



**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 on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at the HMT Recreation Complex, Dryland Training Center, 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton, Oregon. Executive Session 5 pm; Regular Meeting 6 pm.

Present:

Ali Kavianian	President/Director
Felicita Monteblanco	Secretary/Director
Wendy Kroger	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
John Griffiths	Director
Doug Menke	General Manager

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

President Ali Kavianian 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)(e) and (h), which allows the board to meet in executive session to discuss the aforementioned issues.

President Kavianian noted that the news media and designated staff may attend executive session. Representatives of the news media were directed not to disclose information discussed during executive session. No final action or final decision may be made in executive session. At the end of executive session, the board welcomed the audience into the room.

Agenda Item #2 – Call Regular Meeting to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Ali Kavianian on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at 6 pm.

John Griffiths moved that the board of directors move Agenda Item #5, Audience Time, to after Agenda Item #8B, General Manager’s Report. Wendy Kroger seconded the motion.

Roll call proceeded as follows:

Wendy Kroger	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
John Griffiths	Yes
Ali Kavianian	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

Wendy Kroger moved that the board of directors authorize staff to acquire two properties in the southeast quadrant of the district for the purchase prices discussed in executive session, using system development charge funds, subject to the standard due diligence

review and approval by the general manager. Felicita Monteblanco seconded the motion.

Roll call proceeded as follows:

John Griffiths	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Wendy Kroger	Yes
Ali Kavianian	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #4 – Presentations

A. Recognition of Ben Wu, THPRD Lifeguard and Swim Instructor

General Manager Doug Menke introduced Jan Lee, a paramedic with MetroWest Ambulance, to recognize Ben Wu, THPRD lifeguard and swim instructor, who responded to a cardiac emergency of a fellow lacrosse player at Westview High School on May 23, 2018.

Jan described how Ben utilized the skills he learned through lifeguard training at THPRD and the Health Careers program at Westview to provide the necessary care for his teammate until EMS personnel arrived. She noted that very few people survive the type of cardiac emergency that his teammate suffered and that Ben is credited with saving his life. She presented a survival coin to Ben, which are issued to paramedics who save a life.

B. Coalition of Communities of Color *Leading with Race: Research Justice in Washington County*

Kylie Bayer-Fertterer, equity coordinator, introduced Shweta Moorthy, lead researcher with the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC), and Weiwei Lou, community member, to present the research methodology, findings, and calls to action from the report: *Leading with Race: Research Justice in Washington County*. Kylie noted that THPRD, along with other jurisdictions within Washington County, shared in the funding for this community research project about the lived experiences of communities of color in Washington County. CCC convened a steering committee of representatives from county jurisdictions and nonprofit organizations to guide the project and conducted a series of focus groups with communities of color to determine their experiences within the county. The focus groups were also responsible for reviewing the research before the report was published. The report includes eight calls to action, directed at local jurisdictions and elected officials, aimed at improving outcomes in the county for communities of color.

Shweta and Weiwei provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation regarding the report, a copy of which was entered into the record and which included the following information:

- Research Justice Principles and Methodology
- Principal Goals
 - Establish baseline knowledge about communities of color
 - Identify strengths and disparities among communities
 - Move institutions to examine their policies and practices
 - Improve public investment, delivery of services, and opportunities for civic engagement for communities of color
 - Build stronger relationships to promote racial equity
- Report Findings
 - People of color have always lived in Washington County and are part of the economy and social fabric
 - Communities of color experience oppression by racist institutions and practices, and are made to feel both invisible and hyper-visible
 - Communities of color are experts in their lived experience and Washington County will be better by working together

- Beaverton Area Demographics
 - An estimated one in three people in Central and East Beaverton, and an estimated one in two people in West Beaverton and Aloha, are people of color
- Calls to Action
 - Encouraged reflection regarding steps board members can take through their role at THPRD to implement the calls to action

Felicita Montebianco commented that so much of what is contained within the report applies to every aspect of THPRD. She described the district's efforts to expand afterschool programming and what that might mean to provide children additional opportunities for connection that they have not had access to in the past. In addition, she referenced the district's current scholarship program assessment and what it might mean to use a racial equity lens to do that work. She personally identifies with the report and complimented the CCC for the work they have done, noting that she is also proud that THPRD helped fund this project. She stated that the district needs to hold itself accountable to this issue and encouraged THPRD and the board to take seriously the calls to action.

