

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

June 14, 2011, 6:30 p.m.  
Kennewick 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 Present

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie

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

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

#### Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda: Park Development Fund (Two Rivers Natural Trail) and new Park Board member recommendations.

The agenda was approved as amended.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of May 2011 were approved as presented.

#### Chair Report

Mr. Lake updated the Board on the following:

- Park Board member application process
- Meeting w/landowners regarding west end of Horse Heaven Rim trail

- Two Rivers Boat Launch; Corps approved the work project and now want to meet with Adam and Bert in July. He said they intend to tell them it is a priority for the Board and they are looking at ways to fund the project

### **Staff Report**

Adam updated his written report and discussed the following:

- Restroom situation at Shooting Range progressing slowly
- Friends of Badger - their work at purchasing land on Badger is done. However, now looking at Candy Mountain and will probably be pursuing preservation of that land

### **Two Rivers Nature Trail**

Adam discussed putting a limit on funding the work to be done on the Two Rivers Nature trail. Marilyn Hyde said she was pursuing assistance with funding from Kiwanis and Audubon and Hank Sauer also discussed approaching Rotary.

The Board discussed a minimum amount contribution to get on the plaque and Adam said he would see what they could come up with.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to set a limit of \$3,000 to be paid from the Park Development fund for work on the Two Rivers Nature Trail. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Hover Park - Subcommittee**

There are two proposals from contractors regarding upgrades to the road. A subcommittee was formed to assist and see if a horse trailer could be turned around.

### **Priority Projects**

The Board discussed proposed priority projects (in conjunction with the Capital Improvement Plan for Benton County) as follows:

- Vista Park - playground
- Two Rivers - restroom, boat launch, parking area, pier replacement, nature area connectivity, playground
- Shooting Range - Restroom project
- Hover Park - end of road project
- Horse Heaven Vista - dirt removal, property line survey, entrance and interpretive signs
- Horn Rapids Park - compound improvements (2<sup>nd</sup> phase), yard, shop, asphalt driveway, on-line camping reservations, roads, access, master plan, horse camp (mounting assist and camp upgrades)

The Board agreed to review the projects and send comments to Mr. Fyall by email.

### **Brochure Update**

Skip Gest reported the subcommittee had met a few more times and were getting pictures together (slow but steady progress).

### **Park Board Applicants**

Chair Lake reported they had interviewed four applicants and three applicants really stood out. Additionally, that Marilyn Hyde submitted her resignation from the Park Board effective June 30, 2011 so there were now three open positions.

Marilyn Hyde said she wanted to resign for the good of the county so the three outstanding applicants could sit on the Park Board. She said it was good timing for her and she was ready to step down.

The Board expressed its disappointment with Ms. Hyde resigning at this time and Donna Raines and Hank Sauer said they did not want to accept Ms. Hyde's resignation.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to accept all three applicants as recommended by the subcommittee. Motion carried with two abstentions (Donna Raines and Hank Sauer).

Mr. Fyall said he would prepare letters to all the applicants thanking them for applying for the Park Board.

## **Adjournment**

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

The next regular meeting of the Benton County Park Board will be on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at the Kennewick Justice Center.