

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

August 12, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Benton County Justice Center

Kennewick, WA

(Originally scheduled for Horn Rapids Park but moved to the Justice Center due to a wind storm)

Board Members Present

Richard Nordness, Chair

Bert Lake, Vice-Chair

Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer

Donna Raines, Member

John Becker, Member

Michael Crowder, Member

Robin Emmingham, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall

Cami McKenzie

Social/Potluck

The members and guests met for a social/pot luck at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

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

Review of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of July, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Candy Mountain RCO Grant Proposal

David Comstock and Adam Fyall gave a Powerpoint presentation for the Candy Mountain RCO Grant proposal as it would be presented on Thursday in Olympia.

The Park Board had a few questions and commented on the presentation and wished them well.

Staff Report

Adam updated his written report stating that he would meet with the Park Rangers on Wednesday and he expected there would be some cleanup due to the storm.

- Creation Fest - went well; the Park received \$5,000 and the amount would go up approximately \$500 each year according to the terms of the contract. He said his only comment was that he might push to not close the park the weekend prior to the event since it did not appear to be needed.
- Presented letter for the Board to sign to Mark Finkbeiner complimenting him on his hard work at Horn Rapids Park.

Parks Projects Review and Priorities

The Board discussed the following potential projects:

- Parks Comprehensive Plan
- Roof at Meacham Hall
- Removal of floats at Two Rivers Park
- Trail Use Agreement w/Barker Ranch
- Irrigation Project at Horn Rapids Park
- Playground at Two Rivers Park
- Nature Trail/Boardwalk
- Pumping Restroom

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to prioritize the following projects:

- Trail use agreement at Barker Ranch
- Irrigation at Horn Rapids Park
- Removal of docks/floats at Two Rivers (explore options that would not cost money)
- Roof at Meacham Hall
- Soft-fall under the swing set at Two Rivers

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Noxious Weed Control

Michael Crowder commented that the Noxious Weed Board was requesting the parks do a better job of spraying for weeds.

Mosquito Control

Adam indicated that Mosquito Control was responsive to their request for more spraying and was doing a good job at Two Rivers Park.

Comments from Guests/Poll of the Board/Adjournment

The guests and Board members gave closing comments. Adam confirmed the Wallula Gap tour for October 1 at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in September at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Range.