Felicita asked Kylie to advise the board as to how this information could be taken into consideration when moving forward with the district's upcoming visioning process.

- ✓ Kylie replied that she believes it would be wise for the district to approach the visioning process through a racial equity lens, noting that the reason this report was titled *Leading with Race* is because race transcends everything. The outcomes or disparities that communities of color experience are directly connected to race, and not so much to socioeconomic status or education levels. It would be beneficial for the district to use the calls to action, along with some of the other work the district has already done, in order to inform the visioning process.

Wendy Kroger referenced the report finding that communities of color are experts in their lived experience and that Washington County will be better by working together. She committed to continue to find ways to work together and listen to those experiences.

President Kavianian asked where else tonight's presentation is being heard within the community.

- ✓ Shweta replied that the presentation is being given to any group that requests it, including the Human Rights Council, other local elected officials and councils, and school districts.

Ali suggested consideration be given to reaching out to the business community, as well.

John Griffiths described his past work with Intel which has a very diverse workforce and also provided a personal account of his friendship with a neighbor who is a person of color and how that friendship has grown over time to transcend race. John referenced regretful periods in the history of the nation and noted that he is hopeful that as a society we will eventually get to such a level that referring to someone's race simply becomes a point of reference in terms of the unique experience of that individual from which to learn from in order to become better friends.

- ✓ Shweta commented that at a basic level, the ultimate goal of racial justice is for race not to be a predictor of outcome for someone. She added that THPRD has an opportunity through the calls to action to help change this on an institutional level, as well.
- ✓ Weiwei provided a personal account of being a person of color within the community, including the curiosity and questions it can bring, as well as the difficulty at times in finding desired goods and services. She encouraged THPRD to consider what other types of activities different ethnicities may consider as healthy exercise. She stated that better understanding is needed between each other, noting that just because someone is a certain ethnicity does not mean that they can answer any question perceived as specific to that race or culture; a person of color is still an individual.

Agenda Item #6 – Board Time

Wendy Kroger described a recent tour of Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center's afterschool programs that she participated in along with Tom Colett, a board member for Beaverton School District (BSD). She asked for board consensus to continue gathering data for a potential pilot program expanding THPRD's afterschool programming in partnership with BSD, noting that she would like to see such information gathered by December for consideration within the upcoming budget process.

President Kavianian acknowledged board member Holly Thompson's resignation from the THPRD Board of Directors at the end of July, noting that board discussion regarding the appointment process for her replacement would take place later in the agenda.

President Kavianian complimented district staff on another successful Party in the Park event.

President Kavianian commented on the board's support of the City of Beaverton's request to expand their Vertical Housing Development Zone, noting that this is one more example of THPRD's partnership with the city and could result in additional possibilities for more affordable housing development. THPRD's support of this request is one of several ways the district is helping support housing; in addition, the district is working directly with affordable housing developers on deferring collection of system development charges (SDCs) and the potential for SDC credit projects for open space within developments. The district is also working with both for and non-profit housing developers to give SDC credits for prior use of the property. The board continues to look for other opportunities to help with the area's affordable housing crisis.

A. Committee Liaison Updates

Wendy provided an update regarding the work of the Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee on interpretive signage, as well as on a survey about dog parks, and encouraged anyone who has not yet completed the survey to please do so soon.

Felicita Montebalanco provided an update regarding the activities of the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation, noting that their annual meeting is taking place the following evening.

John Griffiths provided an update regarding the activities of the Nature & Trails Advisory Committee, noting that an upcoming topic for the committee's consideration will be the Fanno Creek Trail at Allen Boulevard and Scholls Ferry Road.

John also provided an update regarding the activities of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee, noting that there will be a 2019 natural areas bond measure proposed by Metro. The current consideration is to replace an expiring natural areas bond at the same cost per thousand dollars of assessed value; however, land values have easily doubled in value since then and the desire is for land within more urban areas, which will be even more expensive and hard to find.

