

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

November 4, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Bert Lake called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes

The October 2008 Minutes were approved.

Review Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Reports

Chair Report

The Chair report was provided in writing.

Staff Report

Adam Fyall reviewed his written monthly staff report for November 2008. Additionally, Mr. Fyall commented on the stranded truck situation at Badger Mountain, gave a detailed recounting of events, and talked about the current status.

Publicity Report

Ms. Raines discussed radio and newspaper outreach, specifically about publicizing Model Airplane Association events.

Hover Park - Presentation of Draft Interim Master Plan

The findings of the Hover Park subcommittee were presented to the Board in the form of an "Interim Master Plan". Mr. Fyall laid-out a schedule for the Board to receive the short document, review for a month, and take any comments. Mr. Fyall would then make revisions for the December meeting and create a final draft would could be adopted either at the December or January meetings.

The Board had a spirited discussion about the status of Hover Park and where it stood in the system. The discussion centered on the role of the Interim Master Plan and what that would mean for other future options. The Chair made it clear that nothing in the Interim Plan would preclude any future considerations. Mr. Fyall emphasized the role of the Interim Plan as a "bridge", giving the County the ability to commit to some easy actions and activities at Hover without over-committing scarce resources. Additionally, it would help set the stage for a true master plan that might come later that would really set a vision for Hover Park.

There was also discussion about the role of the Park Board vis-à-vis the public in terms of identifying that vision. The Board discussed whether it should actively lead and campaign for long-term planning at Hover or whether the Board should wait for a coalescence of energy and ideas from the public and user groups.

The Board agreed to work through the Interim Master Plan and wait to see what happened in the coming year.

Special Presentation

Adam Fyall presented 2009 National Natural Landmarks calendars to the Park Board members and gave the details as to how Wallula Gap made it into the calendar.

Adjournment

The members and guests gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held in December at the Benton County Justice Center.