

Heather Keller	Kari Gastich	Doug Cousineau
John Eighmey	Danna Kemp	Jari Schooler
Doug Gastich	Jack Colvo	Justin Alderman
Matt Dolphin	Kerstan Ruffer	Rodney Lyster
Kryste Sturm	Steve Paulson	Jacob Browning
Ryan Mares	Brian Bowman	Don Loving
Quentin Comus (remote)	Josh Keller	Otto Keller
Amber Rosenberry		

III. Approval of amended agenda (2) –
Matt Smith transposed V.F. and V. E.

IV. Approval of consent agenda

- a. Approval of minutes of regular Board meeting Aug. 24, 2023
- b. Approval of bills payable
- c. Approval of financials
 - Moved Lisa Rogers
 - Second Jason Fields
 - Passed unanimously

V. Public participation

- a. Former Board member Don Loving presented his final order of dismissal from the Oregon Ethics Commission, regarding allegations made by Hunter Wylie. Loving submitted a letter from the commission dated July 19, 2023, which states, "The Commission did not find cause to proceed with an investigation. Therefore, the matter is dismissed, and no further actions will be taken."
- b. Presentation by Brian Bowman of the local NICA (National Interscholastic Cycling Association) mountain bike group, supporting mountain biking as appropriate on Bob and Crystal Rilee Park, according to Crystal Rilee's wishes.
- c. Presentation by Mike Kringlen of Newberg Pickleball Citizen Advisory Committee in support of the Board's decision to authorize a feasibility study for a pickleball complex, with specific recommendations regarding that study.
- d. Presentation by Carey Martell on behalf of American Legion Post 57, requesting a donation of 30 acres of land in order to build a building in which to hold Legion meetings. Matt Smith asked staff to look into this and see if anything like that might be available and discuss at next meeting.
- e. Updates from citizen advisory committees:
 1. Pickleball - Nothing further
 2. Golf course - Steve Paulson gave update, requested a standing roller for greens, recommended contracting out pro shop services, do feasibility study and three-phase masterplan. Cited pond stagnation and several

maintenance and equipment requests and concerns. Requested motions to authorize the committee to post RFP to create clubhouse, restaurant, and event center, and a motion to evaluate the pond and what would be needed to restore it.

Discussion - Smith said the Board is discussing projects in priority project work sessions now, which will include the golf course, and staff is looking into the pond situation.

3. Chehalem Heritage Trails - Quentin Comus gave update and said that the trails mailer survey is arriving in mailboxes this week. There might be a volunteer work party in October. The committee has decided not to add new members at this time but will continue to focus on community engagement. They recommended the Board not make any quick decisions regarding Bob and Crystal Rilee Park, but instead fall back on the committee in order to research and consider facts. The committee wishes to conduct town halls for user groups and related topics and return findings to Board in February. Jim McMaster suggested committee might consider adding a representative of horse community.

F. Others not on the agenda -

1. Doug Couseneau - a mountain bike coach, pro-bike statement, gave background on NICA activities, the number of volunteer hours the bicyclists have put into maintaining the trails at Rilee Park, and specified the need for this location.
2. Danna Kemp, former Board member of Crystal Rilee Foundation, requested Board find a different place for mountain bikers to ride.
3. Justin Alderman, Oregon Equestrian Media Group, said CPRD had violated law by denying a public records request fee waiver or discount without giving a reason and requested that the Board intervene.
4. Matt Dolphin, member of Chehalem Heritage Trails Committee and Oregon Equestrian Association, was disappointed that he had been shouted down in the past for encouraging sharing trails for different users, and he is forming a group focused on trails safety.
5. Steve Paulson said there had been a comment at last meeting that someone missed the days when three people show up, and the reason that there are so many people are showing up is because new people had been elected who will bring change, and positive change will continue to come.
6. Rodney Lyster, volunteer on Sherwood Parks Board (See full written statement), said horseback riding is very dangerous and should not be allowed in Rilee Park, and asked the Board to continue the masterplanning, listen to everyone, and make decision based on consultant and expert in the field.
7. Amber Rosenberry, Miss Oregon, said horses cannot greet you, and she said horses cannot be controlled like bicycles, and she didn't want kids to lose opportunity.
8. Lauren Piper said she was disappointed when east side was taken away

from horses, current regulations are not working, there are bike tracks on the east side, and asked the Board to give the whole park to horses and hikers.

9. Norwood Palledun, he understood that the park was given in order to prevent development and preserve horseback riding, and that the entire park should be given to horses, and bicyclists ride on east and west side but horses have to stick to one side. He said he has encountered bicyclists going 20 mph wearing headphones, and he said that he will continue to ride on both side until the rules are enforced equally.

10. Ryann Reinoffer said what would motivate anyone to gift their land if their wishes were not upheld, and that CPRD has gone off track. She pledged \$10,000 with the caveat that the sole use be something equestrian.