Agenda Item #7 – Consent Agenda

Wendy Kroger moved that the board of directors approve consent agenda items (A) Minutes of June 12, 2018 & June 19, 2018 Regular Board Meetings, (B) Monthly Bills, (C) Monthly Financial Statement, (D) Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for Regional Flexible Fund Allocation for the Design of the Westside Trail Bridge over Highway 26, (E) Resolution Acknowledging Property Acquisitions for Fiscal Year 2017/18 and Describing Funding Source(s) and Purpose, (F) Bonnie Meadow Area Neighborhood Park Master Plan, (G) PCC Rock Creek Synthetic Turf Replacement Contract, and (H) Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center Design Contract. Felicita Montebalanco seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

John Griffiths **Yes**
Felicita Monteblanco **Yes**
Wendy Kroger **Yes**
Ali Kavianian **Yes**

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #8 – Unfinished Business

A. Parks Functional Plan

General Manager Doug Menke introduced Jeannine Rustad, Planning manager, and Nicole Paulsen, urban planner, to provide an overview of the process being used to update the district's Parks Functional Plan (PFP), which was adopted by the board in May 2015. Staff is requesting board review and comment on the proposed process; the updated PFP will be presented to the board for consideration of approval in December.

Jeannine and Nicole provided a detailed overview of the PFP update process, including the community outreach proposed, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record, and offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Felicita Monteblanco referenced the community surveys being collected as part of the public outreach process to inform the PFP update and inquired what measures are being taken in order to ensure that survey results are not skewed to one particular geographical area that may have submitted more surveys than other areas.

- ✓ Nicole replied that the survey includes a question regarding what THPRD park is close to the respondent's residence, which will help identify which areas the surveys are coming from and assist in ensuring an equitable distribution of the information gathered.
- ✓ Jeannine noted that this concern was taken into consideration when the public meetings were scheduled, resulting in a heavy concentration of meetings within the central portion of the district, but also utilizing large events, like Party in the Park, that draw people from all over the district. The RecMobile and bilingual staff are also being used in this process.
- ✓ Keith Hobson, director of Business & Facilities, commented that another important aspect of the survey is that it is not inquiring about where the parks should be located, but rather what criteria should be used in order to assess the parks. This should alleviate some of the concern regarding a heavy response from one particular area of the district.

Wendy Kroger expressed support for the involvement of the district's partner agencies in this planning process, which in the end will benefit the entire community.

B. General Manager's Report

General Manager Doug Menke provided an overview of his General Manager's Report included within the board of directors' information packet, including the following:

- Washington County Land Use Ordinance 832
 - Jeannine Rustad, Planning manager, provided an overview of Washington County's proposed Land Use Ordinance 832 regarding Fair Housing and Group Care which included changes to the County Community Development Code relating to temporary homeless shelters. THPRD testimony was instrumental in a recommendation from the Washington County Planning Commission to the Board of County Commissioners to reduce requirements for permitting that could serve as a barrier to the provision of temporary homeless shelters.
- Senior Fitness Program Partnerships
 - Eric Owens, Recreation manager, provided an overview of the district's partnerships with Silver & Fit and Silver Sneakers to provide fitness opportunities for seniors at district facilities. These partnerships give seniors access to some

fitness classes and drop-in fitness activities at no additional cost to the patron. Silver & Fit and Silver Sneakers reimburse the district a certain amount based on the patron's usage. Beginning in January 2018 the district added a third program providing similar access and reimbursement called Optum.

- Supported Worker Partnerships
 - Eric Owens, Recreation manager, provided an overview of the district's partnerships with four agencies that provide individuals experiencing disabilities with training, job skills and job placement in the area. The agencies are Dirkse Counseling and Consulting Inc., Elayne Goldman & Associates Inc., Beaverton Transitional Program and TVWinc (Teaching Valuable Skills for the Workforce). Currently, the district has placed supported workers at the Athletic Center, Cedar Hills Recreation Center and Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center.

- Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Doug offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Felicita Montebalanco asked Eric for lessons learned in working with the supported worker programs and how he believes the district could measure the success of this program.

- ✓ Eric replied that it has been rewarding to see the employees' confidence grow through their work with the district. Success could be measured by supported workers being placed into additional program areas within the district, such as the recreation programs.
- ✓ John Griffiths commented that he knows one of the employees working for the district via a supported worker partnership and can testify firsthand to the increased growth and development that this person has experienced since starting work with THPRD.

Felicita requested that, in the interest of partnership, the board give consideration to changing its regular meeting nights of Tuesdays in order not to conflict with the standing City of Beaverton council meeting schedule.

