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**REDMOND AREA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of General Meeting**

A general meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District convened at the Pleasant Ridge Community Hall 7067 SW Canal BLVD, Redmond, Oregon, August 10, 2021 at 7:30am.

Attendance:

Directors Present:

Matt Gilman
Zack Harmon
Ed Danielson
Mercedes Cook-Bostick

Directors Absent: Kevin Scoggin

Staff:

Katie Hammer, Executive Director
Jessica Rowan, Aquatic Director
Mike Elam, Recreation Manager
Vicki Osbon, Administrative Services Manager

Media: None

Public: None

GENERAL MEETING:

1. Call to Order:

Matt Gilman called the meeting to order at 7:30am

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

2. Communications: None

3. Consent Agenda:

Approval of the General Board Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2021; Acknowledgment of Receipt of July 2021 Financial Summary:

Zack Harmon made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ed Danielson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Action Agenda Items: None

5. Discussion Items:

Board Goals Progress Update:

Katie Hammer said the board goals are in timeline order. The aquatic janitorial piece is finished. She also said that the district's online presence has improved. She said that the district is ahead of schedule on improving current partnerships and has been working on our partnership with the Senior Center. All paint night classes will be held there, and all fitness classes currently being held at the Activity Center will begin being held at the Senior Center in September. Katie also spoke about our partnership with REACH. We have been working on adding STEM there on Saturdays to offset bringing in reception staff at the Activity Center and partnering for long term use of facilities.

Katie said that she participated in a 2-day mission and vision process with the school district last week as well. She said overall we are making great progress on partnerships. Katie said we are also targeting a November 30 deadline for new registration software to be live.

Matt Gilman asked Katie Hammer if there were any news on the Tetherow Crossing house. Katie said that she has started a reengagement process with the architects.

Recreation Facility Planning:

Matt Gilman said that the friends of Redmond Recreation Group has been meeting once a month and they are significantly more organized. There has been an average of 10-15 people attending the meeting. He said that they plan to have listening groups and have developed about a dozen questions. Zack Harmon commented on contacting other youth athletic organizations to see if there is support there. Katie Hammer said that she would look through the outreach lists of groups and add youth sports groups that may not be on the list and add them. Matt said they are looking for volunteers to run listening sessions. Katie said that the goal of this group is to transition into a political action committee. She said that when the board votes to go out for bond will be when the transition occurs. Katie also said that one more board member can participate in the Friends of Redmond Group if they were interested.

Ed Danielson commented about any other groups going up for bond and Katie responded that the police department was going to, but it would happen before the district went out.

Zack also added that by the time the board does vote to go out for bond the political action committee will need to be in place and that if district employees want to participate, they can do so, but it must be on personal time.

Ed Danielson asked about the recreation building at the Activity Center. Katie responded that currently the district is planning on demolishing the building in early February, but REACH is exploring grant dollars and looking at options to possibly move the recreation building.

6. Public Comments: None

7. Board Staff Comments:

Mike Elam, Recreation Manager, talked about fall soccer registrations. He also said our sports coordinator just turned in his resignation. He said that it is exciting to have more kids. He said he is working with the school to use facilities for adult basketball. He has hired Teresa Brown as the new fitness coordinator. Teresa was previously a fitness instructor for us. He also said our sports coordinator just turned in his resignation.

Mercedes Bostick-Cook asked about the middle school soccer registrations. Mike Elam said registrations are down, but he will be doing another social media post.

Katie Hammer also commented that during the school district meeting she participated in last week, there were comments about a gap for middle school kids sports. Zack said that the school district ran free camps last week and the turnout was successful. Katie asked Mike to reach out to the school district and ask them to send out an email to the families to let them know about recreational middle school soccer.

Jessica Rowan, Aquatic Director, said that water polo is going to run and that the jamboree is going to happen. We have the largest jamboree in the state. Jessica said splash ball went well and it was the first attempt at running the kids program. RACE is also back up and running and competing again. She said heading into the school year we will have high school swim as well.

Matt Gilman asked about water fitness classes. Jessica Rowan said they are happening, but we have considerably less times because of staffing challenges.

Mercedes Bostick-Cook asked when fall programs would be open. Katie Hammer responded that staff are working on entering programs and its scheduled for August 30, but should be ready by next week. Zack Harmon asked if it has been a cost saving measure to not mail out the guide. Katie responded that it has been a cost saving measure but also it was due to the regular changes that occurred with programming due to COIVD regulations. Staff are considering continuing to not mailing, one out in the future and sending out a postcard to our community members letting them know our guide was available on our website. She said we are also hopeful to run basketball, but we are waiting to secure gym time.

8. Adjournment:

Matt Gilman adjourned the meeting at 8:22am

Board Chair, Matt Gilman

Recording Secretary, Vicki Osbon