

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

October 14, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Planning Department
Prosser, WA

Board Members Present

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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall

Board Members Absent

Rick Kilgore, Member
Kathye Kilgore, Member

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Review Agenda

A Hover Park discussion was added to the agenda and the agenda was approved as amended.

West County Parks Discussion

Charlie Bush, Prosser City Manager and Paul Warden, Prosser Mayor discussed parks and recreations in Prosser, both present and future. Highlighted were the coming upgrades to the City pool, a possible first park in "north" Prosser, a city-wide pedestrian and bicycle plan, connective trails to the Yakima River, and ideas for use of the old "spray fields" for some sort of future sports complex. Mr. Bush also commented on the idea of the Horse Heaven Rim Trail that was listed in the

Comprehensive Parks Plan, and noted that such an amenity would be a great boost for Prosser.

Approval of Minutes

The September 2008 Minutes were approved.

Reports

Brief reports from the Chair, staff, committees, and Kennewick Parks & Recreation liaison were given.

Hover Park

The Hover Park Subcommittee laid out plans for the fall, including bringing new information back to the Board in November for a decision on a path forward.

Horse Heaven Rim Trail

Mr. Fyall presented a preliminary map of property ownership along the Horse Heaven crest, and pointed out the lowest hanging fruit for now might be a connection between a Horse Heaven Vista trailhead on the west and a Webber Canyon trailhead (or McBee Grade) trailhead on the east. He said that most of the land between those two areas was owned by BLM. Partnerships were discussed, and consensus was reached that a team of advocates should be assembled.

Adjournment

The members and guests gave closing comments, notably, a suggestion by a guest to seal the concrete floor at Meacham Hall and work on shimming and sealing the roll-up doors for noise and dust control.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held in November at the Benton County Justice Center.