation services, including program evaluations, facility visits, registered activities, full-day camps, inclusion support, outreach, scholarships, rentals and events, and river recreation. The presentation highlighted strong recreation participation across facilities and programs, significant inclusion support for participants with disabilities, outreach to Spanish-speaking and lower-income households, free and low-cost community programming, and continued use of parks for gatherings and events.

River park use remained generally consistent with recent years. Staff discussed river recreation, life jacket loan stations, environmental stewardship and the challenge of balancing public access with the long-term health

and capacity of river parks. The Board also discussed weather and smoke impacts, indoor alternatives, program capacity, contractor offerings, access points, parking and possible parameters for heavily used locations. Staff noted that a future rentals and events presentation would provide additional detail about managing high-use areas. Highlights include:

- There were 283,610 total visits to recreation facilities and programs during summer 2026 by 19,000 individuals from 13,000 households.
- Drop-in visits to facilities, including Juniper Swim & Fitness Center, Larkspur Community Center and The Pavilion have increased 29 percent since 2022.
- There were 7,400 hours of inclusion support provided for 168 individuals with disabilities to participate in summer programs across every area in recreation.
- Scholarships were used by 619 households for \$274,000 in support provided for summer programs.
- There were 1.1 million visits to river parks, including Miller's Landing, Riverbend Park, Farewell Bend Park, Drake Park and others.
- The Bend Whitewater Park trail counters show increased river use at the location by 17-20 percent since 2022.

Classification, Compensation and Pay Equity Study Update

Human Resources Director Kathleen Hinman reviewed the study process and preliminary findings. The study evaluated the District's compensation structure, comparable employers, job responsibilities, salary ranges, job levels, pay equity and benefits. No Board action was requested at this meeting.

Preliminary findings indicated that the District's compensation program is generally competitive and functioning well, supported by consistent pay-setting and cost-of-living practices. Recommended refinements include simplifying the job-description structure, improving consistency in minimum qualifications, considering targeted market or pay-equity adjustments, and reviewing paid-leave practices. Benefits were generally found to be competitive, while vacation and leave accruals may warrant further consideration.

The consultant will finalize the report, after which the Human Resources and executive team will review options, costs, timing and operational impacts. Final recommendations will return to the Board for direction before an implementation and employee communication plan is developed.

BUSINESS SESSION

District Position Changes

Hinman presented three proposed position changes intended to align staffing with current and anticipated operational needs:

- Reclassify a vacant part-time, non-benefited Customer Service Specialist 2 position to a part-time, benefited, 30-hour-per-week Events and Rentals Specialist position.
- Reclassify a part-time, benefited, 25-hour-per-week Customer Service Specialist 2 position to a full-time, benefited Customer Service Specialist 3 position, with time divided between customer service and athletics support.
- Convert a vacant 0.63 FTE benefited Planner position to a full-time Planner position.

The Recreation changes are expected to centralize rental coordination, improve customer communication, expand customer service coverage and provide athletics support. The Planning and Development change will add capacity for property acquisition and long-range planning work. Staff stated that the estimated current-year costs could be absorbed within the respective department budgets. The Board clarified that the changes would be filled through competitive processes and would not displace an existing employee.

MOTION: Director Schiffman moved to approve the three position changes as presented. Director Owens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Director Hovekamp, aye; Director Schiffman, aye; Director Owens, aye; Director Schoen, aye; and Director Schneider, aye.

Resolution No. 2026-11 - Bear Creek Property Purchase

Staff requested authorization to close on property located north of Bear Creek Road in Park Search Area 38 for a future neighborhood park. The property provides access near the Larkspur Trail and is located in an area that includes high-density and affordable housing. After a property line adjustment, the acquisition area will be approximately 4.92 acres. The negotiated purchase price is \$2,493,921. Staff reported that the Phase I environmental site assessment identified no environmental concerns and that title work and the property line adjustment were nearing completion. The Board discussed water service, the purchase price, the limited impact of the power-line easement and the potential for an enhanced crossing connecting the property with the Larkspur Trail.

