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Referring to the golf course clubhouse update memo provided, Ronald Hopp indicated the internal committee has developed some initial concepts and did a Zoom meeting with individuals from some of the clubs, and did a survey which had over 70 responses. He mentioned representatives from JNS were on the call to do a presentation about the process and where it is at this point in time. In addition to that, staff are recommending approval of the next phase of the design contract, which is Phase 3, to develop 50 percent schematic design. Using screen share, JNS representatives, Nicole Nathan and Kevin White, proceeded with their presentation giving an overview of the process and detailing the final scheme they are working on.

In answer to Director Bielkiewicz, Mr. Hopp discussed comments on the survey.

Director Meyer said it looks fantastic and expressed excitement about the project. He opened the floor for public comment.

Nancy Werkmeister, Foothills Ladies 18, discussed concerns about locations of restrooms and number of stalls in the restrooms on the board side by the snack bar. Ms. Nathan elaborated on the restroom locations, showing a 3D view, and discussed different ways for how the restaurant and the snack bar would work together.

Chris Maxwell, Saturday Morning Women's League – Executive Course, expressed JNS did a great job incorporating comments, and accessibility is so much better. She suggested when it gets to the driving range, consider retaining a couple restrooms there. Ms. Maxwell thanked JNS for taking everybody's comments into account.

Mike Sexton, Foothills Men's Club, thanked everybody, it will attract golfers, and the Men's Club will enjoy it.

Leo Zeggert, golfer and pro shop employee, said JNS has done what he asked for, melded the two designs together, and elaborated.

Director Trimble expressed JNS did a fabulous job, it is going to be something that will attract people to it, and a place to have events.

Chris Maxwell asked if there is a way to make the space more convertible to the outside for the event rooms. Director Meyer suggested having the middle room open to the outside.

In answer to Director Meyer, Mr. Hopp discussed plans for keeping things open and operating during construction.

MOTION: Director Bielkiewicz moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement with Johnson Nathan Strohe to provide 50 percent Schematic Design services for the Foothills Golf Course Clubhouse Project as discussed, subject to staff and legal counsel approval. Director James seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Bielkiewicz, aye; Director Trimble, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye. The motion was approved.

B. Ridge Recreation Center Outdoor Sprayground

Referring to the memo provided, Derek Eberhardt said this project was identified to be funded as part of the 2017 mill levy proceeds. Over the last two years, staff have been looking at a number of different options and recommend working with WaterPlay. WaterPlay did the water feature in the activity pool in 2018 and staff are happy with the product. Mr. Eberhardt went over the budget for the project. Staff are recommending

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proceeding with installation in the fall, he discussed, and pointed out supporting documents in the packet. Mr. Eberhardt answered questions from the Board.

MOTION: Director Trimble moved that the Foothills Board of Directors authorize staff to proceed with the Ridge Outdoor Sprayground as discussed, and further authorize the Executive Director to execute all required documents to facilitate the Ridge Outdoor Sprayground project. Director Bielkiewicz seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Bielkiewicz, aye; Director Trimble, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye. The motion was approved.

C. Memorial Bench Application

Colin Insley pointed out in the packet an application from Ted and Nancy Doherty. They would like to install a bench dedicated to their parents, George and Mardee Nimmo. This would replace an existing bench in Woodmar Square Park. Mr. Insley pointed out a location map included in the packet.

MOTION: Director James moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the request for placement of a memorial park bench and plaque from Ted and Nancy Doherty to be installed at Woodmar Square Park. Director Trimble seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Bielkiewicz, aye; Director Trimble, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye. The motion was approved.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

As a continuation of discussion from the last board meeting, Mr. Hopp said he and Mr. Rufien did develop language to implement into contract documents related to open carry and concealed carry in facilities and programs. The language developed is as follows: "the open and concealed carry of firearms is prohibited at all Foothills Park & Recreation District facilities, parks, trails and golf courses". He referred to contracts that he and Mr. Rufien felt were the most appropriate to implement that in, staff have been updating those. Moving forward, that language will appear in all of those contracts. Temporary signage has been put up in the facilities about open carry.

Mr. Hopp said the governor had recently signed a bill that was passed by the legislature that allows a governing board of an institution, including special districts, to enact an ordinance, resolution, rule, or other regulation that prohibits a permittee from carrying a concealed handgun in a building or specific area. What may have been the original intent of the District's policy, prohibiting guns in the facilities, parks and trails, and couldn't be done because of state law, changed with this new legislation. Mr. Hopp said it was recently signed into law, so the District could, if that is the Board's desire, change the policy with a motion of the Board that would include concealed carry as well. Mr. Hopp reiterated it has been done in the contracts, but not in the buildings.