Agenda Item #5 – Audience Time

William Athenas, 15400 SW Heron Court, Beaverton, is before the THPRD Board of Directors this evening regarding a 2008 Bond Measure natural resources restoration project completed in Murrayhill Park. Mr. Athenas described how an area formerly overgrown with invasive blackberries had been cleared and replanted with native species as part of this bond project. However, this project took place within a powerline corridor and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) recently came through and cut down all of the native species that had been planted as part of this project. After speaking with district staff, he learned that BPA owns the land and that THPRD has an easement to use it. He expressed frustration about wasting tax dollars on a project not located on district-owned property and hopes this situation will serve as a learning lesson for future district projects.

- ✓ Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails manager, acknowledged that this is an unfortunate situation in that BPA regulations have changed over time regarding use of their property.

Alan Carpenter, 11730 SW Welch Terrace, Beaverton, is before the THPRD Board of Directors this evening regarding flooding concerns along the Fanno Creek Trail at Greenway Park. Mr. Carpenter referenced the public testimony he provided during the board's June 12, 2018 Regular Board meeting, during which he described a portion of the Fanno Creek Trail that includes an underpass beneath Scholls Ferry Road and the significant prevalence of flooding in that area resulting in the underpass becoming dangerous and impassible. He noted that since his testimony, and due to pressure by the City of Tigard, the Clean Water Services (CWS) water flow devices have been maintained more consistently with some success. He stated that the flow devices are a great short-term solution until a long-term solution can be identified, do not harm

wildlife and make the regional trail passable most of the time. He suggested that THPRD also pressure CWS to keep the flow devices maintained.

Gordon Teifel, 17900 SW Frances Street, Aloha, is before the THPRD Board of Directors this evening representing Families for Independent Living regarding THPRD's System Development Charge (SDC) program and affordable housing. Mr. Teifel described his longtime experience in working with Families for Independent Living, which is a nonprofit working with adults with mental disabilities to secure affordable housing, as well as his work with Washington County Housing and Supportive Services and the Coalition of Housing Advocates. He described how affordable housing projects have much longer development timelines due to the complexity of working with multiple jurisdictions in negotiating waivers or reductions in fees or requirements of typical housing development projects. He noted that development fees such as SDCs add to the monthly rent costs for the residents and can also be detrimental to whether such a project is able to be built. He noted that the needs are great, with 14,000 affordable housing units needed within Washington County alone. He acknowledged the legal challenges THPRD faces in directly waiving district SDC fees, but encouraged the board to explore other creative solutions in waiving these fees for affordable housing developments.

- ✓ President Kavianian commented that taking a creative approach is exactly what THPRD is doing in helping to find solutions to this complex issue, including continued work with both nonprofit and for-profit affordable housing developers and requesting that these developers bring THPRD to the table early and often throughout their development process. Viable options have been identified and acted upon and THPRD continues to look for additional ways to help.

Agenda Item #9 – New Business

A. Greenway Park Concept Plan

General Manager Doug Menke introduced Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails manager, to provide an overview of a concept plan for Greenway Park as included within the board of directors' information packet.

Bruce provided a detailed overview of the Greenway Park concept plan via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record, and which included the following information:

- The plan provides a long-term vision to guide how the 100-acre site is maintained and what amenities are installed or changed over time.
- A concept plan differs from a master plan in that some existing park amenities serve as anchors and are not being considered for significant changes. A concept plan:
 - Provides guidance on maintenance operations, site improvements, and a consistent look and feel for the park
 - Identifies overall goals and objectives for the site and introduces supporting projects that will be refined and fully developed over time
- Public outreach conducted during development of the concept plan included:
 - Formation of a community-based task force that developed the following vision:
 - Greenway Park is a family-friendly, community-oriented park that has a balance of developed amenities and natural areas. Park management needs will be financially and ecologically sustainable. Most developed amenities will be usable year-round. Trails will be accessible during typical rain conditions (excluding peak rain/flood events).
 - Park-based intercept interviews, mailers, a website, three open houses, presentations to community groups and district advisory committees
 - An overview of the planning process at the May 8, 2018 Regular Board meeting
- Through the outreach process, the public expressed the desire for:

