



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, May 8, 2018, at the HMT Recreation Complex, Dryland Training Center, 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton, Oregon. Executive Session 6 pm; Regular Meeting 7 pm.

Present:

Ali Kavianian	President/Director
Felicita Monteblanco	Secretary/Director
John Griffiths	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
Wendy Kroger	Director
Holly Thompson	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, May 8, 2018, at 7:05 pm.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

There was no action resulting from executive session.

Agenda Item #4 – Presentation: Beaverton Downtown Design Project

Jeannine Rustad, superintendent of Planning, introduced Steven Regner, associate planner with the City of Beaverton's Community Development Department, to present information on the city's Beaverton Downtown Design Project. Jeannine noted that this is an exciting opportunity for THPRD to partner with the City of Beaverton as one of the important aspects for this design process is planning open spaces for the area. The timing is also beneficial in that the district is in the process of updating its Parks Functional Plan and elements needing to be added are urban park and plaza amenities since the smallest classification currently included within the plan is a neighborhood park.

Steven provided a detailed overview of the Beaverton Downtown Design Project via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record, and which included the following information:

- An overview of the present downtown area
- Goals of the Beaverton Downtown Design Project
 - Urban design framework
 - Development code changes
 - Implementation items
- Project schedule
- Public engagement to-date
 - What is liked best about downtown
 - Biggest challenges with downtown
- Distinct character areas under consideration
 - Collection of neighborhoods
 - Three cores and corridors
 - Historic core connector
- Urban open space key takeaways and preferences
 - Habitat / natural area
 - Dog parks
 - Trails / multi-use paths
 - Community events and festivals
 - Children's play area / splash pads
 - Network of smaller, connected open spaces versus one large open space
 - Weather protected open space and programming
 - A mix of programs (concerts, community gardens, exercise stations, etc.)
- Next steps
 - Collect and review framework alternatives feedback
 - Develop preferred framework
 - Circulate preferred framework for public review
 - Work session with city council and planning commission (June/July)
 - Approval by city council and planning commission (summer 2018)
 - Implementation (fall 2018)

Steven offered to answer any questions the board may have.

John Griffiths commented that he is excited to see the collaboration between THPRD and the city on this project.

Felicita Montebalanco asked if the urban open space preferences identified, such as dog parks, concerts and community gardens, reflect opportunities for collaboration with THPRD.

- ✓ Jeannine replied absolutely, noting that the Urban Service Agreement currently in process between THPRD and the City of Beaverton looks at how to share programming. Ultimately, the district and city serve the same population.

Felicita commented on the young demographics of the City of Beaverton, noting that her understanding is that Beaverton is the youngest city in the state with an average age in the low-30s. She encouraged THPRD and the city to keep that in mind when planning the programming.

Wendy Kroger stated that she is also happy to see the collaboration between the two agencies, as well as with Beaverton finding an identity other than as a bedroom community of Portland. She supports the idea of urban plazas and covered outdoor spaces taking into account the climate of the Pacific Northwest.

Holly Thompson referenced her career with the City of Beaverton, noting that she is pleased to see ideas that have been discussed for so long beginning to coming to fruition. She also established the enthusiasm on the part of the THPRD Board of Directors for investing in urban parks and play areas in the downtown core, noting that THPRD looks forward to being an active partner with the city in this regard. She referenced the opportunity for collaboration on programming, noting that there is much more to explore. The private sector, as well as the emerging Beaverton Downtown Association, has provided feedback about events being in direct competition with what they are trying to achieve. As the district and city contemplate coproducing outdoor spaces, thought may need to be given to how those spaces are activated and managed, including contracting with private organizations. She described how popular special events can be during the winter months with the appropriate covered space. Lastly, she noted that the Beaverton Night Market was founded with the intent of not always being a city event so this also lends itself to the thought of coproducing opportunities to create active space in the downtown core for others to assume the operations.

President Kavianian asked for additional information regarding the statistic that the downtown Beaverton area currently has 2% coverage in terms of recreation and open space and asked what the typical amount would be for a city similar in size.

- ✓ Steven explained that this number was a brief analysis conducted by their project consultant and that the recommended coverage is between 5-15%.
- ✓ Jeannine referenced the district's GRASP analysis which also identifies this area as underserved, noting that the design process creates an opportunity for improvement.