11. Dave Sheldon, father of mountain biker and a horse person, said he does not agree with image that they are hooligans flying down the hill with things in their ears. The trails are giving opportunity to build self-confidence and community. There is no bullying, only building. It is an amazing place for us to be.

12. Bob Freshman, lives near Rilee Park, has been a biker, equestrian and hiker. He said he is not riding anymore but he sees it is far and few between that people slow down and alert them; 3/4 are flying by and it is at best pleasant and at worst is dangerous. He fears there will be an incident. He never heard intent from Rilee Park that anyone beyond equestrian and hiker use be there.

13. Russ Moat, teacher and mountain bike activist, said in past have had educational events between bicycling youth and equestrians in seminars and maintenance events. He said there are lots of things we can do to co-exist peacefully, cited several organizations that he has experienced events with for both user groups, and these kids are your futures.

14. (Name?) A bicyclist who said he had been a cyclist for 50+ years, been in industry for 30+ years, and people are afraid to ride on roads, and mountain biking is flourishing, and they are selling more mountain bikes than anything, has spent 150+ hours in the park this year and is surprised to see conflict because he doesn't see that many people there. He wants to see bike component remain. Bikers have to travel far to find a place to mountain bike otherwise.

15. Jessica Cain, attorney who represented Crystal Rilee and helped form the Rilee Foundation. Liz and Crystal wanted the property to be just like the Iowa History Farm. Horses were secondary to vision, that it be shared between horses and hikers, and there was no mention of bikes. It was to be a living history farm to preserve history of the family. The equestrian trails were not primary but became part of the vision. There was a masterplan done by Crystal Rilee and now CPRD is doing a masterplan. She wanted her husband Bob to be celebrated with a campground, art and history and classes of history and art and cooking, and kids to understand where we all come from.

16. Allen Growby knew Crystal and hikes in park, has never had any issues with bikers, they have been polite, he has had a few issues with people on horses. He is surprised to hear that Crystal was against mountain biking, because she wasn't. She allowed him and others to ride there in their youth.

17. Tom Hammer said starting with a trails survey is starting on the wrong foot. He asked several questions about trail survey takers, including how many people would understand land use, and posed questions about how agriculture and private property issues are affected by trails.

18. (Name?) A parent of young children and said seeing 50 kids on bikes is a wonderful sight to him, not scary as he feels that some have suggested, and he has taken his daughter to an art activity on the property, and he would like to see the property used for more than just trails. He encouraged mixed use of public spaces, which appears to be part of masterplan.

20. Sabrina (no last name given) advocates horse trails on east side as they are flatter and better for horses than the west side. The park cannot be shared, she said, and the intent of Crystal Rilee is that it be 100% equestrians and requested bikers be prohibited.

VI. Action items/committee reports/Board comments

Smith moved to Item D.

Rogers said the Board packet contains land transaction documentation; this was a sale and not a donation. CPRD paid money for this property. It was a great deal but it also allowed for everyone to use it. The horse riders can still go there every day. There are 300+ acres here, and in the acquisition, it specifically says biking. For what we as a Board have been provided in paperwork, this came into the public's hands, and we have a responsibility to make sure it remains open to all and not exclusive.

Gayle Bizeau objected to say that it wasn't a gift, because there was a value given with an expectation to it, and in a work session recently, the Board said that they want to honor the wishes of the Rilee Foundation.

Jim McMaster said he had recently visited the mountain biker practice, and kids and coach were respectful; he hiked on trails to see how they acted, and they rolled by him and alerted him said thank you. I'd like to see a way that we can work together to provide those opportunities for equestrians and bikers. And before we make a decision, complete the masterplan and see it when it's finished and make a decision after that. And the Board should look at the agreement with the Trust, and we did not agree to everything that they wanted because we have a responsibility because we are a park district. Jason Fields said riding bicycles is awesome and kids and adults and families should have a place to. But this is not about safety. Should we have horses and bikes on the same trails. This is about the original wishes of the property owners, who gave CPRD the opportunity to purchase at a great discount, so that it be an agricultural, historical, equestrian, hiking park. But this park should not be for biking. He is prepared to eliminate bicycles on this park but

also wants to make sure that we are looking at other properties for bicyclists.

MOTION Effective Nov. 1, bicyclists are no longer allowed on Bob and Crystal Rilee Park.

Moved Fields

Second Smith

Discussion: Smith said as a member of the Board, his priority cannot be any special interest group, and his priority needs to be about keeping promises. Rogers said the document that Smith is talking about specifically says biking. As public stewards, we have to make sure that we serving more than one interest group... We have to make sure that everybody has access.

Bizeau said the size of the group should make us more responsible for honoring their wishes. She said the difference between the amount that was given and what was paid is a gift.

