



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was held at the HMT Recreation Complex, Peg Ogilbee Dryland Training Center, 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton, on Monday, October 4, 2010. Executive Session 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Present:

William Kanable	President/Director
Bob Scott	Secretary/Director
Joseph Blowers	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
John Griffiths (<i>via telephone</i>)	Director
Larry Pelatt	Director
Doug Menke	General Manager

Agenda Item #1 – Executive Session (A) Legal (B) Land

President, Bill Kanable, called Executive Session to order for the following purposes:

- To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, and
- To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2), which allows the Board to meet in Executive Session to discuss the aforementioned issues.

President, Bill Kanable, noted that representatives of the news media and designated staff may attend the Executive Session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to disclose information discussed during the Executive Session. No final action or final decision may be made in Executive Session. At the end of the Executive Session, the Board will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.

Agenda Item #2 – Call Regular Meeting to Order

President, Bill Kanable, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Board Member, John Griffiths, was excused from the meeting.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

Bob Scott moved the Board of Directors direct staff to acquire a property in the Southwest Quadrant of the District as part of a future site for a Recreation/Aquatic Center pursuant to a commitment of the 2008 Bond Measure, subject to resolution of minor environmental and title issues to the satisfaction of the General Manager. Joe Blowers seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Larry Pelatt Yes
Joe Blowers Yes
Bob Scott Yes
Bill Kanable Yes

The motion was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

Agenda Item #4 – Beaverton Urban Redevelopment Agency

Doug Menke, General Manager, introduced Don Mazziotti, Community Development Director for the City of Beaverton, and Lorelei Juntunen with ECONorthwest, the City of Beaverton's consultant, to make a presentation on the City of Beaverton's Urban Redevelopment Agency (BURA).

Don and Lorelei provided a detailed presentation regarding the City of Beaverton's urban redevelopment efforts, the aim of which would be to improve the quality of life for the community by removing blight, and attracting and providing a catalyst for private investment that would in turn generate future tax revenue that would not otherwise be generated. A PowerPoint presentation was used, a copy of which was entered into the record. Three working committees have been formed to further this process, including a Community Advisory Committee (CAC), a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), on which Keith Hobson, Director of Business & Facilities, serves as a member, as well as a BURA Board of Directors, on which Doug Menke, General Manager, serves as a member. Don noted that the intent is for each affected area agency to pass a resolution regarding the proposed Urban Redevelopment District prior to the February 1, 2011 Beaverton City Council public hearing on the topic. Don and Lorelei offered to answer any questions the Board of Directors may have.

Larry Pelatt clarified that the estimated average of \$400,000 in revenue reduction the Park District would experience as a result of an Urban Redevelopment District is not necessarily a revenue loss, but future revenue the Park District would not receive as the tax base would be frozen.

- ✓ Don confirmed this, noting that once the boundaries are selected and the analysis is complete, all affected agencies would be notified as to what the actual impact would be and over what time period.

Joe Blowers asked how the Board should offer comments on the plan.

- ✓ Don replied that the Board's comments would come in the form of an adopted resolution.
- ✓ Doug noted that the project list may be the most integral subject matter for the Board to consider. He stated that the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Board of Directors has been engaged at a high level and their staff also serves on the CAC so Special Districts are well represented.

Larry asked for confirmation that what is ultimately being sought from the Board of Directors is an adopted resolution, either in favor or against, the proposed Urban Redevelopment District.

- ✓ Don confirmed this.

Larry asked for confirmation that in the end, the proposed Urban Redevelopment District would need to be approved by the citizens of the City of Beaverton via a vote.

- ✓ Don confirmed this and described some of the outreach efforts occurring now to make sure that they are on track with the citizens' priorities and desires.

President, Bill Kanable, thanked Don and Lorelei for the informative presentation.

Agenda Item #5 – Audience Time

Rod Coles, 17070 SW Augusta Lane, Beaverton, is before the Board of Directors this evening representing the Mojors FC Soccer Club. He described the activities of the club, noting that the players are over 50 years of age and more interested in playing the game for fun rather than on a strictly competitive basis. The team traveled to Germany in the spring of 2009 to play a series of friendship matches and now a team from Germany will be traveling here to play a friendship match against the Mojors at the HMT Recreation Complex on October 18, 2010. Rod invited the Board to attend, noting that it would be great to have a Park District representative on hand to welcome the visiting team.