John asked what 10% coverage would translate to in terms of acreage.

- ✓ Steven replied that the downtown study area is a little over 300 acres total, but the coverage acreage would include creeks and natural areas. Rather than establishing a number of acres needed, the focus is on the variety and accessibility of the opportunities being provided.
- ✓ Jeannine added that this approach lends itself well to improving the district's GRASP analysis score for the area.

John commented that working with the city will be hyper important to the district in terms of understanding the correct properties to pursue in order to facilitate that vision.

Agenda Item #5 – Audience Time

Lacey Beaty, 13820 SW Bonnie Brae Ct., Beaverton, is before the THPRD Board of Directors this evening regarding THPRD's System Development Charge (SDC) program and affordable housing. She referenced the previous agenda item this evening about the partnership between THPRD and the City of Beaverton, noting that she is here this evening as the City of Beaverton Council President to ask for THPRD's partnership in addressing the issue of affordable housing. She noted that this is not a problem that the city can solve alone and that it is not always clear to the community which governing body does what. While affordable housing can't be owned by any single entity, the City of Beaverton is willing to take the lead on this project, but first a serious discussion needs to be had about where our community values lie in order to be successful. She questioned whether those values lie in having the best parks and recreation facilities at the expense of not having affordable housing in our city, or whether there is agreement that everyone of every income bracket should be able to live in Beaverton. She described a family member recently having to move outside city limits due to her rent doubling, which requires a longer commute, adding to traffic and infrastructure problems. She referenced the affordable housing item on the board's agenda for later this evening, noting that the city is looking to THPRD as a partner on this important topic. She described how high THPRD SDCs are along with other entities, noting that affordable housing developments can easily fail over a cost of \$100,000. She concluded by stating that the community can't look the other way any longer, and that the City of Beaverton needs a partnership with THPRD on affordable housing.

Pat Callahan, 12235 SW Edgewood St., Portland, is before the THPRD Board of Directors this evening to request consideration of reduced pool use fees for veterans. He described the therapeutic nature of swimming, noting that other cities around the country make such accommodations for veterans, with some pools only charging \$1 or free to disabled veterans. He stated that his fellow veterans would be appreciative if THPRD followed suit.

President Kavianian inquired of staff what the district's current discount is for veterans.

- ✓ Aisha Panas, director of Park & Recreation Services, replied that in-district veterans and their dependents are offered a 10% discount on district programs and activities.

Rosaline Elfick, 12120 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, is before the THPRD Board of Directors this evening representing the Tualatin Hills Water Polo Club. She commented on the importance of the district's aquatics clubs, noting that they help fulfill the district's mission statement by providing high-quality recreation programs. She observed that most of the district's pools were built in the 1970s, noting that the area has dramatically increased in population since that time and the pools have become overcrowded. The sport of water polo is growing in popularity but the pool time available is inadequate to facilitate the growth. In addition, the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center is the most expensive facility in the area to rent for tournaments. She encouraged the THPRD Board of Directors to keep aquatics programming at the top of their priority list for future funding considerations.

Bill Kanable, 8130 SW Sorrento Rd., Beaverton, is before the THPRD Board of Directors this evening regarding the district's soccer programs. He stated that he has three main concerns this evening to bring to the board's attention: 1. Annual field use fee increases. He understands that the annual increases have been done incrementally over the past few years in order to slowly move the field fees to the district's desired level, but he questions at what point the affiliated user groups can anticipate only inflationary annual increases. 2. A request to store portable goals at the HMT Recreation Complex has been met with resistance by district staff. The affiliated user groups would like to make the larger fields more usable with portable goals, but the goals would need to be stored on-site at the HMT Recreation Complex. 3. He encouraged THPRD to explore usage of the new fields at Beaverton School District's community schools, such as Aloha Huber Park K-8 School, through its intergovernmental agreement with the school district in order to gain community access.

Francine Kaufman, 5486 SW Alger Ave., Beaverton, is before the THPRD Board of Directors this evening regarding senior programming needs. She noted that the area's older adult population is growing and she believes it would be beneficial for the district to more widely promote its Silver Sneakers and Silver and Fit programming options. She is familiar with the availability of such programs at the Elsie Stuhr Center, but would like to see the programming options expanded to include tennis, which is a lifetime recreational sport.

