

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA 99336

Board Members Present

Robin Emmingham, Chair
John Becker, Vice Chair
Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer
Donna Raines, Member
Richard Nordness, Member
Yessica Rosas, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie

Board Members Absent

Michael Crowder, Member

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Robin Emmingham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

Review & Approval of Agenda

A discussion regarding the calendar was added. The agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Chair Report

Chair Robin Emmingham reported on the Vista Park dedication and that he attended the Corps of Engineers inspection at Two River Parks with Adam.

Staff Report Update

Adam Fyall commented on the compliance inspection at Two Rivers Park and said it was a new person from the Corps but overall went pretty good.

Park Board Calendar

Adam provided a copy of the upcoming meetings for the Park Board. The Board discussed a site visit to Hover Park in lieu of the October meeting. The Board agreed to meet at 3:00 p.m. on October 4 at Hover Park (at the end of Hover Road). Interested parties were invited to attend the site visit.

Projects Update

Adam updated the Board on the following projects:

Recently completed:

- Bylaws/Operating Manual Revisions
- Purchase of New Mower at Two Rivers Park
- Paving of Trailhead Park and Parking Lot at Badger Mountain
- Renovations at Westgate trailhead - Badger Mountain
- Purchase of Candy Mountain properties (enviro study)
- Two Rivers Park playground remodel
- Vista Park renovation

Projects Underway:

- Two Rivers Park Boardwalk - was moved to the bottom of the pile
- Two Rivers Park Shelter - currently getting two additional bids
- Two Rivers Boat Launch - one estimate from contractor in Spokane - \$97,000 ballpark
- Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Range Well - not able to get 3rd quote
- Horn Rapids Park Hwy Access to 240 - modified the scope of the project and going out to bid again in a few weeks
- Horn Rapids Park WiFi - Desert Winds is currently assessing the Park
- Candy Mountain Parking Lot/Trailhead - boundary and topography survey being done; will design parking lot and move ahead with trail work

Future Projects:

- Candy Mountain Trail - next step - build during winter season
- Hover Park (Diana asked for input from the users on first steps at Hover)
- Horn Rapids Park New Shop
- Horn Rapids Campground Renovation
- Two Rivers Main Restroom

Public Comment

Jo Sheeley, 40 Something Cowgirls, said there was garbage dumped at Hover and said her first priority would be to straighten out the road for safety.

Cindy Faith, Purple Sage Riders & 40 Something Cowgirls, said she would get input from the groups about priorities at Hover Park.

Linda Smith talked about the memorial for Marilyn Hyde and her interest in Hover Park and that it was time to give it some attention; she said they had a work party to clean up at the Horse Camp at Horn Rapids Park.

George Hager, TCSA, discussed filming at the range for a tv show and upcoming events.

Dick McGrew said they had a break-in at the cook shack at Higgins Field; he also talked about the 4th of July event and upcoming events.

Poll of the Board/Adjournment

The park board members gave closing comments. Specifically, Dick Nordness asked about looking into the cost of security cameras and said it was a busy month including the Vista Park dedication event; Donna Raines commented about Marilyn Hyde's memorial; Diana Ruff said she attended the Friends of Badger celebration at Bookwalter Winery; and John Becker said he attended the Commissioners' meeting and was excited about the Badger Mountain to Candy Mountain trail connection.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The August Meeting will be held at Horn Rapids Park.