- ✓ President, Bill Kanable, stated that he would attend this event.

Pam Kirwin, 5121 NW Skycrest Parkway, Portland, is before the Board of Directors this evening representing Beaverton Youth Lacrosse (BYL). Pam described that BYL has been in negotiations with another group over the past year in order to find a compromise in providing youth lacrosse services. Her husband Mike has been the prime negotiator and has spent a tremendous amount of time at the request of the Park District, which would have otherwise been spent with his family. She described the other group's lack of compromise, noting that BYL has tried their best to compromise and morph as an organization and to make changes. She described how the negotiation process has taken personal turns at times. She stated that BYL has done everything it has been asked to do in order to maintain its affiliate status with the Park District. However, recently her husband attended a meeting during which a representative from the other group announced that BYL was no longer the affiliate for the Park District and offered him the position of running the Beaverton section of their group, but that he would need to ask others within BYL to leave. She asked whether this information is accurate and if so, whether this is the ethics by which the Board of Directors runs the Park District.

- ✓ President, Bill Kanable, replied that the Board does not have all of the information regarding the negotiations, as it is an operational item. The Board has only been informed about the ongoing issue with both organizations in general.

Pam replied that she feels the Park District has been a silent partner throughout the negotiation process and that BYL has met all of the expressed desires. In turn, BYL has been told in an unprofessional manner that their organization no longer exists as a way to bully her husband and that kind of ethics troubles her.

- ✓ Larry Pelatt reiterated that the Board is not involved in that level of negotiations.

Pam replied that the Board does inform the culture of the organization and the way it operates.

- ✓ Joe Blowers asked whether the decision described by Pam has actually been made.

Pam replied that is what they were told in a meeting facilitated by the Park District.

- ✓ Doug Menke, General Manager, stated that there has been a great deal of miscommunication, noting that no such decision has been made.

Pam replied that the announcement was published on the Tualatin Valley Youth Lacrosse League (TVYLL) website.

- ✓ Doug replied that the Park District does not control other groups' websites or organizations. The Park District is responsible to manage affiliation and that relation. It has been and continues to be our intent to enable discussions as best as possible. At some point, the Park District, from an operational perspective, will need to make a decision and it is our hope that the groups will work together.

Pam asked for confirmation that unless the Park District announces that BYL has lost its affiliation, they still have it.

- ✓ Bill confirmed this, noting that one should not rely on an individual outside of the Park District to announce what the Park District's formal stance will be.

Pam reiterated that the Park District facilitated the meeting during which the announcement was made.

- ✓ Bill replied that he was not at said meeting and she in turn is relaying her husband's accounts. He noted that although he understands how she may feel, there are two sides to the story and he trusts that the staff involved are doing what they are supposed to do ethically in terms of dealing with this issue.

Pam expressed that BYL has been told what to do in order to maintain their affiliate status, yet they hear that their affiliate status is being revoked even though they have fulfilled those obligations. She reiterated how she feels the Park District is a silent partner that wants to exert its influence and manage the situation without going on record in terms of making a choice.

- ✓ Larry reiterated that this is an operational issue that will be handled by staff. He stated that the Board is not going to step in and require that staff do one thing or another, other than that they operate within the parameters and ethics established by this and preceding Boards to operate for the benefit of the entire community to the extent possible. A Park District facilitated meeting means only that the Park District asked the groups to get together, and set up the time and place. An individual taking something out of that meeting in order to announce a position by the Park District does not have the right to do that and the Park District is not bound by that. The Park District has been attempting to get the organizations to work together to create something that makes sense and if it is determined that the groups cannot work together, at that point a decision will be made by Park District staff. However, it has not yet reached that point. The Park District would like to see these negotiations become a great deal more cooperative.
- ✓ Bill stated that while he understands Pam's perspective, there is another side to the story and the Park District has the right to let the groups try to figure out how to manage these issues, which may seem like a silent partnership, but in the end the primary goal has been for the groups to solve their own problems before the Park District has to step in from an operational side.

Joe asked what the timeline is for a decision.

- ✓ Doug replied that based on what he has heard from staff's perspective and the desires of the respective leagues, it is probably encroaching the end of this month to make a determination. If the groups cannot come to consensus on how to approach the future for lacrosse District-wide, then operationally the Park District will make the decision.