- ✓ General Manager Doug Menke noted that district staff would further evaluate this suggestion, although the district's ability to offer different programs through Silver Sneakers and Silver and Fit are subject to those outside programs' rules, as well.

Agenda Item #6 – Board Time

John Griffiths noted that Habitat for Humanity will be breaking ground on eleven houses on Denney Road and just finished 16 houses on Allen Boulevard. He noted that one of the things he likes about their model is that ownership transfers to the recipient of the house.

A. Committee Liaison Updates

Wendy Kroger noted her attendance at the recent joint advisory committee meeting and Jenkins Estate master planning community conversation.

Felicita Monteblanco reported on the recent activities of the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation, noting that at their most recent meeting the Board of Trustees approved a \$7,000 expenditure to advance the district's scholarship program in terms of assessment and targeted outreach.

John Griffiths commented on his attendance at the recent joint advisory committees meeting and Nature & Trails Advisory Committee meeting that immediately followed.

Felicita commented on positive feedback she received regarding the district's outreach efforts for advisory committee member recruitment.

Agenda Item #7 – Consent Agenda

Felicita Monteblanco moved that the board of directors approve consent agenda items (A) Minutes of April 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting, (B) Monthly Bills, (C) Monthly Financial Statement, (D) Resolution Authorizing Recreational Trails Program Grant Application for Cedar Mill Creek Community Trail #4 and (E) Cedar Hills Park Construction Contract.

Wendy Kroger seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

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

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #8 – Unfinished Business

A. Affordable Housing

Keith Hobson, director of Business & Facilities, provided a brief overview of the memo included within the board of directors' information packet, noting that the additional information requested by the board at the April 10, 2018 meeting has been provided within the memo and includes:

- The impacts of waiving 25% and 50% of system development charges (SDCs) for up to 45 units of affordable housing per year for two and five years.
- An alternative option of purchasing surplus property from the City of Beaverton with the city dedicating the proceeds of those sales toward an affordable housing SDC fund.
- The impacts of backfilling SDCs reduced for affordable housing from either general fund capital replacements or programming.
- An update on the district's work with the City of Beaverton in drafting an urban service agreement (USA) to memorialize THPRD as the city's park and recreation service provider.
- Information regarding Metro's potential regional funding measure to create and protect affordable homes throughout the greater Portland region and Washington County's efforts, which include consideration of a construction excise tax that could be used to address affordable housing and two long-range planning work program tasks related to affordable housing.

Keith noted that no formal action is being requested of the board this evening and offered to answer any questions the board may have.

President Kavianian opened the floor to public testimony.

Sheila Greenlaw Fink, 3700 SW Murray Blvd., Beaverton, is before the THPRD Board of Directors this evening as the Executive Director for the Community Housing Fund. She commended THPRD for taking on the challenging topic of affordable housing and described the positive impact THPRD had on her family as a former district resident. She stated that she sees many intersections in the work of THPRD and the Community Housing Fund: both agencies work

hard to fund, design and build facilities needed for a strong, diverse and inclusive community; both agencies value the impact of these efforts on the health of its residents in promoting healthy, active lifestyles; both agencies work to engage the diversity of the community and to represent their visions and values in what is built; and, both agencies identify collaborative opportunities to work together to operate in the most efficient and responsible manner. She noted that affordable housing developers in Portland pay no SDCs, resulting in projects that cost nearly ten times more in THPRD's service area. She referenced additional information within her written testimony, a copy of which was entered into the record, regarding why it is important for the district to consider helping the cause of affordable housing in that the topic affects the district's residents, employees, and those who are currently closed out of being able to enjoy the services offered by THPRD due to the lack of affordable housing in the area. She offered the assistance of the Community Housing Fund to help THPRD through this process.

