

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

September 10, 2013, 6:30 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Kennewick, WA

#### Board Members Present

Richard Nordness, Chair  
Bert Lake, Vice-Chair  
Michael Crowder - Secretary/Treasurer  
Donna Raines, Member  
Diana Ruff, Member

#### Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall

#### Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Richard Nordness called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

#### Review & Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Board postponed approving the August 2013 Minutes until the October meeting.

#### Chair Report

Chair Nordness talked about meeting with Friends of Badger Mountain Vice President David Comstock about the exciting venture they were undertaking with Candy Mountain. Friends will present to the Board in October.

#### Staff Report Update

Adam Fyall updated his written report as follows:

- Elaborated on Two Rivers Park neighbor situation:
  - Bert Lake cautioned about the time spent on this issue;

- Michael Crowder indicated it was good to follow up with the Corps and the Park Board shouldn't back up at all on its management philosophy and practices in the Natural Area;
- Donna Raines, Michael Crowder, and Richard Nordness plan to attend meeting with the Corps on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Bert Lake - Asked if work would proceed at the Rose-Iris range entrance and the Westgate area at Badger Mountain and Adam indicated it would proceed;
- Michael Crowder - discussed Mark Finkbeiner taking care of the tackweed at upper Horn Rapids Park;
- Michael Crowder - mentioned the problems with some tents left behind at Wanawish Dam.

### **Presentation - Badger Mountain Management & Master Plan, with Chaz Bates of Studio Cascade**

Mr. Bates described the planning process at length and talked about the interviews he was currently conducting while in the Tri-Cities for a couple of days. Extended conversation with the Board ensued on a variety of plan-related topics.

### **Comments from Guests**

Clark Hymas, MAA, updated the Board on events at Higgins Field.

Linda Smith, RRR, discussed helping with trail building at Horn Rapids and Badger Mountain.

Sharon Grant, Friends of Badger, asked for some time for collaboration.

Mickie Chamness, NPS, said their group would begin meeting in the fall.

John Hauptmann, Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility, updated the Board on membership and upcoming events.

### **Poll of the Board/Adjournment**

The Board members gave closing comments. With no further business to report, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05.

The next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday in October at the Kennewick Justice Center.