

# Lessons from the Sandbox



**BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPING  
EFFECTIVE AND ENGAGED BOARDS**

**2015 GATHERING FOR CONSERVATION  
EUGENE, OREGON**

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# Sandbox Basic Rules



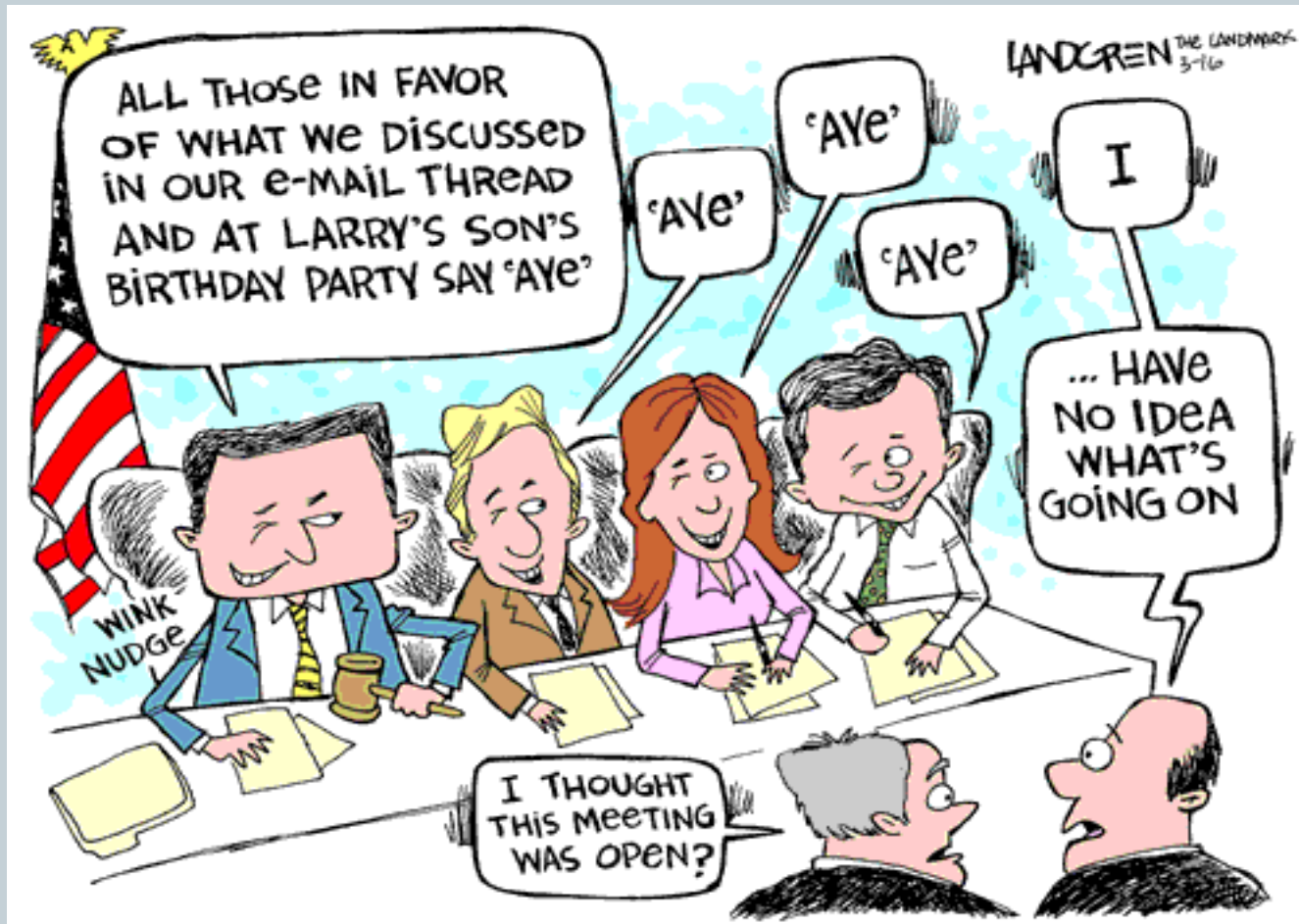
- **Know and Follow the Rules**
- **Do Not Throw Sand**
- **Listen When Others Are Talking**
- **Show Respect For Sandbox and Other Members Personal Property**
- **Keep Hands, Feet and All Objects to Self**
- **Play In A Safe Manner**
- **No Yelling, Speak In Appropriate Tone**
- **Follow Directions**
- **Have Fun**

# District Authority



- **Enabling Statute ORS-568.210 - 550**
  - ✦ Principal Act
- **ORS-198**
- **Oregon Department of Agriculture**
- **Administrative Rules**

# Board Action at Public Meetings



# Board Action



- **Properly Called Public Meeting**
- **Quorum Present**
- **Public Discussion and Dialogue**
- **Public Votes**
- **Majority Approval**
- **Accurate Minutes**

# Board Action



- **Purposes of Public Meetings Law:**
  - To open meetings of governing bodies to the public;
  - To give notice of the time and place of meetings; and
  - To make meetings accessible to those wishing to attend.
  - No requirement to let the public talk.
  - “Public meeting” and/or “Public hearing.”

# Board Action



## Running an effective board meeting:

- The Chair is in charge.
- Public meetings law does NOT give attendees the right to speak.
- Don't squabble in public.
- Know the public meetings law.
- Keep accurate minutes.



# Board Action

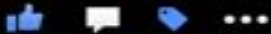


- **Ordinance = Local Law**
  - Authority to enforce
  - Formal Adoption Process
  
- **Resolution = Policy of the Board**
  - Governs Internal Operations
  - Simple Adoption Process

# Dunkel's Guide for Successful Boards



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# Vision, Mission and Values



**Vision:** What the District strives to be.

- How you want to be seen.

**Mission:** Why the District exist. What services District provides.

- Reminds us what we do.

**Values:** What our organization values.

- Guiding Principles
- Code of Ethics

# Expectations of Board Members



- Prepared and Informed
- Honest & Courteous
- Respectful of each other and the Dist.
- On Time
- Friendly
- Courage
- Represent Board Position/Action
- Understand Role and Responsibilities

# Expectations of Manager (CEO)



- Prepared and Informed
- Provides Options
- Provides Recommendation
- Organized Board Packets
- Communications, no surprises
- Honest
- Friendly
- Represents Boards Actions

# Summary of Rules



- **Be Nice, being mean will eventually result in you playing unhappily or on your own.**
- **Follow the Rules**
- **When in doubt seek advice.**
- **You are Volunteers, have some fun.**

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