Jilian Saurage Felton, PO Box 23206, Tigard, is before the board of directors this evening as the Housing Development Director for Community Partners for Affordable Housing. She noted that the Community Partners for Affordable Housing provides critical services for the area's most vulnerable residents, noting that they help residents not only obtain housing, but stay in housing. She expressed agreement with Sheila's testimony that constructing an affordable housing development within the City of Beaverton is difficult due to various agencies' fees, especially when such developments have such tight cash flows that \$100,000 can kill a project. She noted that rent and housing costs in the district are far outpacing wage growth and are forcing longtime residents out of the district. She referenced THPRD's mission statement and asked how the district can serve a diverse community when such diversity is being forced out of the area due to the high cost of housing. She provided an overview of the many societal benefits that come along with the availability of affordable housing and requested that the THPRD Board of Directors consider a partial or total waiver of SDCs for affordable housing developments, especially for non-profit developers. In addition, she hopes that the district can find a way to set aside funds for the purpose of backfilling the SDC waivers without eliminating the programs that are also specifically designated to help the district's most vulnerable residents. She offered the assistance of the Community Partners for Affordable Housing to THPRD, including making available their research on the actions other agencies have taken in support of affordable housing.

Rachael Duke, PO Box 23206, Tigard, is before the board of directors this evening as the Executive Director for Community Partners for Affordable Housing. She stated that the concern of affordable housing requires everyone to come together to participate in contributing to the solution. She described the difficulty in bringing affordable housing developments to completion simply due to cash flow; however, SDC waivers would also represent a form of community support that could help such development projects rank higher in very competitive processes for additional funding. Public agencies should work with the understanding of coming together to achieve an equitable community and right now the community is not equitable. She thanked the THPRD Board of Directors for their consideration of this issue and for taking the time to hear public testimony on the subject.

President Kavianian referenced the information contained within the staff report, specifically the tables outlining the impact to the district if it were to implement a 25% or 50% SDC waiver for affordable housing developments, noting that the impacts listed are real and tangible. Instead, he suggested that the board consider methods by which the district could partner with the City of Beaverton and Washington County on the topic of affordable housing, while still furthering its own mission, such as through the purchase of surplus land from the city or county. Potential properties have already been identified, the funding from which could have an immediate impact on the issue of affordable housing while other agencies, such as Metro, continue to evaluate the path forward. This would enable the district the opportunity to help the cause of affordable housing

while also making a better community overall, and while it may be a first step, and perhaps not the end-all solution on behalf of the district, it could offer an immediate impact while also giving other agencies time to determine the path forward.

Holly Thompson commented that she appreciates that the board is focused on the method by which to help; not whether to help at all. She questioned whether the board is at the point to make a formal decision on which approach is best. She provided an overview of her request to staff during the April board meeting to outline scenarios regarding the impact of a 25% and 50% SDC waiver for affordable housing developments dedicated to residents making 60% of MFI, for up to 45 units per year. She noted that 45 units per year may be on the high end as some years do not have any affordable housing developments built, so the thought would be that the funding for years that do not reach 45 units would go into a sinking fund to help fund future years. She understands how critical SDCs are to the district and the challenges faced in fulfilling the district's mission and services to an expanding community. She inquired whether there is a legislative method to explore, with low risk of unintended consequences, to modify SDC law regarding the backfill requirements for SDC waivers for affordable housing developments.

- ✓ Keith Hobson, director of Business & Facilities, replied that it would be a worthwhile discussion in that the only method currently allowed to backfill the SDC fund is to take money from the general fund, which is the district's most discretionary source of funding. Creating an exemption from this requirement would allow the district to choose whether or not to backfill the waived SDCs and it's not unprecedented in that this is allowed for jurisdictions within inclusionary zones.
- ✓ General Manager Doug Menke described the united front that would be necessary in order for the district to be successful in such a request to the legislature, including displayed support from our partner agencies, nonprofits, and the development community. It takes a variety of tools to change state law, such as already having the inclusionary zoning in place before making the request of the legislature. This alone would be a great example of partner support in that the City of Beaverton and Washington County control zoning changes.

Holly thanked the board members for their creative ideas and various options to explore, noting that she is fully in support of exploring all options that make sense to help stimulate affordable housing and does not feel the need to choose one thing over another. She truly believes it is within THPRD's mission to make sure that the district's amenities are available to all.

