I. **Call to Order**
President James called the February 10, 2021 Board meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**
**Board Members Present:** President Greg James, Vice President Denise Bean, Director Lee Beyer, Director Renee Jones, and Director Chris Wig.

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Michael Wargo, Eric Adams, Chuck Dinsfriend, Teri Gutierrez, Paula Davis, Kenny Weigandt, Jase Newton, Brandon Lemcke, Mavis Sanchez-Scholes, Anthony Thrift, David Kieffer, Jodi Andersen, Mack Clark, Karen Van Cleave, Tracy Kribs, Whitney Hoshaw, and Jo Schutte, recorder.

**Guests Present:** Shawn Walker, Legal Counsel, and guests: Xia, Leah Schultz, Lizzy Utterback, Jeff Seldon, Brandi Fleck, Ben Christensen, Betty Nielsen, Lauren, Amy Cothron, Holle, Kevin Schaper, Marion Malcolm, Rikki Pritzlaff.

III. **Flag Salute**
President James led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
None

V. **Public Comment**

**Xia**
Xia voiced concern regarding the “pro Trump rally” event held at Lively Park in November, 2020 and reiterated a statement she shared at the December board meeting where she said “Willamalane stands on the wrong side...history will prove my comments right” relating to the January 6th insurrection at the capitol in Washington DC. Additionally, she said she felt Willamalane made a bad decision to allow white supremacists to hold the November event and asked what Willamalane planned to do to support the BIPOC community.

**Ben Christiansen, Out of District**
Mr. Christiansen reported that he had attended 130+ protests over the past few months and shared some personal opinions and experiences about those events. He stated it was incumbent upon the Board to understand their roles in the acts of hatred that occurred at the Trump rally event. He said allowing the event to happen “gave a microphone to violent white nationalists” who he said were also involved in recent State and Federal Capitol riots. Mr. Christiansen said he disagreed with statements made by staff and board members at the December 2020 board meeting that the event was a first
amendment right. Additionally, he felt Willamalane damaged the community’s trust and made Lively Park unsafe for marginalized communities and allowed white supremacists to continue to spread hate. Finally, he asked how Willamalane planned to ensure that this type of event would not happen again in the future.

Lizzy Utterback
Lizzy Utterback made reference to a letter from the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights that was sent to Lane County officials and the Oregon Secretary of State regarding “serious acts of voter intimidation” at the ballot box located in Lively Park during a Trump rally in November 2020. Ms. Utterback felt the board and staff was “defensive and dismissive” after community members voiced concerns about the rally at the December 2020 board meeting. She added that allowing the event to take place near a ballot box was “dangerous and irresponsible” and made parks unsafe for BIPOC community members. Referring to Willamalane’s mission statement to deliver exceptional parks and recreation to enrich the lives of everyone we serve, Ms. Utterback asked the Board how the Mission served everyone by renting to violent extremists.

Brandi Fleck
Brandi echoed Ms. Utterback’s comments regarding the letter from the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights on voter intimidation claims. She added that it was impossible to know how many voters were turned away from voting due to the Trump rally in November 2020. She asked what the Board was doing to ensure voter safety for future events and said she was beyond disappointed and appalled with the pushback she felt Board members and staff gave to those trying to voice concerns about the rally at the December 2020 board meeting.

Jeff Seldon
Jeff Seldon said he agreed with concerns other people had shared about the Trump rally and ballot box/voter intimidation. Mr. Seldon also shared that he felt the Dress Code policy reviewed at a recent board meeting should apply to non-public facing staff in addition to public-facing staff.

Rikki Pritzlaff
Rikki Pritzlaff reiterated much the same feelings as speakers before regarding the Trump rally rental at Lively Park in November 2020. She claimed she had witnessed rental contract violations during the event, and said that blocking the ballot box and the intimidation that took place was unacceptable and that there should be consequences given to those who participated in the rally.

VI. Consent Agenda — Action

a. Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2021
b. Approval of Claims – December 2020
c. Approval of Financial Board Report - FY21 07/01/2020-12/31/2020

Director Jones asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that Vice President Bean was present at the 1/21/21 meeting, even though she was marked absent. Vice President Bean confirmed her attendance.

Director Wig, seconded by Director Beyer, moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

VII. Business: Reports, Updates & Discussion

a. February Employee of the Month
Superintendent Wargo and Jase Newton, Recreation Services Division Director, introduced Anthony Thrift, Risk and Safety Specialist, as the employee of the month for February 2021.

b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Update
Mavis Sanchez-Scholes, DEI Supervisor, presented the following DEI committee highlights for the month of January:

- The DEI strategic priorities draft would be presented to the Management Team on February 17th and to the Board at the work session on February 24th.
- Mavis referred the Board to the DEI board report included in the board packet for additional updates on the DEI communication plan, education and training, outreach and activities.

c. Annual System Development Charge Revenue Report
Eric Adams, Planning, Parks, and Facilities Division Director, presented an agenda memo included in the board packet of the SDC revenue report and trend assessment which included additional details for FY20 that were not presented in the FY20 financial audit. Eric reported that net SDC revenue collected in FY20 totaled $492,929 which reflected the six percent deduction for the City of Springfield administrative processing fee. He noted that it was the largest amount collected in the past 10 years.