Pam asked for confirmation that such a decision has not been voiced.

- ✓ Doug replied that such a decision has not yet even been made.

Alan Hodgson, 15690 SW Harlequin Drive, Beaverton, is before the Board of Directors this evening representing Beaverton Youth Lacrosse (BYL). Alan stated that BYL is the youth lacrosse affiliate for the Park District and has been for nine years. He described how BYL started youth lacrosse in Beaverton and grew it to its current level. To his knowledge there have been no complaints about BYL and they have been told that they are a model affiliate. However, suddenly the Park District is talking about unaffiliating BYL, which to his knowledge has never been done before. He checked with other park districts in the area and none had ever deaffiliated a group either. Up until recently, the Park District has stood steadfastly alongside its affiliate BYL and in many cases has steered BYL in the direction the Park District desired. He read two excerpts, one from a newspaper article quoting General Manager, Doug Menke, expressing support for BYL, and the other from the Park District's affiliation guidelines regarding new affiliates. He noted that at the meeting referenced by Pam, BYL was told that it was not a negotiation meeting and that there was a new affiliate group that would be telling BYL what to do from then on out. He stated that this is an ethical issue. BYL conducted a survey of lacrosse coaches and every BYL coach that he called wants to continue coaching for BYL. In

addition, a survey of lacrosse parents found that they were also very supportive of BYL. He is here this evening to make sure that the Board is in support of its affiliate and to make sure that without reason this affiliate stays.

- ✓ Joe reiterated that the Board does not make operational decisions, but that it does set the expectations for staff and the Board expects ethics and nothing less than that through this process. Given that, the Board is not going to micromanage staff and tell them which affiliates they can choose, because that is not in the purview of the Board. The Board is not going to show a distrust in the General Manager by determining the outcome of this case. The Board expects the General Manager to behave with the utmost integrity and follow the guidelines set by the Board. As a side note, he has not heard anything in all of the many discussions on this topic about deaffiliating BYL, not to say that this would not be within the realm of possibilities. Joe suggested that perhaps there is a rumor mill on this topic that needs to slow down.
- ✓ Bob Scott expressed agreement with Joe's comments, noting that staff is aware of the Board's expectations and that the Board relies on the General Manager to be able to take everything from high level view to the details and manage it all appropriately.

Agenda Item #6 – Board Time

President, Bill Kanable, referenced the testimony received during Audience Time, noting that through his involvement with affiliated sports groups, he has firsthand knowledge of how difficult negotiations can become. However, he has the utmost trust in Park District staff working for the community and long-term goals of the Park District.

Agenda Item #7 – Consent Agenda

Larry Pelatt moved the Board of Directors approve Consent Agenda items (A) Minutes of September 13, 2010 Regular Meeting, (B) Monthly Bills, (C) Monthly Financial Statement, and (D) Fee Policy Adjustment. Joe Blowers seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Bob Scott	Yes
Joe Blowers	Yes
Larry Pelatt	Yes
Bill Kanable	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #8 – Unfinished Business

A. Bond Program

Doug Menke, General Manager, introduced Hal Bergsma, Director of Planning, and Dave Chrisman, Superintendent of Maintenance Operations, to provide an overview of the memo included within the Board of Directors information packet.

Hal and Dave provided a detailed overview of the memo, which included a summary of upcoming public meetings and hearings related to bond projects and an update regarding seismic upgrade projects and offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

- ✓ Hearing none, President, Bill Kanable, requested the staff report for the next agenda item.

B. General Manager's Report

Doug Menke, General Manager, provided a detailed overview of the General Manager's Report included within the Board of Directors information packet, which included the following topics:

- Newt Day/Old Wagon Trail Dedication
- Latino Outreach Event

- PARK(ing) Day
- Board of Directors Meeting Schedule
 - *The January Board of Directors meeting will be held on the second Monday of that month, January 10, 2010.*

Doug offered to answer any questions the Board of Directors may have regarding the General Manager's Report.

- ✓ Hearing none, President, Bill Kanable, adjourned the meeting.

Agenda Item #9 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Bill Kanable, President

Bob Scott, Secretary

Recording Secretary,
Jessica Collins