Felicita Montebalco expressed agreement with exploring changing the SDC backfill requirement legislatively but would like to see the district do more, as well. She stated that she is passionate about the cause of affordable housing and would love to see THPRD be a leader in this area. She commented that enrollment in the Beaverton School District has fallen because people are getting priced out of the area. Although she voted to approve the recent SDC annual rate increase, there are two sides to that situation and the district needs to look at how it is a barrier to affordable housing. She referenced the testimony received earlier this evening regarding SDC waivers being viewed as a form of community support for funding applications, noting that there is a multitude of ways THPRD can help this cause. She likes some of the ideas discussed by the board better than others and would like to continue the discussion, making sure that any steps implemented by the district are not specific to just the City of Beaverton, but include the district's unincorporated Washington County community, as well.

Wendy Kroger stated that the board has an opportunity before them to explore many different paths in terms of how the district could contribute. While she agrees that affordable housing is a strong concern for the entire community, she believes that those who are the most knowledgeable on the topic should take the lead, which is not THPRD. She described the perception of affordable housing as having limited access to personal outdoor space, noting that

she wants to make sure everyone who lives in such housing has immediate access to parks and trails to help fill that void. THPRD services are critically important to such residents. She referenced the district's lack of an urban service agreement (USA) with the City of Beaverton, noting that she believes it is critical for THPRD and the city to complete this agreement in order to clarify the roles for both agencies. Clarity may come to the issue of affordable housing through that process, as well. There are many paths that the district could explore in terms of assisting affordable housing and she would like to see where each path leads, especially since everyone agrees on the ultimate goal of having a vibrant community for everyone who lives here with access for all. She expressed support for exploring purchasing of surplus land; addressing the backfill requirement legislatively; continuing work on the USA with the city; working with affordable housing non-profit developers; and helping Metro move forward with their affordable housing funding measure. She stated that there are a variety of ways THPRD can help the cause of affordable housing while still remaining true to its mission and the people who depend on it.

John Griffiths stated that he is inclined to further explore how THPRD can assist other agencies in fulfilling their missions while also fulfilling its own, such as through the purchase of surplus property not useful for development, but useful to THPRD as parkland, from another government entity that would then allow that entity to use those funds toward mitigating SDC fees for parks. Although this would not be a permanent solution, it could provide some immediate assistance while discussions continue. He agrees with Wendy's comments that THPRD is a parks and recreation district; not an affordable housing provider. However, if THPRD can assist another mission at the same time as advancing its own, he is in favor of such an arrangement.

General Manager Doug Menke recapped the consensus direction provided by the board this evening as:

- Explore legislative modification of the SDC waiver backfill requirement.
- Continue to pursue the purchase of surplus land from both the City of Beaverton and Washington County.
- Continue to work toward completion of a USA with the City of Beaverton.

President Kavianian commented that it appears that there are short, mid and long-term solutions identified this evening for additional evaluation.

Felicita expressed that she does not want to see the option of a SDC waiver taken off the table yet and would eventually like to see a willingness on the board to sacrifice for the greater good without asking for something in return.

- ✓ Holly expressed agreement, noting that attempting to address the SDC backfill requirements legislatively keeps the door open to the possibility of a SDC waiver being considered in the future.
- ✓ John commented that even with a change in the backfill requirements, the net impact to the district would still be the same in terms of less resources.

John inquired as to THPRD's upcoming visioning effort.

- ✓ Doug replied that funds are included within the Proposed FY 2018/19 Budget to begin the visioning process, which is scheduled to kick off in early 2019, and could include survey opportunities to ask the community what should be next for the district, including specific interest areas and how those interest areas may be associated with the district's mission.
- ✓ Holly described her experience with the City of Beaverton's recent visioning effort and suggested that rather than asking specific questions, the survey should try to find out what is most important to the community first and continue the work from there. She cautioned that the process might not clearly answer all of the questions the board expects.

Wendy inquired whether there is a method by which the district could work with the non-profit affordable housing community on property purchases if the district has surplus land that may be suitable for an affordable housing development.

- ✓ Doug confirmed that this is part of the larger land conversation.

John asked district staff to recap once more the direction provided by the board this evening.

- ✓ Keith replied:
 - Continue to pursue land sale options with other government entities.
 - Explore the legislative concept for the SDC backfill requirement.
 - Continue to work toward completion of a USA with the City of Beaverton.
 - Consider the non-profit affordable housing community in relation to surplus THPRD property.