McMaster said I don't see it as a gift; it was a sale. Taxpayers paid money for that property. People need to be aware of that. When we limit it, there may be more things that happen on that property that we are not aware of yet. If we are going to make a change, the public should have notice, not just coming to a Board meeting and making a motion.

Motion passed 3 - 2

YES Fields, Smith, Bizeau

NO McMaster, Rogers

MOTION Fields made a second motion that we revisit the original masterplan that included equestrian and hiking trails.

Moved Fields

Second

Motion died for lack of a second.

a. Approval of Policy and Guidelines for Public Comments.

MOTION TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED

Moved Jim McMaster

Second Matt Smith

Passed unanimously

b. District Legal Service Request for Proposals - Superintendent reported that only one proposal was submitted and that was by current legal counsel John Bridges of Brown Tarlow Bridges & Palmer P.C.

Discussion - Smith said it was only advertised as bare minimum requirement, and wants to reopen it and advertise more widely, including on SDAO and COG, and other online options which he himself was not aware of.

MOTION to extend and work with SDAO and COG and other services to advertise.

Moved Smith

Second Fields

Passed 3 - 1

Yes Smith, Fields, Bizeau

No Rogers

Abstain - McMaster

- c. Work session to discuss strategic goals - Discussion of special meeting held on Sept. 7th. The next meeting was scheduled for Oct. 17th. Meeting facilitator Scott Dadson from Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments is to return.
- d. Bob and Crystal Rilee Park discussion
- e. **MOTION to accept Amendment to agreement to provide land use assistance for proposed campground from MIG**

Moved Smith

Second Bizeau

Passed unanimously

- f. Reports and comments from Board members
Matt Smith said Fields, Creighton and Clements had met with a County commissioner (Lindsay Berschauer) and had discussed several land property projects and have action items on there and it is exciting. Jason Fields asked Casey how long the problem with ponds has been going on; Casey said up until the aerators stopped working properly about two years ago. Discussion - Creighton had directed Scott Robinson; Robinson reported on his actions; they disagreed on the nature of the problem. Don Clements said that it will be solved by the next meeting. Fields asked when the roof of the community center would be replaced; Creighton said bids were done and Bryan Stewart could answer when he returned from vacation.
Gayle Bizeau - No comment
Jim McMaster said we need to make sure that we are meeting legal obligation to make motions and be careful of emailing. At October meeting, he would like report from staff to repair and replace the Air Vac system on the aquatics center roof.
Lisa Rogers said how disappointed she is that the Board had voted as it did on Rilee Park to serve one interest group, and not public interest, and that we would make a motion so quickly with work that is contracted out to do.

- VII.** Old business/project updates
 - a. Updates on projects by Casey Creighton - He is in contact with PGE on undergrounding utilities on Sander Estate; he will be speaking at City of Dundee council meeting Tuesday on potential funding. Update on Crabtree Park; County must accept the easement. CPRD does not have legal access now. Two compressors will be added to system at roof soon, and we must wait to see if they will work. Discussion on HVAC system and background.
 - b. Update on former Chehalem Paddle Launch (now closed)

- VIII.** From the superintendent's desk
 - a. Superintendent's report
 - 1. Committee meetings - Kat Ricker reported on recent public meeting law changes as reported from SDAO training that she attended yesterday; after Jan. 1, 2024, remote access must be provided for all public meetings.
 - 2. Clements asked if the Board would approve the establishment of a Park Maintenance Committee, to form after Jan. 1, 2024. Smith said it was a good idea. Clements said that he would have it ready to go.
 - 3. Clements said the Ethics Committee sent a letter stating that the current policy is that Board members are permitted to have "pool passes and stuff" unless the public voted against it. Board agreed not to refer it to voters.
 - 4. Spring Meadow Park - needs an emergency access road for developer as it is transitioning from single homes to apartments. Clements asked for permission to review contract with attorney, and Board granted it.
 - b. Staff reports – Brief staff updates were given; see packet for detailed activity reports.
 - Scott Robinson - Estimate for new software package replacing controller and satellites at \$61,000.00 Clements said Bryan Stewart had told him that we could pay for it out of operating funds.
 - Fields asked Kellan Sasken if he would be on the golf advisory committee; Kellan agreed to do that if he can make the meetings.
 - Julie Petersen said we have contracted with Evergreen Pest Management, who will be on site twice a month at the golf course pro shop. She also distributed a list of all recreational activities offered to the public and registration information through the Special Services Department.

- IX.** Correspondence
 - A. Citizen comments/evaluations – No discussion

- X.** Adjournment – Matt Smith moved to adjourn 8:57 p.m.

Next special meeting (work session): Oct. 17, 2023

Next regular meeting: Oct. 26, 2023

Chehalem Parks Foundation Meeting

Convened 8:57 p.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2022 TAXES

Moved Jim McMaster

Second Lisa Rogers

Passed unanimously

No discussion

Adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kat Ricker, Public Information Director