

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

November 13, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

Bert Lake, Chair
Richard Nordness - Vice-Chair
Hank Sauer, Member
Skip Gest, Member
Donna Raines, Member

Benton County Employees

Cami McKenzie
Adam Fyall

Board Members Absent

Michael Crowder - Secretary/Treasurer
Diana Ruff, Member

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Bert Lake 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

The Rose Iris entrance discussion was added to agenda; the agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of October 2012 were approved.

Chair Report

Chair Lake said that he met with a small group to take care of tumbleweeds at the Rose Iris entrance. Additionally, he commented that the tree planting for Marilyn

Hyde was nice; it was not done at the shooting range as originally planned but was planted at Horn Rapids campground.

Additionally, he met with Micki Chamness and Richard Hare to work out details about upgrading the Rose Iris entrance.

Staff Report Update

Adam commented that Dave Comstock wanted to thank the Park Board for letting him give the presentation and that Friends of Badger was going full speed ahead on that project.

Columbia Basin Dog Training Club

Tracy Hill and Debbie Hannah gave a presentation regarding their club and said they were applying for reinstatement as a Tracking Club with the American Kennel Club. In order to complete the reinstatement, they needed enough land to hold a tracking test trial and were requesting permission from the Park Board to hold a trial at the Horn Rapids Park.

Bert Lake asked if normal use of the park would be disrupted and they said probably not. Additionally, he asked if other users would disrupt the testing/trial and the response again was probably not.

They requested a letter stating the club could use the property and would probably ask for GIS mapping. Additionally, they might have questions specific to the property and what dates it would be available.

Richard Nordness asked what part of the park the course would fit into and Mr. Fyall said it would not be a problem with most parts of the park and he didn't think there were any conflicts.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to endorse these tracking/trial events at Horn Rapids Park by Columbia Basin Dog Training Club. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Vista Park White Paper

Adam reviewed the report on Vista Park and said it was a small residential park in Tri-City Heights and maintenance was originally provided by the Vista Women's Club. Benton County took over the park in 2000 and the basics were maintained by the Facilities Department (water, mowing of grass, garbage) and certain projects were completed by Parks employees. He said they have talked to the City of Kennewick and it would be willing to take this park once it was annexed into the City. Hank Sauer commented that if the City had funds available, it would be willing to partner, knowing that it would eventually be a city park. Adam said that was another reason why Benton County did not want to put big investment into the park.

He said it was a very minimalist park and got used mainly for picnics; the tire swing and slide were taken out for safety reasons. Adam said he was not in favor of making big investments, but would entertain a few improvements. Skip Gest commented that the founding neighbors were still around and were very fond of their park and agreed the use was mainly at the picnic tables and not on the play structures. Hank said he did not see a demand for more improvements but safety issues should be addressed. Donna said that maybe they could add a picnic table if anything.

Shooting Range - Rose Iris Entrance

Bert talked about the proposed improvements at the entrance and said originally they were going to have volunteers complete the improvements, but he was requesting Wildlands do some work. He said they would be doing work at Badger and wanted them to put in another four feet of rock with landscape fabric to widen the rock area and seed about two acres (looking at \$1,000 to \$2,000 total for costs).

Adam commented that Wildlands was very busy now but what he needed was a cost proposal and scope of work. Micki indicated she would try to get them moving on that.

Adjournment

Donna reminded the Board the December meeting would be a potluck.

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday in December at the Benton County Justice Center.