Eric referred to Graph 1: FY2020 Revenue by Dwelling Type in the attachment which showed that Single family detached dwellings generated 48 percent of the total revenues, or $251,708. Single family attached and multifamily dwellings generated $283,172 or 54 percent of total revenues.

Referring to Graph 2: Fiscal Year 2010-2020 Annual Residential SDC Revenues, Eric noted that SDC revenues had fluctuated widely over the past 10 years due to cycles within the housing market with a low of $140,000, however, a new favorable trend seemed to have emerged over the last five years. Eric also shared that several new residential developments were expected during FY21 including the Woodland Ridge and Marcola Meadows subdivisions which he said could generate approximately $3.6 million in revenue for the District’s Capital Improvement Program.

d. FY21 2nd Quarter Update
Paula Davis, Business Operations Division Director, presented the 2nd Quarter Financial Report update for FY21, ending on December 31, 2020. The report detailed information on the general fund and specific information on subsidy and expenditures for general revenue, and Administrative Services, Recreation Services, and Planning, Parks and Facilities Divisions. In summary, Paula reported that revenue was down from prior years due to COVID, however, some of the decreases were offset by hiring and spending freezes. She added that staff would continue to monitor the impacts of the pandemic to the District and adjust as needed.

Director Beyer complimented Superintendent Wargo and staff for their efforts during the closures and said that he felt Willamalane would come out of the pandemic in good shape.

e. COVID-19 Vaccination Update
Anthony Thrift, Risk and Safety Specialist, presented a report included in the board packet on the COVID vaccination roll out. He reported that on January 25th Governor Brown announced that Phase 1B, Group 1 were eligible to receive COVID vaccines. The group included Oregon educators, early childhood educators, and child care providers. He added that the District would not require eligible employees to receive the vaccinations and that personal decisions would be held in


confidence and without consequences. Finally, Anthony went over the steps taken to date on how designated Willamalane staff would receive their vaccines.

f. **Early Childhood School Programming**

Jase Newton, Recreation Services Division Director, presented an agenda memo on Early Childhood School Programming to update the Board on Kids Club Programming at Springfield Public School facilities. He reported staff, in conjunction with SPS staff, were developing plans to offer Kids Club Programs in a few select locations, then increase programming from there.

Superintendent Wargo, President James and Director Wig thanked Jase and Early Childhood and Youth Services staff for their efforts.

VIII. **Business: Action Items**

a. **Notice of Exclusion Policy Revision Approval**

Eric Adams presented a board action memo on the proposed Notice of Exclusion Policy and Procedures permitted through Ordinance 100. The original draft was reviewed at the January 13 board meeting where the Board made a request for revisions to include the following:

- Include language that emphasized and encouraged voluntary compliance through education as a first step to addressing rule violations
- Include language that an exclusion may be issued with a limited application to only certain parks and facilities instead of all district property.

Eric said the suggested revisions were made and referred to the revised draft that was included in the board packet.

*Vice President Bean, Seconded by Director Beyer, moved to adopt the Notice of Exclusion Policy and Procedure permitted by Ordinance 100 as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.*

IX. **Other Business**

a. **Board President**

President James reported the following:

- Lane Council of Governments presented the Annual Report and five year plan at the January board meeting.
- Planning continues for an indoor track and sports facility in Glenwood. President James said he may ask Kari Westlund, CEO of Travel Lane County, to attend a future board meeting for an update.

b. **Board Members**

None

c. **Standing & Special Committees**

Whilamut Citizen Planning Committee (CPC) – Director Wig gave and update on the Whilamut CPC and complemented both Eric Adams and Fraser MacDonald for their positive roles with the committee.

d. **Legal Counsel**

None

e. **Superintendent**
Superintendent Wargo referred to the Superintendent’s Board Report included in the board packet for Willamalane business highlights for January 2021 and shared the following:

- Thanks to those who attended the WPRD Georgia Pacific Natural Area Town Hall virtual meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021.
- He and staff look forward to the board work session scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 (virtually) to update the Board on the DEI strategic priorities and Special events and rentals/ballot box items.
- The accreditation process will be relaunched to staff and Superintendent Wargo has appointed new CAPRA project managers. An update on the CAPRA relaunch will be provided to the Board at the March board meeting.
- Chief Financial Officer/Business Operations Division Director interviews were scheduled for February 11th and 16th.

X. Adjournment

President James adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.