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:

- Quarterly Grant Report
 - Brad Hauschild, urban planner/grant specialist, provided an overview of the quarterly grant report as included within the board of director's information packet.
- Greenway Park Concept Plan Update
 - Bruce Barbarasch, superintendent of Nature & Trails, provided an update regarding the public process, anticipated outcomes, and next steps to complete the Greenway Park Concept Plan via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.
- Summer Camp Preview
 - Sabrina Taylor Schmitt, Conestoga Recreation and Aquatic Center supervisor, provided an overview of upcoming summer camp offerings via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.
- Spring Egg Hunt at Mountain View Champions Park
 - Julie Rocha, Athletic Center supervisor, provided an overview and photos from the district's first inclusive egg hunt held at Mountain View Champions Park in partnership with Autism Society of Oregon via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.
- Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Doug offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Wendy Kroger complimented staff on the district's grant strategy and inquired about what happens to projects that do not receive the requested grant funding.

- ✓ Brad replied that typically staff will follow up with the funding agency to find out why the grant request was not successful and would either apply again based on the feedback or explore alternative funding sources for the project.

John Griffiths referenced the most recent successes THPRD has had with Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants and asked if funding has increased for the LWCF grant program or if our success is attributable to submitting more competitive grant applications.

- ✓ Brad replied that he believes it is due to both the district's applications and that there were not as many applications received from other agencies as there have been in the past.

Holly Thompson thanked Bruce for the work he has done with the community surrounding Greenway Park through the concept plan public outreach process.

- ✓ Wendy expressed agreement, noting her love for Greenway Park and the highly anticipated results of this process from fellow community members.

Felicita Montebalanco referenced the impact THPRD summer camps had on her as a child and asked whether any camps currently have full enrollment.

- ✓ Sabrina replied that it is still early in the season so most camps have availability.

Holly thanked district staff for the variety of creative options available for summer camps, and also recognized Sabrina's recent Inclusive Employment Champion Award from PHAME.

- ✓ Aisha Panas, director of Park & Recreation Services, commented that the award recognized Sabrina's hiring of employees experiencing disabilities.

Felicita referenced the inclusive egg hunt and inquired about educational opportunities available for the board members regarding ways to talk about such work in an informed manner.

- ✓ Julie referenced an upcoming training for district staff being provided by FACT Oregon.

Agenda Item #9 – New Business

A. Amendments to District Compiled Policies Chapter 3 – Board Policies

General Manager Doug Menke noted that the board of directors had previously expressed an interest in making amendments to Chapter 3 (Board Policies) of the District Compiled Policies (DCP) related to board member conduct expectations. The most current proposed edits to the DCP regarding this topic, along with some general housekeeping edits proposed by district legal counsel, has been provided at the board's places this evening, a copy of which was entered into the record. Doug introduced Heather Martin with Beery, Elsner & Hammond, district legal counsel, to answer any questions the board may have regarding the proposed amendments.

Felicita Montebalanco expressed appreciation for the board members' feedback on these proposed amendments, noting that it is confirmation regarding the similar values they all share.

John Griffiths commented that he had provided edits to district staff and is fairly satisfied with the current draft as proposed.

Holly Thompson stated that she would like to see section 3.04(C)(4) under Board Discussions and Decorum rephrased to be directional in terms of what the board members should focus on rather than what not to do, such as encouraging board comments at a substantive level rather than wordsmithing.

- ✓ Discussion occurred regarding the intent of this particular section and how much latitude the board should have in modifying or editing prepared documents that are also being requested for approval at the same board meeting.

Discussion occurred regarding section 3.20 regarding Ethics Commission Requirements and Reporting, with Heather noting that this section is meant to be a surface-level guide for the board members to refer to and encouraged them to contact legal counsel directly for specific advice when considering a question of ethics requirements. Discussion also occurred regarding the recommended process for adding a new agenda item to a board meeting already in progress.

General Manager Doug Menke commented that if there are no further comments by the board, district staff and legal counsel will continue work on the section referenced by Holly and will return to the board at a future meeting for consideration of adoption of the amendments.

Agenda Item #10 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Ali Kavianian, President

Felicita Montebalanco, Secretary