- Clean, dry trails; walking opportunities
- Places for nature and people, with a high value placed on nature
- Access for all to most places
- More restrooms
- Recreation amenities, but not as the priority
- Short-term recommended changes (within three years)
 - Keep loop trails open when beavers aren't actively working in the area; do not pipe or modify dams, except to protect the regional trail
 - Realign the disc golf course
 - Pave access paths to sport courts and other amenities
 - Minor asphalt raising to provide drier trails at specific areas
 - Add portable toilets with screening for a total of two
 - Add trail mile markers, kiosk, benches and maps
 - Investigate feasibility of adding water fountains
 - Evaluate locations and number of trash cans and dog bag stations
- Long-term recommended changes (three to eight years)
 - Widen, raise and/or realign Fanno Creek Trail to 12-feet and ensure year-round access from Hall to Scholls Ferry Road
 - Coordinate with Washington County and City of Tigard to provide a signalized Scholls Ferry Road at-grade crossing
 - Add paved and/or boardwalk loop trails and viewing structure
 - Add a total of three toilets with screening or attractive exterior
 - Replace underutilized amenities with new features per plan
 - Make ADA access changes with improvements
- Scholls Ferry Road crossing
 - Post notice that THPRD cleans the trail eight times annually
 - Actively work with partners for an alternative crossing
- Next steps
 - Make any board-recommended changes to the concept plan
 - Post and share the concept plan with the public
 - Implement portions of the plan as time and resources allow
 - Seek partners and grant funding

Bruce offered to answer any questions the board may have.

President Kavianian opened the floor for public testimony.

Alan Carpenter, 11730 SW Welch Terrace, Beaverton, thanked General Manager Doug Menke for meeting him and a group of neighbors at the park in December 2017 to hear their concerns. He noted that after that meeting occurred, he started seeing improving conditions along the loop trails. However, now the loop trails are under immediate attack again as the concept plan states that no effort will be made to maintain the loop trails if under water. He noted that the concept plan also stated that a majority of stakeholders felt that a partial trail closure was the best way to balance the needs of people and wildlife. He believes that the question that resulted in this statement could have been worded a variety of ways that would have produced a different result and he feels that it is an inaccurate conclusion. He expressed disappointment in the other jurisdictions whose actions have played a role in the deterioration of the loop trails and regional trail, as well as with the estimated timeline of when a boardwalk could possibly be installed. He noted that this area was perfectly functional until the 2008 stream channel reconstruction and restoration project. He hopes that with proper management of the water flow devices, both the wildlife and park users can benefit until the future boardwalk and viewpoint are constructed. He concluded by stating that he, and many other park patrons who are too shy to speak before the board, implore THPRD to continue to protect the loop trails.

Laura Porter, 2135 SW Knoll Crest Drive, Portland, stated that she is in support of the Greenway Park Concept Plan as presented to the board this evening. She described her years of experience in watershed management, noting that she also served on the Greenway Park community task force and as chair of the Nature & Trails Advisory Committee. She is impressed by the process the district used in the development of the concept plan and believes that the district went above and beyond the requirements for public outreach. She noted that the park is located within the 100-year flood plain and acknowledged the difficulty in balancing community needs and wants. Her family thoroughly enjoys seeing the variety of wildlife at the park, as well as walking the trails, and she thanks THPRD for the services it provides to the community.

Suzanne Bartholemy, 11735 SW Robbins Drive, Beaverton, described an over bloom of duckweed in Fanno Creek and inquired whether any measures are being taken in order to contain its spread. Regarding the Greenway Park Concept Plan, she generally approves of the plan but would like to see the paths include a bike lane.

Sue Wagoner, 8710 SW Rebecca Lane, Beaverton, commented that she has used Greenway Park for over 37 years and would like to see all of the trails maintained and open year-round except during extreme weather events. She stated that the park's trails were almost always passable until THPRD diverted Fanno Creek and the beavers returned. She noted that the trail maintenance issues are not due to weather most of the time, but due to beaver activity, and she was shocked to read within the concept plan that the loop trails would not be maintained during beaver activity. She noted that the flow devices do work to diminish beaver activity, but require persistence. She also disagrees with the recommendation that the Scholls Ferry Road underpass only be maintained eight times per year, noting that this is not satisfactory. She concluded by stating that the park users worked hard to get the north loop trail reopened, which took years, and they do not want to lose it again; the loop trails are well-utilized and deserved by the community and should be maintained to remain open year-round, along with the regional trail.

President Kavianian requested an overview of the changes made in 2008 as referenced by the public testimony.

