

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

February 8, 2011, 6:30 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Kennewick, WA

#### Board Members Present

Bert Lake, Chair  
Marilyn Hyde, Vice-Chair  
Donna Raines, Secretary/Treasurer  
Skip Gest, Member  
Hank Sauer, Member

#### Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie  
Commissioner Jim Beaver

#### Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Bert Lake called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and roll call was taken.

#### Approval of Agenda

Chair Lake requested the agenda be changed to include a discussion regarding a joint meeting with TCSA. It was approved, as amended.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 2011 were approved.

#### Chair Report

Mr. Lake said he wanted to continue to encourage the Park Board members to attend partner meetings. He said that Mr. Fyall had provided an initial list of their meeting dates and times that would continue to be revised as more information became available. Additionally, he said he had met with Keith Burkhart (adjacent owner to Horse Heaven Vista) and he was agreeable to discussing the Horse Heaven Rim Trail.

Chair Lake also commented that Mickie Chamness, Native Plant Society, had been planting at RMSF and behind Meacham Hill.

### **Staff Report Update**

- Hover Park - Mr. Fyall said he was looking to get a fourth quote for the parking lot work; all estimates were around \$20,000
- Rose-Iris Restroom - Mr. Fyall said he requested Ray Poland & Sons to work directly with TCSA to coordinate the project. Meanwhile, he was finalizing the order with CXT and scheduling a delivery date for the building
- Badger Mountain Plan - Mr. Fyall said he was heading to Spokane to meet with the contractor to restart the plan and bring it to conclusion

### **Special Event Subcommittee**

The subcommittee was getting quotes on prices for a menu and banquet room from both Country Gentleman and Fat Olives (at no cost). The event date was scheduled for May 24 and the Board suggested the subcommittee go ahead and make a decision on the menu and place.

### **2011 Strategic Workshop**

Mr. Fyall reported on the success of the strategic workshop. He said a new priority project was the brochure and website (subcommittee - Skip Gest and Donna Raines). Mr. Fyall said the website would be created and maintained by his office at no cost; Chair Bert Lake suggested the subcommittee come up with a plan and submit it to the Board for approval.

### **Joint Meeting w/ TCSA**

The Board discussed holding a joint meeting with the members of the Tri-Cities Shooting Association sometime in July or August (to be held on a Thursday to accommodate its members). The Board agreed to hold the meeting at Horn Rapids Park.

## **Two Rivers Park - Boat Launch & Breakwater**

Mr. Fyall discussed the renewed interest from the Corps regarding the Boat Launch/Breakwater project. He said the Corps has taken the steps to contract with HDR Engineering and start preliminary work (habitat reports and feasibility study). Adam summarized the project as taking the material from Upper Shot Rock Island and creating an extension of the shoreline (to create a jetty). This would create still water and eliminate the issues for the boat launch and piers in Two Rivers. He said the Corps was taking this on as a "fish habitat" project and it would all come down to money.

Chair Lake said the Park Board would need to have conversations with boaters and groups in the area about the need for this project and possible funding streams. The Board agreed it would need to start meeting with the citizens to get public input for a long-range project.

## **Ridges to Rivers Open Space Vision Plan**

Mr. Fyall provided copies of the "Ridges to Rivers Open Space Vision Plan". He said it represented four years of work. He asked the Board to review the plan and formulate a commentary statement to be presented at the next meeting (not necessarily to approve, but "accept") the plan. He said the Plan would also be presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners for their opinion.

## **Adjournment**

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday in March at the Justice Center.