

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

May 11, 2010, 6:30 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Kennewick, WA

#### Board Members Present

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

#### Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie

#### Board Members Absent

Kathye Kilgore, Member (Sick)

#### Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Rick Kilgore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll call was taken.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of April 2010 were approved.

#### Staff Report - Update

- Horn Rapids Park – No contact yet from the cherry growers about using the campground during harvest. However, it was noted that use was increasing, especially with small groups.
- Statewide Plan/BLM Land – Meeting to be held on June 1. The Chairman said he would attend the meeting, along with Adam to represent Benton County.

#### Parks & Recreation Liaison Report

Hank reported there was a joint meeting between Kennewick and Richland to discuss plans regarding the west end of Columbia Park and the plan was moving forward.

#### June Park Board Meeting

The Board agreed to set the June meeting for June 15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) at Two Rivers Park, with the potluck to begin at 5:30 p.m.

### **Hover Park/Adjoining Properties**

The Board discussed meeting with Kennewick General Hospital (to include Vickie Clark) to propose a new parking area and trail system, and to discuss other topics related to the Hover-Wallula area. Bert Lake said he was not in favor of formalizing a trail system.

### **Memorials in Benton County Parks**

Mr. Fyall said the Board did not have a policy in place regarding naming facilities, etc. after people. He provided copies of policies from other agencies.

The Board discussed “living plaques” that could be added to, along with benches, picnic tables, and rocks, etc. that could be used as memorials.

The Board agreed to form a committee comprised of Hank Sauer, Kathye Kilgore and Adam Fyall to review and present a policy on memorials.

### **Other Business**

- Rattlesnake Mountain – Marilyn asked what the timeline was for purchase of the property. Adam said the Board of Commissioners had approved the purchase and it should be complete by the end of the month. Bert also asked about progress on gravel and water in the new plant area. Adam said he hoped to have some progress on that project the following week.
- Vista Park – Skip said it was the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vista Park and asked the Board if it wanted to have a ceremony. Additionally, he said the grass looked dry and asked about the irrigation. Adam said he would check about the irrigation.
- Tri-City Model Airplane facility - Donna also asked about gravel at the facility and Adam stated a contract was awarded to Conrad Russell and was presently being approved.
- Parks Plan – Adam said the plan was on hold awaiting the property purchases and that Studio Cascade would continue the plan.

### **Workshop – Lease at Rattlesnake Mountain**

Adam Fyall presented the following written information for the Park Board’s review: Letter from Department of Fish & Wildlife, Land Use Agreement, and Memorandum from PA (Ryan Brown).

Adam said the letter from Fish & Wildlife indicated that agency was committed to a lease agreement, until it was terminated. Adam indicated that Mr. Brown has said a case could be made the agreement was not in place and the commitment letter was not enough for a binding agreement. Adam said they were trying to work through these issues. Mr. Brown had issues with

paragraphs 5 and 6 and wanted to do a simple amendment stating when the agreement terminated. However, an amendment would effectively start the agreement over and all new requirements would be put into play. The State wanted to do a new agreement on the side invoking another paragraph 6.

Adam said that Ryan Brown did not have an issue with the agreement with TCSA; only the status of the state agreement was in question.

Mr. Fyall said he would be meeting with Mr. Brown at 9:00 a.m. the following morning and was hopeful he could get a conference call going between the State and Mr. Brown to work out these issues. He would update the Board when he got further information.

### **Adjournment**

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the third Tuesday in June at the Two Rivers Park.