

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

April 10, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, Washington

Board Members Present

Bert Lake, Chairman Pro Tem
Kathye Kilgore, Secretary/Treasurer
Donna Raines, Member
Skip Gest, Member
Hank Sauer, Member
Glynn Wheeler, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie

Board Members Absent

Rick Kilgore, Chairman, Excused

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Pro Tem Bert Lake called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of March 13, 2007 were approved.

Review Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Staff Report

Adam Fyall reviewed his monthly staff report for April 2007.

Bert Lake questioned whether the Board would be allowed to review changes required by the State Highway Department on the Horse Heaven Vista project.

Adam stated the money was provided by TIB and its use directed by the State Highway Department. However, he said the Board would be able to review major changes so it could make decisions about whether or not to proceed with the project.

Hank Sauer wanted to know how long the Two Rivers Boat Dock project would take to complete once they received the okay from the Corps of Engineers. Adam believed it would go fairly quickly, with an approximate wait of 45 days to order the gangway. The Board discussed whether it would be appropriate to order the gangway in advance of receiving the approval from the Corps of Engineers.

Planning & Development

Mr. Lake said the work parties had been very successful and the operational group for the Horse Camp had also been successful.

Publicity

Kathye Kilgore said the Park Tour was planned as much as possible, and they were just waiting for RSVP's. She indicated a global invitation would be going out on Thursday.

Kennewick Parks and Recreation Liaison

Hank Sauer discussed a new location for the Veterans' Memorial sign, providing a new sign on the highway, and constructing a gazebo and picnic area at Eastgate Park. Additionally, he provided newsletters for available activities for seniors in the area.

New Business

Special Presentation - Prosser EDA (PEDA)

Deb Heintz and Sue Jetter, PEDA gave a presentation regarding PEDA's grant research for the Parks that included the following: (1) survey counties in Washington and Oregon to investigate park system funding for sustainable capital development and operations; (2) seek stable funding streams being implemented elsewhere that might merit further investigation; (3) research various grant funding opportunities specific to parks, trails, open space, or fairgrounds for

capital development, equipment purchases, and/or maintenance and operations funding from government, non profit or corporate origins; matching or non matching. Additionally, it was noted that Benton County would need to update its IAC planning document to be eligible for certain grants.

Mr. Fyall stated the Benton County Comprehensive Plan was being updated and would include IAC guidelines for the planning document.

May Park Board Meeting Location

MOTION: Hank moved to approve the May meeting be held at Horn Rapids Park. It was seconded by Glynn and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday in May at Horn Rapids Park.