

FOOTHILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 21, 2019

The regular meeting of Foothills Park & Recreation District was held at Peak Community & Wellness Center, 6612 South Ward Street, Littleton, Colorado 80127.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Director Bosanko called the regular meeting to order at 6pm.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Bosanko led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- III. ROLL CALL:
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| Director Farrar: | Present |
| Director Butman: | Present |
| Director James: | Present |
| Director Meyer: | Present |
| Director Bosanko: | Present |

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Ronald Hopp, Executive Director; Dennis Weiner, Director of Finance and Administrative Services; Barb Butler, Director of Recreation Programs; Derek Eberhardt, Director of Operations; Tom Woodard, Director of Golf; Colin Insley, Director of Parks, Planning and Construction; Richelle Riley, Recording Secretary; other Foothills staff and members of the public.

Potential conflicts of interest were disclosed pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 18-8-308(2), 24-18-109(3)(a), 24-18-110, and 32-1-902(3).

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Director Meyer moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the May 21, 2019 agenda as submitted. Director Farrar seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Farrar, aye; Director Butman, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye. The motion was approved.

V. APPROVAL OF APRIL 23, 2019 MINUTES:

MOTION: Director Meyer moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 board meeting as submitted. Director Farrar seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Farrar, aye; Director Butman, abstain; Director James, abstain; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye. The motion was approved.

VI. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Diane Suchomel, District Resident, told the Board she had been noticing what she considers to be more safety problems and security problems while walking the trails and the parks. She has seen more graffiti and has called the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has seen more activity with transients, Ms. Suchomel discussed. Ms. Suchomel strongly encouraged the District to reconsider the possibility of having a park ranger or safety patrol. There was discussion about opportunities.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Broadstone Bowles Crossing, LLC Inclusion Hearing

Director Bosanko noted that the District received a Petition for Inclusion from the owner of one hundred percent of the property which is sought to be included into the District boundaries. Notice was published of this inclusion hearing as required by law.

Ronald Hopp explained staff have been working with Broadstone Bowles Crossing, LLC for potential inclusion of their property into the District, and described the proposed development and location. Mr. Hopp pointed out the petition and resolution order for inclusion provided in the packet for the Board's review. He reiterated a Notice of Inclusion for Public Hearing was published in the May 15, 2019 edition of the Canyon Courier.

Director Bosanko opened the Public Hearing for comments regarding the issue at 6:07pm. There were no comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:08pm.

MOTION: Director Meyer moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 19-002 ordering inclusion of real property, Broadstone Bowles Crossing, LLC into the boundaries of the District as discussed. Director Farrar seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Farrar, aye; Director Butman, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye. The motion was approved.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. General Obligation Bond Extension Projects Presentation

Director Bosanko noted that this is continued discussion and there will be several more meetings to discuss these items as the District looks into extending the General Obligation Bond which will have to go to a vote, possibly in the May, 2020 election. This discussion will help develop ballot language and identify projects for possible extension of the bond. Director Bosanko indicated that tonight, Mr. Hopp and staff will provide a presentation, the Board can ask questions, and at the end it will be opened up for community comments.

Using a Power Point presentation, Mr. Hopp explained he will present concepts for some potential General Obligation Bond extension projects. He recognized this is being treated as a workshop and would like it to be interactive between the Board and staff. Copies of the presentation were distributed to the Board.

Mr. Hopp talked about the General Obligation Bond that is scheduled to expire at the end of 2020. He explained the expiration of the debt provides an opportunity to potentially ask voters to extend the debt without raising taxes. Staff are trying to ascertain what potential projects could be supported by the voters, and could expand and improve services throughout the District.

Mr. Hopp described processes that have been done to date. Staff had guidance from the Board to move forward with developing some concepts, working with some firms to do so. He acknowledged the concepts are very expensive. If a particular project does not become one of the chosen projects for the potential bond issue extension, there are other mechanisms for funding improvements if there are priorities that are developed, Mr. Hopp discussed.

Mr. Hopp provided a single cost estimate related to each project and assured the Board that there is detailed backup information of all of the projects. Each project/concept was detailed and discussed: Ridge Recreation Center; Peak Community & Wellness Center; Lilley Gulch Recreation Center; Fehringer Ranch Fieldhouse; Foothills Golf Course Clubhouse – renovation, new building; Clement Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts; Sixth Avenue West Pocket Center and Spray Ground; Columbine West Pool; Easton Regional Park Baseball Field; Dutch Creek Trail; Meadows Golf Course Expansion.

Recognizing audience members wanted to speak to the Foothills Golf Course Clubhouse concepts, Director Bosanko opened the floor for Community Comments.

Nancy Werkmeister said to nix the renovations. She discussed that the new clubhouse concept is small, and can see wasted space. Ms. Werkmeister said there needs to be more input from the people that use the facility.

John Schneider, district resident, member of Foothills Men's Club, said Foothills Golf Course gets slighted year-end and year-out with the budget that is given to Foothills Golf Course for the maintenance of the course. He can see disproportion between Meadows and Foothills golf courses for funding.

Tom Woodard discussed irrigation systems for both golf courses.

Leo Zeggert, district resident, golf course employee, concurred with Ms. Werkmeister. Having everything on ground level is wasting a view. He discussed events they have, more seating could be added.

Mr. Hopp said the points are well-taken and discussed the clubhouse concept size.

Bonnie Allen, Grant Ranch, said the District is planning for now, not the future. The clubs go elsewhere to hold their programs and luncheons. The District needs to think of the future of golf and the future of the facility for wedding events.

Mike Sexton, district resident, said he plays with the men's club and the tournaments drive the public away because the clubhouse is full.

Leo Zeggert added Foothills Golf Course is a value course and it is always going to get people there, but it will help to have a newer facility to accommodate people coming off the course.

Robert Peterson, district resident, said with a full kitchen, the demand for food will go up drastically. If they put on a second floor and leverage the view, we'll increase the possibility of the restaurant.

Bonnie Peterson, district resident, asked why is the bar in the middle, taking up dining space.

Regarding the concepts, Mr. Hopp discussed the District is trying to find a number that makes sense and wants to consider growth opportunities.

Randy Meyers talked about a pilot program for people interested in playing golf starting June 1, 2019; Foothills and Meadows will be welcome centers for the Denver market. The courses are expecting a large influx in the next six months.

Ashley Barto discussed that the golf course needs to be more competitive. This would draw people in.

Mr. Hopp made clear this is about developing a concept for the General Obligation Bond Extension and making sure projects are chosen that staff feel District voters would support. The voters need to support the continued bond issue, otherwise, there are no projects that will happen. Design criteria and details can be flushed out. He reiterated that an order of magnitude has been developed to give the Board an idea of cost for these types of things.

Mr. Hopp concluded staff would like the members of the Board to evaluate the information that was shared tonight and study the documents. Dennis Weiner reviewed the evaluation spreadsheet and explained the rating process. The data from that spreadsheet will be presented at a future meeting.

Mr. Hopp discussed that there is the opportunity, as with the mill levy election in 2017, to do a public opinion poll. The data from 2017 can be sent to the Board.

Mr. Hopp pointed out that in the Information section of the board packet is a Capital Projects Report. Staff can provide the report every board meeting rather than put the information in the Executive Director's Report.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm. The next regular board meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at Peak Community & Wellness Center, 6612 South Ward Street, Littleton.

Submitted by:

Richelle Riley, Recording Secretary