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FOOTHILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 25, 2020

The meeting was held in the Pinyon and Spruce rooms with a Zoom webinar option.

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When: Aug 25, 2020 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Board Meeting 8/25/2020. Register in advance for this webinar:

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- I. CALL TO ORDER: Director James called the regular meeting to order at 6:07pm.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director James 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 Butman: | Absent |
| Director Bielkiewicz: | Present |
| Director Meyer: | Present |
| Director Bosanko: | Present |
| Director James: | Present |

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Rufien, District Counsel; Ronald Hopp, Executive Director; Dennis Weiner, Director of Finance and Administrative Services; Derek Eberhardt, Director of Operations; Barb Butler, Director of Recreation Programs; Colin Insley, Director of Parks, Planning and Construction; Tom Woodard, Director of Golf; 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 August 25, 2020 agenda as submitted. Director Bosanko seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Bielkiewicz, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye; Director James, aye. The motion was approved.

V. APPROVAL OF JULY 28, 2020 MINUTES:

MOTION: Director Bosanko moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the minutes of the July 28, 2020 board meeting as submitted. Director Meyer seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Bielkiewicz, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye; Director James, aye. The motion was approved.

VI. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Director James read a comment that was emailed from Nancy Werkmeister prior to the meeting, questioning if there has been progress in gaining water from Harriman Lake to Foothills Golf Course.

Tom Woodard answered with an overview explaining the District has a lease agreement with the Federal Government for the land and water for Foothills Golf Course and Schaefer Athletic Complex. He said the main

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sources of water in that agreement are the Warrior Ditch and Harriman Reservoir, and talked about flow rights and the irrigation season. Mr. Woodard recognized in the 50 years that Foothills Golf Course has been there, the District has run out of water once; that was in 2002. Mr. Woodard said this year staff were proactive and purchased 100 acre feet of water from Denver Water that will come from Soda Lakes and flow into Warrior Ditch and onto Foothills Golf Course and Schaefer Athletic Complex. He discussed the water rights from Harriman Reservoir and said staff have worked with the Federal Government to get that water to those complexes and have run into a road block, he explained. Mr. Woodard indicated staff are working with Denver Water, the District Water Commissioner for the area and he is working with the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Natural Resources to help get Harriman water to the complex. Mr. Woodard indicated there is a \$1 million solution to expand the reservoir system at Foothills Golf Course and explained staff would like to expend all options to get water to that facility before expanding the reservoir system.

VII. DECISION ITEMS:

A. Ballot Language Resolution

Ronald Hopp reminded that the bond that was passed by the voters in the year 2000 is coming to an end in the year 2020. The District has the opportunity to have an extension of that. The District had previously certified ballot language and authorized an election for May of this year and due to COVID-19, decided to delay the election. Mr. Hopp recalled at the last board meeting, the Board unanimously approved a resolution to proceed with the election; tonight is a certification of the ballot language. The language has been reviewed by staff, legal counsel, and the polling company that was utilized last December, Mr. Hopp explained, and pointed out what has changed from the May ballot language. Regarding the poll done in December, the polling company felt the data is probably pretty sound, recalling the November numbers were better than the May numbers. Mr. Hopp discussed considerations of a sunset and de-Gallagherization in the development of the ballot language, and explained staff feels confident with the language as is.

MOTION: Director Meyer moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 20-011 for the November 3, 2020 election as discussed. Director Bosanko seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Bielkiewicz, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye; Director James, aye. The motion was approved.

B. Mile High BMX Agreement

Colin Insley recalled at the last meeting, the Board had an opportunity to go into discussion over the BMX agreement. Jason Miller, President of Mile High BMX was on the call to answer any questions. Referring to information in the packet, Mr. Insley explained the District has an agreement being renewed with Mile High BMX. He outlined the changes including having inspections with the group on a quarterly basis. The term of the agreement is changing from three years to five years. Kevin Nielson, with Mile High BMX, was available to answer questions.

Director Meyer questioned if there has been any communication with any of the neighbors about this. Mr. Hopp reported that prior to the last board meeting staff had notified Brooke Martin, who had agreed to serve as a spokesperson for the neighborhood, about the discussion item at the last meeting. Ms. Martin indicated she would read the meeting minutes. Mr. Hopp notified Ms. Martin that as a result of the discussion, it is an agenda item for the upcoming board meeting and hasn't heard back. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Director Bielkiewicz moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the License Agreement with Mile High BMX for a five-year term, beginning August of 2020 and ending August 2025, for the purpose of operating and maintaining a BMX facility at the Daniel L. Schaefer Athletic Complex and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement as discussed. Director Bosanko seconded the

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motion. Poll of the Board: Director Bielkiewicz, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye; Director James, aye. The motion was approved.

C. Memorial Bench Requests

According to the information provided in the packet, Mr. Insley explained there is a tribute bench request for Governor James B. Grant Park. Pointing out a location map, he said they will be replacing a bench that needs replacement near the soccer field. The second request will replace an old park bench at Wayside Meadows Park, Mr. Insley discussed.

MOTION: Director Bosanko moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the request from Ms. Alanna Larsen to place a park bench and plaque at Governor James B. Grant Park and also approve the memorial bench request from Ms. Kathy Hofstra to place a new bench and plaque at Wayside Meadows Park. Director James seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Bielkiewicz, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye; Director James, aye. The motion was approved.

Director James expressed thanks to Sarah McAfee, Park Volunteer and Operations Coordinator.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Highlighting the report provided, Mr. Hopp pointed out information about the water situation at Foothills Golf Course and Schaefer Athletic Complex that Tom Woodard put together.

Mr. Hopp said there were a couple tournaments at Edge Ice Arena that were successful.