- ✓ Bruce explained that Fanno Creek was rechanneled in order to meander more naturally. Historically, it had been moved by a farmer to a straight channel on the side of the property in order to create a larger parcel of land to farm. The banks of the creek had started to get very steep and erode. After working with partner jurisdictions, a project was completed to re-meander the creek in order to slow the water down, which would help with erosion, improve water quality and wildlife habitat. A few years later, the beavers moved in in larger numbers than before and as a result of that activity, more areas of the park became flooded. Initially, the flooding was not an issue until the beavers moved around and the flooding occurred in different locations, such as impacting the loop trails. Flow devices can generally handle most of the water during non-storm times, but in other cases the beavers have made dams around the devices or built dams large enough that the water courses along the entire floodplain rather than just a portion of it. Flow devices require a large staff investment and are very difficult to maintain, especially during the winter months. THPRD has over a hundred different natural areas and staff tries to balance where the devices are installed in order to create the maximum benefit for the staff time available. In some cases, the flow devices will simply be overwhelmed; in other cases, additional staff time could help a particular situation.

Ali inquired how the recommendation of maintaining the Fanno Creek Trail underpass eight times a year was formulated.

- ✓ Bruce described how that number was determined based on the current practice, as well as input from Maintenance Operations and Nature & Trails staff and reflects an increase

in the current level of service. He noted that generally the most activity would take place October through May, but at times beaver activity will necessitate cleaning outside of those times. Bruce noted that in the short term, staff is trying to respect some of the public's wishes but also recognize the limited amount of resources available and ultimately rely on the guidance of the board.

Ali commented that he will be curious to hear the results of the increased trail maintenance.

John Griffiths inquired about the possibility of building a levy or dike along the trail underneath the underpass in order to keep the creek from overflowing onto the trail.

- ✓ Bruce explained that this point of the trail is a low-point for the entire area and that a levy or dike built along the trail would eventually result in water and mud rising above either side of the wall and being deposited onto the trail, which would be made even more difficult to remove and clean. Raising the height of the trail is also not an option due to the limited amount of clearance available between the ground and ceiling of the underpass. Bruce described the various potential remedies that have been explored for this section of trail, each with their own pros and cons, and were evaluated taking into account criteria such as difficulty, permit-ability, expense, and safety. Based on this evaluation, the recommendation was made to start with additional cleaning and trail maintenance.

Felicita Monteblanco asked whether district staff has researched what other areas of the country have done in order to peacefully coexist with beavers.

- ✓ Bruce explained the challenges of building within a floodplain that has historical beaver activity, noting that rather than attempting to manage the beavers, it may be more appropriate to manage the expectations of what level of service can be provided in such an area, or make the financial investment in order to move amenities outside of the floodplain. He noted that district staff has collaborated with other jurisdictions and beaver management specialists to ensure that the district has current and positive practices in place. While not everyone agreed with every aspect of the concept plan, district staff feels that it is representative of the majority sentiment.
- ✓ John described his understanding of the positive and challenging attributes of having beaver in an area, one of the positive being a more ecologically rich habitat and environment.

Wendy Kroger referenced her service on the Greenway Park community task force, noting that she would like to see some of the three to eight year items completed more quickly than stated, especially the at-grade crossing at Scholls Ferry Road and the boardwalks. She would especially like to understand whether an at-grade crossing is even a possibility or not within the next one to two years and described the dangerous attempts of people crossing Scholls Ferry Road without a designated crossing. She also believes that the district should move forward on construction of the boardwalks for the loop trails as soon as funding is available, which may require the passage of another bond measure.

President Kavianian thanked those who testified this evening, as well as those who participated in the concept planning process.

B. NW Quadrant Youth Athletic Field Master Plan

General Manager Doug Menke introduced Gery Keck, Design & Development manager, to provide an overview of the preferred master plan for the NW Quadrant Youth Athletic Field project in Aloha as included within the board of directors' information packet. This project will fulfill a 2008 Bond Measure obligation for a youth athletic field in the NW Quadrant of the district.