MOTION: Director Hovekamp moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-11, authorizing the purchase of a portion of real property identified as Map and Tax Lot 171234CC00400 and designating authorized signatories. Director Schoen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Director Hovekamp, aye; Director Schiffman, aye; Director Owens, aye; Director Schoen, aye; and Director Schneider, aye.

Resolution No. 2026-12 - City of Bend and BPRD Shared Framework

Executive Director Michelle Healy presented the final shared framework between the City of Bend and Bend Park and Recreation District for advancing affordable housing, recreation access, interagency collaboration and community vitality. The Board had reviewed the framework during two prior work sessions. Minor edits since the previous review were described as editorial clarifications rather than substantive changes.

The Board discussed the City's separate work with Bend-La Pine Schools on a more specific programmatic approach to qualifying affordable housing projects. Directors emphasized the importance of tracking the financial effects of property tax exemptions and other incentives on the District, while recognizing that the shared framework is broader and provides guidance for future collaboration on housing, parks, transportation, facilities and community priorities. Directors expressed support for the framework as a values-based structure for partnership while preserving the District's responsibility to evaluate individual proposals against its mission, financial impacts and internal criteria.

MOTION: Director Owens moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-12, approving the City of Bend and Bend Park and Recreation District Shared Framework for Advancing Affordable Housing, Recreation Access, Interagency Collaboration and Community Vitality. Director Schiffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Director Hovekamp, aye; Director Schiffman, aye; Director Owens, aye; Director Schoen, aye; and Director Schneider, aye.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Healy thanked District staff for supporting the community following the Silver Rail Elementary tragedy. Programs had begun reopening, and Kids Inc. sites were scheduled to reopen at schools other than Silver Rail. The District was assisting the Boys & Girls Club with staffing to expand temporary child care capacity and was coordinating with the school district, law enforcement and community partners. Youth Recreation staff also assembled and distributed art activity kits for children who were out of school.

Healy also reported that ice-making operations at The Pavilion were progressing well and the facility was expected to open later that week. She also reported that the first phase of fuels-reduction work had begun near Archie Briggs Road following permitting and coordination with project partners.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Director Hovekamp thanked Chair Schneider and Executive Director Healy for their remarks regarding the Silver Rail Elementary tragedy. He shared that while the community is currently experiencing grief and sadness, he hopes there will also be a commitment to action. He suggested the District consider a comprehensive review of park and facility safety and security measures, policies, and protocols to evaluate whether additional steps could enhance public safety.

Director Schiffman expressed appreciation for staff and acknowledged the profound impact the tragedy has had on the community. She noted that people are processing the event in different ways and emphasized the importance of extending grace and support to one another. She encouraged staff and leadership to lean on the Board when advocacy or support is needed.

Director Owens thanked staff for the ways they have supported the community following the tragedy, including employee assistance resources, facility and program adjustments, and other efforts to assist families. She also shared information about the upcoming Save Bend Green Space presentation regarding the Deschutes South Canyon area and encouraged the District to remain engaged in those discussions.

Vice Chair Schoen expressed heartbreak for the Bend community and all those affected by the Silver Rail Elementary tragedy. She shared gratitude for the District's efforts to support the community during this difficult time and acknowledged the challenges facing students, families, staff, volunteers, coaches, and instructors. Vice Chair Schoen thanked those who continue to care for and support children through District programs and activities.

Chair Schneider shared condolences for everyone affected by the tragedy and thanked District staff, volunteers, and community partners for the care and support they have provided. He recognized the successful Art Station opening and praised the collaboration between Bend Park and Recreation District and the Boys & Girls Club to support local families during a challenging time.