Paul Rufien indicated a motion to amend the policy and direction to staff to include that in the signage would be formal enough to adopt a Foothills rule. If the Board would like more formality to it, a resolution could be drafted for the Board to review and approve at the next meeting. He suggested it would be enough to extend what was already done to capture concealed carry as well as open carry.

Director Trimble advised to have language in there that exempts law officers from coming in the building with open carry. Mr. Hopp acknowledged that they are exempt, and they know that. Director Trimble questioned if there is any concern that typically shooters tend to go to places where they know there is nobody else with a gun. Is it more likely the District will have a shooter if that is made public policy, the policy is not going to stop them?

Director Meyer questioned the underlying premise that they tend to go places where they know there are not going to be guns. Examples of recent shootings were discussed. Director Trimble expressed concern that this may make it more likely that the District will have an incident; it is certainly not going to stop the people that want to

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do that. Director Meyer recognized it could stop the person who didn't think he was a shooter and left a gun sitting in the bathroom for 20 hours where kids could find it. Director Meyer expressed desire to limit that from ever happening again because there is maybe less risk of a shooter than somebody who has a gun permissibly and misusing it, leaving it somewhere where kids can find it, and then there is a really tragic accident. Director Meyer expressed it is a huge concern to him in Colorado, he has a concealed permit, and owns guns and thinks it is appropriate for a park and recreation district to say, "leave them somewhere else". He expressed not wanting parents that are upset with coaches, parents that are upset with other parents, parents that are coming to quasi competitive events that take it a little too seriously and over react. Director Meyer added he would hate to have an incident and then say the District should have done something.

Director Bielkiewicz said he doesn't think it would be inviting it. If there is a person out there who is going to go shoot places, do they actually research it, are they going to go where they have a connection or close by their house, or whatever it is. He said a lot of places are posting no guns and it's not a deterrent, but not attracting people; the benefits far outweigh that. Misuse is much more likely, like what the District had happen, which is why the Board is having the conversation.

Director Trimble acknowledged that person clearly was wrong and was his concealed permit revoked because of that? Staff's understanding is it was not revoked, he voluntarily relinquished it after the fact, Mr. Hopp said. Director Meyer indicated it was in part so that the District would reduce the punishment it had implemented to let him back in District facilities. There was consequence only because of the District, not the Jeffco Sheriff's Department, Director Bielkiewicz added.

Mr. Hopp explained what still has not been resolved is Employers Counsel had indicated the District could not prohibit employees from concealed carry. Now with the new law, it is believed that they are probably going to say that the District can. That is something that probably would change in the personnel manual as well. As a result of that, the language was not included in any of the current contracts with, for example, an art instructor or massage therapist or anybody providing contracted employee type services; they are almost acting like an employee although contracted. Once the employee perspective is resolved, the District may also implement that with the contracted employees as well.

Director Meyer questioned if the District makes it a policy that concealed carry and open carry is prohibited, doesn't that mean the contracts don't need to be amended at all? Mr. Hopp offered it has already been done. Mr. Rufien explained contracts would not have to be amended, but at this stage include it in the contracts.

Mr. Hopp suggested the policy could be put on the agenda next month for continued conversation, maybe people from the public would have an interest in that conversation. He indicated currently, the policy states: "The open carrying of any firearm is prohibited at all Foothills Park & Recreation District parks, trails, golf courses, and facilities pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 29-11.7-104". Director Meyer said he would support adding concealed carry as well. Director Trimble said since the new law was just passed recently, would prefer to give the public a chance to comment. The Board agreed to put it on next month's agenda once the law is reviewed.

Mr. Hopp said McKinstry, who is doing the design work for the Phase II ESCO, made staff aware there are earmarked funds of \$5 million available through Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for sustainable energy projects. One of the projects being contemplated as part of the ESCO is a new solar array on the east side of the Edge Ice Arena, Mr. Hopp explained. Terry Green and members of McKinstry participated in a webinar with DOLA who said they are treating it like a first come first serve basis. McKinstry will assist staff in putting together a grant application and provide a proposal specifically for that solar panel project. The project cost was discussed; the DOLA grant would cover potentially 75 percent. This came up in the last couple of days and Board approval will likely be needed to do that with a Board resolution, he said. In an effort to try to get the application in, staff would like to get authorization from the Board tonight. Mr. Hopp suggested a resolution may be needed that authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign and it is ratified at the next meeting. There was discussion and

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questions were answered. Mr. Hopp said staff believe the best thing to do would be to replace the roof before it is done, that is something that would be done anyway as part of the ESCO contract so those costs would be incurred. This is just to install the solar array. The grant is an expedited process; the installation probably is not.