Gery provided a detailed overview of the proposed NW Quadrant Youth Athletic Field project master plan, including the community outreach conducted, via a PowerPoint presentation of the materials provided within the board of directors' information packet. Gery noted that board approval of the preferred master plan is being requested this evening and offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Keith Hobson, director of Business & Facilities, provided an update regarding the budget for this project, noting that the estimated project cost currently surpasses the amount planned during development of the 2008 Bond Measure package because that amount assumed only the cost of the athletic field, not the site improvements, such as grading, that are needed as well. Other factors include additional master plan amenities and the inflation that has occurred over the past ten years since the original cost estimate was developed. The request this evening is for board approval of the master plan; not funding for the project, which will be addressed when the bid award is requested. Approval of the master plan assumes that staff will continue design and permitting for the full project with the understanding that the funding issue will be solved prior to the bid award. At this point, staff believes that there will be excess funds available within the bond program to cover this shortfall, but whether those are used for this purpose will be decided later. Staff will also continue to look for value engineering or cost sharing options in order to help mitigate the cost overage.

Wendy Kroger described the need for services in this area, noting that the additional amenities proposed within the master plan will draw more than just those interested in the sports field and are necessary for serving the surrounding community. She encouraged staff to continue working with Washington County in negotiating the half street improvements required. Wendy also asked for confirmation that no natural area bond funds could potentially be used for this project.

- ✓ Keith confirmed that no natural area bond funds would be used for this project, noting that these funds are not considered excess.

President Kavianian requested that as many trees as possible be retained for this site, especially in the northern portion of the property.

- ✓ Gery confirmed that this would be further explored.

Felicita Montebianco moved that the board of directors approve the preferred master plan for the NW Quadrant Youth Athletic Field. Wendy Kroger seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

John Griffiths	Yes
Wendy Kroger	Yes
Felicita Montebianco	Yes
Ali Kavianian	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

C. THPRD Board Member Appointment Process

General Manager Doug Menke noted that board member Holly Thompson recently resigned her position, resulting in a vacancy of Position #3 on the THPRD Board of Directors. The term for Position #3 is through June 30, 2021; however, the appointed term will be through June 30, 2019, at which point the remainder of the position's term would be filled by district election, to take place in May 2019. It is the board's prerogative in terms of the process desired to fill the vacancy.

Felicita Montebianco commented that this situation presents a new opportunity to engage with the district's community, noting that she had several people approach her after the previous vacancy was filled stating that they were either unaware of the opening or were concerned that they were not qualified. Although she is sensitive to the fact that the board recently went through a very

thorough process, she would like to see the board consider reopening the appointment process, utilizing Wendy's input and expertise, as well. She sees this as an opportunity for additional outreach to the community that she would like to see the board take advantage.

John Griffiths noted the extensive process the board went through this past spring in filling the previous vacancy, which included 26 applications received and thoroughly reviewed, followed by ten interviews. Each board member then chose their top three candidates, which resulted in the appointment of Wendy Kroger. He noted that there is not much time between now and the next election, and given that the board already has some well-qualified candidates to consider from the previous effort, he supports either making a selection outright from the list of finalists or to conduct another round of interviews from that list.

Wendy Kroger stated that the board has a lot of work to do and needs a full membership as soon as possible. She has reviewed the applications received and the rankings conducted through the previous process and feels that the outreach conducted for that effort and quality of candidates were phenomenal. For these reasons, she is comfortable reconsidering the finalists from the previous effort for the current vacancy given that this process took place only four months ago. She would prefer to interview the top two finalists via a Special Board of Directors meeting.

President Kavianian expressed agreement with Wendy's comments, agreeing that the previous outreach effort was extensive and resulted in a list of high-quality candidates for consideration. He noted that returning to a list of finalists would be a common practice in the world of human resources or for any other open position, rather than starting the search from scratch; especially when there is a list from which to choose of high-caliber candidates as finalists.

Felicita requested that the board consider interviewing all of the candidates placed on the board members' top three lists, not just the top two.

- ✓ John noted that although he would be comfortable with that approach, he questions whether going through that extra effort would produce a different result.
- ✓ Wendy commented that she trusts the previous board in terms of the candidate rankings and in the interest of time, she would like to begin by interviewing the top two finalists.
- ✓ Board discussion continued regarding the value of conducting additional interviews outside of the top two finalists, taking into consideration the time commitment involved and previous vetting conducted.

Wendy Kroger moved that the board of directors interview the next two candidates on the ranking list to fill the currently vacant board position. John Griffiths seconded the motion.

Roll call proceeded as follows:

Felicita Monteblanco	No
John Griffiths	Yes
Wendy Kroger	Yes
Ali Kavianian	Yes

The motion was APPROVED by MAJORITY vote.

Agenda Item #10 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Ali Kavianian, President

Felicita Monteblanco, Secretary

Recording Secretary,
Jessica Collins