MEETING CONCLUSION

The meeting adjourned following Good of the Order. The next board meeting is November 3, 2026.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES November 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, are scheduled for the week of October 26th. 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

☒ Update

- Beginning October 26th, work began on site and the parking lot from O.B. Riley Road closed to users. The park remains open to pedestrian and bike users along the DRT and from the O.B. Riley Road sidewalk access point at the south edge of the park, with project areas marked with fencing and signage. Work will continue through late spring of 2027 with final completion estimated to be complete by summer of 2027.

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. Work will continue work towards design development with the architect 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 project team gave an update to the Board of Directors on October 2, 2026, to review preliminary alternatives (trail alignments) and solicit feedback on the proposed criteria to evaluate each alignment. During this presentation the board requested the project team to re-evaluate a portion of the study area that was determined to be unsuitable for trail development. The project team is currently performing this reevaluation and working on completing the evaluation of each potentially promising alternative.

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

- 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.

☐ Update

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 are 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

- 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.

☐ Update

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 open and operational! There are still a few punch list items remaining for completion, and some landscaping items will need to be addressed in the spring. The parking lot consultant is finishing design and permitting, with work expected to begin late winter/early spring 2027.

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

☒ Update

- Conceptual designs continue to progress. BPRD staff, the public and the board will have the opportunity to review and provide comments on these designs before progressing designs past the conceptual stage.

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: Construction

☐ No updates

☒ Update

- Construction has begun, starting with driving the micro-piles which will support the abutments for the new bridge. After providing notice to the community via multiple outlets, the park and bridge were closed on October 19th, and will remain closed for the duration of the project.

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

☒ Update

- Due to delays during construction, the window for playground surfacing installation was missed. While the playground will remain closed until next spring, the remainder of the park will be opened.

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

- 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.

☐ Update

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

- Final occupancies for all buildings were completed the week of October 26th. The Facilities staff have started to move into building C, with Landscape, Natural Resources and Fleet moving over throughout the month of November. All staff will be moved and operating out of the new facility by December 1st.

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

☒ Update

- Last month, the project was awarded a \$1,000,000 Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. This additional funding will go towards the project's construction.

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 26, all located in the south section of town. These are very difficult areas of the community to locate park properties within. As staff receive more details on PSA's 15, 21, and 26, 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

- 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.

☐ Update

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 has finished reviewing the list of potential adaptation strategies and actions. Staff will incorporate their comments and work with the team to address any outstanding questions or comments.

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 completed in early 2027.

☐ Update

Board Calendar 2026

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Sue Glenn

- Kristine Senkier—Aquatics Recreation Supervisor

Julie Brown

- Malea Bailey – Communications Coordinator

WORK SESSION

- Optimize Play—*Kristin Toney* (10 min)
- ORPA presentation and awards (AEDs and Lifeguards) – *Kelsey Schwartz, David Madden, and Jase Newton* (20 min)
- Neighborhood Parks —Overview of Program—*Trip Freeman and Mike Duarte* (20 min)
- Events and rentals in Parks – *Jase Newton and David Kieffer and Katy Aceto* (30 min)

BUSINESS SESSION

REPORTS

- First Quarter Admin Update
- Summer Recreation Report

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

WORK SESSION

- TPL Draft Financial Feasibility report – *TPL and Michelle Healy* (30 min)

BUSINESS SESSION

- Comp and Class – *Kathleen Hinman* (30)

December 15

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WORK SESSION

- Trails (Counter and projects)- Overview of Program – *Andy Sommerville?*

BUSINESS SESSION

- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Audit – *Eric Baird and Audit Firm* (30 min)
- *Budget Committee Appointment—Kristin Toney* (10 min)

Future Topics

IGA with NUID for canal trail – *Henry Stroud*

Park Search Area 5 PSA – *Quinn Keever*

Park Search Area 26 – *Sara Anselment*

Therapeutic Recreation Update

Girls in sports

Fleet Leasing Update
Natural Resources-Projects
Park usage report from Placer
Whitewater Park updates
Safety Plan overview
DRT Section 2 Review
Approve DRT South recommended alignments