Mr. Rufien advised a motion tonight would be the authority to move forward subject to the approval of the Board Chair, Executive Director, and Legal Counsel. He suggested it could have a not to exceed amount as far as the District's contribution because the District is going to be spending money, but saving a whole lot more. The resolution, if needed for the grant, would ultimately be ratified. Just because the District gets a grant does not mean it has to take the grant or spend the money. Mr. Rufien reminded there would be the contracting process afterwards that would come before the Board. He made clear it is just this advance approval in order not to slow the process down.

Mr. Hopp clarified a maximum amount is not needed for the resolution because ultimately, the Board is going to approve a contract. The District is just applying for the grant, the Board would have to accept a grant in an official form, and accept a contract to move forward. Director Trimble acknowledged the motion is giving staff permission to apply for the grant.

MOTION: Director Trimble moved that the Foothills Board of Directors authorize staff to apply for a grant through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for up to 75 percent funding of the Solar Array installation at Edge Ice Arena as part of the Phase II ESCO project subject to the approval of the Board Chair, Executive Director, and Legal Counsel. Director Bielkiewicz seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Bielkiewicz, aye; Director Trimble, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye. The motion was approved.

Mr. Hopp discussed a couple of surveys are being done related to the Sixth Avenue West Pool project and the Columbine West Pool project. He passed around word clouds of the preliminary survey results. There has been additional engineering done on the Sixth Avenue West Pool given the plumbing issue, Mr. Hopp discussed.

Mesa View Estates has a strong desire to do more capital projects in their neighborhood than what is able to be done with the collective \$40,000 per year. Mr. Hopp indicated there have been conversations and the Board has shown some receptivity about expediting some of that process. Mr. Hopp discussed that Mesa View outlined what their preferred improvements look like and he and Dennis Weiner have outlined a proposal including requirements.

Mr. Hopp talked about the Pickleball and tennis court project at Clement Park. Staff reached out to some Pickleball advocates and staff are of the opinion that most of the things the advocates suggested be done, should be done. It will likely impact the cost, Mr. Hopp discussed.

Regarding the COP, Mr. Hopp pointed out a chart attached to the report outlining cash flow and annual payment analysis of the COP for \$30 million and \$35 million in 20 and 25 years, and discussed. He said the July meeting is when the Board would consider a resolution to move forward with the COP. Mr. Weiner elaborated on reduction in residential assessment rate and reduction in property tax revenue. Based on the assessments the District has received and what is known about the area, it is seeming like the District will see somewhere in the neighborhood of 10 to 15 percent increase in assessed values for residential property, Mr. Weiner noted. Mr. Hopp discussed the timeline attached, projects, and said there is no doubt \$35 million could be spent, the question is comfort level. There was discussion and questions were answered. The Board was in favor of \$35 million and 20 years.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Finance Update

Dennis Weiner reported the financial update through May 31, 2021 as included in the packet. Highlighting the report, Mr. Weiner discussed year-to-date operating revenues, operating expenditures, net operating loss, non-

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operating revenue and expenditures. Looking at the bottom line, through May 31st, net revenue was better than plan.

B. COVID-19 Update

Using screen share, Mr. Hopp discussed current jurisdictional orders, state and county regulations, and outlined the COVID-19 data snapshot showing cases in Jefferson County. Staff are continuing financial mitigation, Mr. Hopp explained and talked about grants the District has received. The Special District Association was advocating for a portion of federal funds to be made available to special districts; the governor's office has decided not to designate a specific amount of funding to be allocated to special districts, he discussed. Mr. Hopp provided status of parks, golf courses, facilities. He outlined financials and discussed the District is tracking to be better than the original projections. Mr. Hopp discussed management of the budget, and recommended discontinuing the COVID specific agenda item. Staff can talk about it in the finance report and things can be put into the Executive Director's report. The Board agreed.

Director Meyer thanked Mr. Hopp and staff for doing a great job managing the District through the last year. Mr. Hopp reminded there are funds in the budget to help manage COVID, funds can be reallocated back to capital projects. Director James expressed appreciation for the tough decisions the District had to make the past year.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Contract Negotiations per 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S.

MOTION: Director Bielkiewicz moved that the Foothills Board of Directors move into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(e). Director Trimble seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Bielkiewicz, aye; Director Trimble, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye. The motion was approved.

Director Meyer mentioned the Board will not go back to the regular board meeting on Zoom after adjourning from Executive Session to adjourn the regular meeting. It is not anticipated regular business will occur at that point, just adjournment.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:49pm. Executive Session started at 7:52pm and ended at 8:20pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:21pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm. The next regular board meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

Submitted by: Richelle Riley, Recording Secretary