

**CROOK COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT – POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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PRINEVILLE, OREGON 97754**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Pool Advisory Committee of the Crook County Parks & Recreation District, Crook County Oregon held at The Juniper Art Guild, 1635 NE Mountain View Rd, Prineville, OR, on November 20, 2017, was called to order by Mr. Looney at 1:37pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Logan, Wayne Looney, ZuAnne Neal, Ruthie McKenzie

STAFF: Duane Garner, Cassy Sykes

SDAO MEETING FACILITOR: Bob Keefer

GUESTS: Linda Adams, Scott Kuyper, Susan Crawford, Mary Opperman, Halley Estes

PRIOR MINUTES: Ms. Neal made a motion to approve prior minutes from October 9, 2017; Mr. Looney seconded; all in favor.

Mr. Garner stated that Linda Smith resigned from the District Board of Directors and also stepped down from the Pool Advisory Committee, Ruthie McKenzie of the District Board of Directors will be taking her place on the Pool Advisory Committee.

Mr. Looney stated that he has been meeting with Mr. Garner and Mr. Keefer over the last couple of weeks on several topics.

Mr. Garner stated that Ms. Sykes gathered information on the new recreation facility that the Boardman Parks & Recreation District built this past summer, the information is included in the meeting packets. Mr. Looney is working on setting up a visit to their facility to see it further; their facility includes two pools (a lap pool and therapy pool), two gymnasiums, an aerobics room, a weight room and climbing wall; construction cost was about \$15 million. Mr. Looney will keep the committee posted of a visit date so that all interested can attend. Discussion took place on whether to consider another facility at this point in the progress toward a new pool or stick with the drawings/concepts that BLRB has provided. It was agreed that it could be worth it to visit the Boardman facility to help evaluate the pros and cons of a similar facility in Prineville with the understanding that the current project will continue to move ahead with its public outreach component.

Mr. Garner stated that he has had recent conversations with the City, County and School District to work together as a whole instead of just the District attempting to fund a new pool. There is potential that the County could float the construction bond, there are hoops to jump through and lots of work that would be necessary but information is being gathered to find out if this is possible. City staff have proposed the possibility of assisting with covering operating costs of a new pool until the data centers are out of tax exemption.

COMMUNITY SURVEY: Mr. Garner stated that he and Mr. Keefer put together an RFP for having the community survey conducted for a new pool; the RFP was sent to six firms, three of the firms submitted proposals. The RFP did request the firms to solicit the entire County not just the Parks & Rec District, in case the measure can go County-wide then we have the feel of the whole County; the City and County stated that they will potentially help with the cost of the survey. Mr. Looney stated that a committee needs to be formed to interview and pick the survey company; Mr. Keefer stated that the interview process is to determine the company's methodology and strengths and then to choose the company to conduct the survey; discussion ensued about the committee, the proposals and the method of how the survey should be conducted.

SELECTION OF COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW SURVEY FIRMS: It was agreed that Mr. Keefer, Mr. Garner and Mr. Logan will conduct the interviews. General consensus of the advisory committee was that the proposal from FM3 would work the best for our community. The interview committee will interview this firm first. If the committee is persuaded that FM3 is good fit, the District will proceed with negotiating a contract; if not, the committee will interview the other firms.

SURVEY QUESTIONS: Some suggested questions to be included when the chosen company conducts the survey of our community in regard to supporting a new pool:

- Are you in or out of the Parks & Rec District? Possible answers - Yes, No, I don't know. It was agreed that the data compiled from this question can be used in the future by Parks & Rec to determine how knowledgeable our community is about the Parks & Rec boundaries.
- Age
- Income
- If you know that operations of a new pool will be covered with no potential of an operating levy also being on the ballot, would you vote for a new pool?
- If there is potential of the data centers free enterprise zone funds to help fund a new pool would you vote for it?
- Suggested to make it mandatory to answer all questions

TIMELINE AND GOALS MOVING FORWARD:

- To conduct a survey County-wide to determine the level of public interest and financial threshold the voters would be willing to approve.
- Secure local government support.
 - It was agreed that the City and County should be approached now in regard to potentially assisting with funding operating costs of a new pool and to determine if the County is willing to take the construction bond County-wide. We need to determine their participation to potentially include it in the survey. The City and County will receive the survey results which will assist them in deciding their level of support for the project.
- Formation of Political Action Committee (PAC) – once a new pool has a clear path to move forward to be placed on the voter's ballot a PAC will be formed.
- Place bond measure on November 2018 ballot.

It was agreed that the committee will meet in January to determine a schedule for the public meetings to be held and prepare with questions, answers and information for those meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Looney adjourned the Pool Advisory Board meeting at 3:05pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 1:30pm, at The Juniper Art Guild.