The fishing pier at Hine Lake is structurally unsound and is going to need to be removed, Mr. Hopp discussed. He pointed out Botanical Paradise nursery donated 41 trees.

Kevin Wilks, our Regional Parks Supervisor, was chosen as the Colorado Special District Property and Liability Pool Safety Hero. Tom Woodard was congratulated on a spot he had on national TV.

Mr. Hopp added that the Clement Park tennis courts that are closest to Columbine High School were resurfaced, and discussed.

Mr. Hopp provided an update on the Jason Jennings field project. There have been some challenges with the structure underneath. The infrastructure was put in by what was then the non-profit organization that solicited funds, built the field and the District partnered with them because it is on the District's location. It is now known as the Mile High Miracle League. They have expressed some concern with the installation. Most of the concerns that they have are related to the substructure, Mr. Hopp explained. He acknowledged that aesthetically, there are a few issues, staff do not have any concerns, and the ten-year warranty will be honored. Barb Butler discussed the warranty. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hopp recalled that staff have been talking about the cell phone tower potential easement to access the FCI property. That is probably not going to happen, Mr. Hopp explained.

In answer to Director Bielkiewicz, there was discussion about the amphitheater wall being a location for a mural, Ms. Butler outlined the process. Director Bielkiewicz expressed the desire to see the design ahead of time. Regina Smith talked about moving forward quickly for the first mural, working with an artist who has done the hero series throughout the RiNo area. The idea was to start out with the first mural, then put together a process and call for local artists, Ms. Smith explained, and talked about art installations in addition to murals.

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Director James expressed the desire to revisit the Edge Ice Arena, LHA and FHA, as far as getting a report from Alec Hines on hours of usage and making sure the District is honoring that agreement. He asked if the rest of the Board would like to see an hours of use allocation versus usage, versus payment, at least for the next year. Director Meyer added that with the first report, have a general update on how personalities are interacting and how things are going, staff engagement with both organizations and making sure staff are trying to mend some bridges. It was confirmed the information can be part of the Leisure Services quarterly report, similar to golf rounds and revenues.

Mr. Hopp mentioned staff are having conversations with a third entity for a long-term contract which is Colorado Select Girls Hockey Association. They are also interested now in a 10-year agreement with similar type terms.

Director Bielkiewicz asked how the facilities are doing now that they have been open for a couple months - Ridge, Peak and Lilley Gulch; have there been any issues with any of the restrictions in place. Derek Eberhardt provided an update. Director Bielkiewicz extended thanks to Kelly Rodriguez, she has been instrumental in keeping things going well with Community Pass and getting systems in place.

Director James asked if the District has been contacted by sports associations as far as using the Ridge basketball courts and giving them rentals since Jefferson County Schools is not allowing outside groups to use school facilities. Mr. Eberhardt discussed that Ms. Rodriguez is working on a number of requests right now. Mr. Hopp added Foothills Fieldhouse and Foothills Sports Arena have received requests for rentals as well. Ms. Butler indicated the process is internal programs first, recognized sports associations second, and the general public third in terms of space allocation.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Finance Update

Dennis Weiner reported the financial update through July 31st as included in the board packet. He reiterated the District faces significant financial challenges related to COVID-19 throughout the year. Staff expects to continue to face those challenges, potentially going into next year as well.

Highlighting the report, Mr. Weiner discussed the total District year-to-date operating revenues were lower than the budget. Reduction in revenue was the result of facility closures and operating restrictions in most District departments related to the COVID-19 outbreak, he detailed. Mr. Weiner pointed out that Golf continues to be a bright spot from a revenue perspective. The total year-to-date operating expenditures were better than the plan year-to-date, Mr. Weiner explained according to the report.

The net operating loss was unfavorable to plan from operations. Net non-operating revenue was better than planned, Mr. Weiner explained.

As a result, through July 31st, Mr. Weiner reported net revenue was lower than the plan.

B. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Hopp acknowledged staff have been doing updates since COVID-19 began in March. Using screen share, he pointed out a lot of the information is repeated, and added what has changed in red. Mr. Hopp indicated there have been lots of jurisdictional orders throughout the process that staff have been dealing with.

Mr. Hopp pointed out the District had applied for the maximum amount allowable of CARES Act Funding in early July, and did receive information that the District was awarded that. He reiterated this is not a revenue loss replacement, but reimbursement of any expenditures that the District has had related to COVID-19.

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Going through the presentation, Mr. Hopp detailed the things that have changed since the last presentation. He talked about changes related to facilities and programs. Mr. Eberhardt discussed pool staffing. Mr. Hopp acknowledged the District is providing great services to the community and staff have done a fantastic job.

Mr. Hopp went over the financial spreadsheet, working from Scenario A, pointing out that July numbers are better than anticipated and Golf continues to do really well. He compared the financials to the original estimates and discussed.

In answer to Director Meyer, there was discussion about how other districts are faring. Mr. Hopp proposed the District has managed it well and it's great the District is able to continue to provide the service to the community.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm. The next regular board meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

Submitted by:

Richelle Riley, Recording Secretary

Richelle Riley

From: Nancy Werkmeister [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Richelle Riley
Subject: Question/Comment for Board Meeting

Good evening Richelle,

I would like to have this question answered during community comments, if possible:

I would like to know if there has been progress in gaining water from Hariman Lake to Foothills Golf Course. As this was brought up by me previously and golf has been contributing a lot of money to the district this year due to COVID-19, it would be in good faith to move forward with this project as presently the golf course is hurting for water due to our long hot summer and this is taking its' toll on the course in general.

It appears a Club House has been put off again, but the water to the course is also a vital need to maintain the property in good standing. (I still have not given up on a Club House 😊)

Thank you

Nancy Werkmeister

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