

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

September 9, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie
Commissioner Claude Oliver

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

The August 2008 Minutes were approved.

Review Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Chair Report

Bert Lake said that he attended both the Planning Commission meeting and Board of Commissioners meeting for the adoption of the Comprehensive Park Plan. Additionally, he reported on the following issues: cancellation of the Purple Sage Riders "wine ride" due to lack of available parking; meetings regarding possibility of land transfer on the Shooting range; and error misquoting him in the newspaper article regarding Badger Mountain master plan.

Chair Lake also discussed an email he received that stated the Shooting Range was denied its grant from WA State Dept. of Wildlife because they believed it did not have a 10-year lease on the state land portion.

Staff Report

Adam Fyall reviewed his written monthly staff report for September 2008.

Commissioner Report

Commissioner Oliver discussed the desire for a Badger Mountain master plan, a possible Shooting Range land transfer, and the Benton City Paths & Trails partnership between the City and the County.

Publicity Report

Donna Raines reported that she wanted to start with some press releases and would be working on that.

Projects Update

Capital Facilities Plan "CFP"

Mr. Fyall said the CFP form had been reformatted and the projects were now consolidated by park for easier reference. He indicated he would provide a copy at the next Board meeting.

Higgins Field

Mr. Fyall indicated the water system still needed to be finished and certified (as well as the Horse Camp water) and he would work to get those complete. He said the County was required by the Health Department to have a Class B Water System Use Manual and he met w/McKay & Sposito to negotiate a contract for the creation of that booklet.

Horse Heaven Vista

Adam stated the engineering and planning drawings were complete and they had received a verbal okay that it looked good from WSDOT but they were still waiting for a written okay. He said they also needed to complete a cultural and environmental review by certified archaeological consultants and he was looking into a contract for use at both Horse Heaven Vista and the Shooting Range. Mr. Fyall said the final piece would be bringing electricity to the site. He said they had committed to spending \$32,000 already and he requested approval from the Board to spend an additional \$48,000 for power, with a ceiling of \$100,000. He also said there was a possibility of getting some money back from the state grants.

Donna Raines asked about the possibility of solar power. Mr. Fyall said part of the power requirement was for lighting at the intersection (the State would pay for that power) and the County would pay for power inside the Vista.

MOTION: Rick Kilgore moved to approve expenditures for power at Horse Heaven Vista for an additional \$68,000, up to a maximum of \$100,000. The motion was seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Horse Heaven Vista - Petition to Annex

Mr. Fyall said he received a letter from Benton County Fire District 3 stating the requirement to get into the Fire District was to sign a petition. Adam recommended approval of the petition by the Board of Commissioners.

MOTION: Hank Sauer moved to approve the petition for annexation into Benton County Fire Protection District 3 for fire protection rescue services. The motion was seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adam said he would present the petition to the Board of Benton County Commissioners for approval.

Joint Park Boards Meeting

Adam provided information that would be presented at the joint meeting and asked the Board for comments.

Adjournment

The members and guests gave closing comments. Chair Lake suggested the December meeting start with the holiday party and conclude with a short meeting and the January meeting would be for Partners in Parks presentations. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held in Prosser at the Planning Department.