



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, at 6:00 pm**  
**Hood River Aquatic Center**

**In Attendance:**

**Board:** Anna Cavaleri, Mike Howard, Christy Christopher, Nan Noteboom, Martha Ortega-Verduzco

**Staff:** Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily, Kelsey Barnes, Jaime Rivera

**Public:** Kier Bryerton

Noteboom called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

**1. Comments from General Public:**

Kier Bryerton: Bryerton expressed frustration with noise coming from the RC Field and expressed dissatisfaction with the District's response to Bryerton's concerns in the past.

**2. Review Minutes September 20<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

Christopher asked that the minutes from be amended to reflect \$0.34 per thousand instead of \$.034/per thousand in the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ortega-Verduzco made a motion to approve all the minutes with the correction changed in the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes. Howard seconded the motion, all approved.

**3. District Long Range Strategic Update**

The Board discussed the takeaways from the October 3<sup>rd</sup> listening session with the other agencies. The HRVPRD board members all agreed that they felt little support given from the other agencies. Each board member gave their opinion on which ballot option they think should be proposed to the public in May 2024. Overall board members voiced support of a Capital Bond and Levy option, instead of the Prepared Food and Beverage Tax. They agreed that messaging and education will be important to the ballot passing. They agreed that it was important to make sure all the needs have been thought through and analyzed. The District has exceeded the goals listed in the Multi-Jurisdictional Master Plan in acquiring new park lands to prepare for the future growth of the area. The need for more funding is now crucial to develop and operate the parks, as well as build a new aquatic and recreation center. In addition, board members explored the concept of moving the aquatic center to an alternate location near Jackson Park, which would require city collaboration and support. Lastly, board members wrapped up the discussion by talking about next steps and structuring a timeline to get a proposal on the ballot by May 2024.

**4. Finance Report**

Hickok presented the board with the financial reports. SDCs are unusually low, which means no new building permits have been given in the city. The recreation fund is tracking along nicely. At the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year, HRVPRD has generated about 20% of budgeted revenue and spent about 18% of budgeted expenditures. Hickok explained the difference between In-House and Contracted recreation programs. In-House programs are fully managed by HRVPRD, while Contracted programs are contracted out and revenue is split 70/30 between the contractor and HRVPRD. Looking at the General fund, although revenue is still low, that is to be expected in the first quarter. Expenditures are at about 23% of revenue, which is right on track for the first quarter of the fiscal year.

**5. Directors Report**

Hickok gave the Directors Report. Per guidance from the board, department reports will be given by a different supervisor each month so that each department presents quarterly. The District hired a new Maintenance Supervisor, Anthony Johnston. Due to staffing issues, the pool is closed on Fridays. Fridays is the least impactful day that does not interfere with sports and scheduled classes. Fiscal Year 2022–2023-year end audit is scheduled

for October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The fence at the Sherman house is currently being built to separate the West Side trail from the property. After construction is complete, the Sherman house will be put on the market for sale. Lastly, Hickok reported that the Parkdale Park is being operated and managed by a sperate entity and will be used as a wedding venue until HRVPRD can buy the park and operate it on its own.

**6. Recreation Report**

Hickok introduced Jaime Rivera, the Supervisor of the recreation programming at the District. Rivera gives the quarterly recreation report. Rivera, Hickok, and Wily had a follow up meeting with some concerned parents about the recreation programs, particularly youth soccer. Rivera stressed his commitment to making all programming more organized, program inclusive, and accessible to all youth in the area. Rivera expressed interest in bringing more recreation opportunities to women, and he talked about the recreation program currently has a women’s basketball team and soccer team with plans to add more programming in the future. Currently the recreation programs use shared facilities with the school district. Rivera talked about the challenges that have arisen with managing programs in facilities not owned and operated by district, like doors that aren’t opened on schedule, or scheduling conflicts with other user groups and district programming. Rivera then discussed better supporting the volunteer coaches, by getting them the equipment they need and resources such as coaching clinics. Rivera wrapped up the meeting by giving a shout out to team members and thanking them for all their hard work.

Noteboom made the motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. Cavaleri seconded. All approved.

*Nam Noteboom*

Approved

Attest

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