

**Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors
RIVER ROAD PARK and RECREATION DISTRICT
1400 Lake Drive, Eugene OR., 97404**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

BOARD PRESENT: Dennis Durfee, Sharon Purdy, Jim Wienecke, Curt Kendall, Steve Norris
STAFF: Bob Houston, Vickie Bird, Cathy Casalegno, Jeff Fryer, Steve Camerer,
Bill Kuzmer, Jim Phillips, Jessica Mitchell

PUBLIC: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of River Road Park and Recreation District's Board of Directors was called to order by Board Chairman Jim Wienecke at 6pm.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Steve Norris, seconded by Curt Kendall.

ITEM 2 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

ITEM 3 PRESENTATIONS

3A. Superintendent's Report – Bob announced the current treasury balance is \$1,356,715 compared to \$856,795 during the same period last year. The General Fund report for June, 2021, was reviewed. Bob reported program registration is robust and he is optimistic that the downturn in COVID-19 has a positive effect on revenues.

Bob informed the Board that LCOG will fund the senior meal site (annex), Café 60, with up to \$15,000 in funding for the next two years. The site has not operated since March of 2019 and provides an important service for our senior population. The fitness center will be upgraded with new dumbbells, weights and rack (Hammer Strength) and a new lifecycle (Life Fitness) with a cost of around \$11,000. The July 15 'Grab-n-Go' chicken barbeque was a huge success. The District took in over \$3000 in profits from the event. Thanks to Doug Delker, Market of Choice meat sales manager. Doug facilitated the donation of all the food for the barbeque.

Jeff Fryer, Aquatics Director, reported the *Learn to Swim* program registration was successful in filling all 48 available slots. Since the low-risk metrics for COVID-10 were announced June 30, 2021, the wading pool opened to full capacity (48) on July 5. Nine new and two returning staff have been hired as lifeguards/swim instructors alleviating any short-staffed issues. Pool rental bookings (including the wading pool) have also increased.

Cathy Casalegno, Recreation Director, commented on the success of grant monies secured by the District and being utilized by the community. Over \$200,000 in grant dollars have provided camp for more than 145 families, many of them underserved. Teen Camp has been added starting August 2nd. Thursday night concerts have been a great success. Attendance is consistent with over 100 music enthusiasts, weekly. Satin Love Orchestra will perform, Sunday, August 1, after a two-year hiatus and we expect a record crowd. Thanks to all our sponsors: Bigfoot Vending, Les Schwab, Wildcraft Brewery and The Wheel of Pizza.

Steve Camerer, Maintenance Director, reported four new hires. Two of the new employees are seasonal workers. Steve commented on the risk/safety assessment by Bill Overby (see May, 2021, minutes). Curt Kendall inquired as to the progress in replacing/adding additional lighting to the SW parking lot, maintenance areas and skate park. Steve commented he is still in the process of trouble-shooting those areas to find the best solution/time frame to make repairs and improvements. Curt suggested contacting EWEB or Builders Electric to help facilitate the process. Sharon Purdy would also like additional lighting in the outdoor restroom area, keeping in mind as fall approaches, it becomes a safety concern with less daylight. Steve also reported DeWayne Colombe, evening custodian, is checking the park grounds after hours to make sure there are no security issues.

ITEM 4 CONSENT AGENDA

4A. Approval of the Consent Agenda to ratify: June 16, 2021, Minutes, Payroll and Expenditures. Motion to approve by Steve Norris, seconded by Dennis Durfee.

ITEM 5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ITEM 6 NEW BUSINESS

6A. Jeff Fryer reported that the reinstatement of limited evening lessons has been successful. Forty-seven of forty-eight available slots have been filled. In the fall, Jeff hopes to hire more staff to facilitate adding more classes. Hires for pool staff includes nine new hires, two returning staff. Sunday wading pool rentals have also been well received by the public.

6B. Comments were received from employees (open hearing) regarding the grievance submitted for review and discussion in Item 9.

ITEM 7 BOARD COMMENTS

None

ITEM 8 DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 6pm.

ITEM 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS192.660(2)(a)

Chairman Wienecke called to order the Executive Session at 7:10pm. Aquatics Personnel; grievance.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wienecke adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Recorded by Vickie Bird