

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

June 9, 2009, 6:30 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Kennewick, WA

#### Board Members Present

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

#### Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie

#### Call to Order/Roll Call

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

#### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of May 2009 were approved as presented.

#### Reports to the Board

##### Chair Report

Chair Lake reported they had sprayed for weeds around the horse camp at Horn Rapids Park.

## **Staff Report**

Adam Fyall added to his written report that the "Hike for Hunger" was very successful and participation had increased to 127 hikers. He added that Horse Heaven Vista construction was moving along. Additionally, the cultural survey at Rattlesnake Mountain had not started, but it could be any day and the land survey would begin on July 13. He said he received a letter from Rocky Ross regarding the lease term and would review that as well. Hank Sauer suggested a letter to Rocky Ross congratulating him on his retirement.

The Board discussed the dedication of the disc golf course at Two Rivers Park with the potluck to begin at 5:30 p.m., the business meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m., and the dedication to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Fyall said the Richland Parks and Recreation would hold a July 16 workshop regarding WE Johnson Park and the horse community and Tapteal Greenway issues for that park had been raised.

## **Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility - Master Plan Revisions and Public Comment**

Chair Lake said the public comments had been received and he recommended that Adam put all comments into a final form and have it approved at next month's meeting. Mr. Fyall said he would wait until Friday for any final comments and then provide a final draft for review.

## **Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve - Master Plan Schedule and Process**

Mr. Fyall said he was having a conference call tomorrow with Gideon to nail down the final schedule and the subcommittee would be brought back together and meet later in the month.

## **Vista Park - Update**

Adam said that he and Bryan Perry had concluded the tire swing should come out very soon and that Bryan recommended they sand blast the teeter-totter that was coated with lead based paint.

Marilyn Hyde said she had talked to neighbors and did not feel there was much use of the park. She indicated it was designed as a toddler park and research at the City of Kennewick had found that tot parks were not used.

Hank Sauer indicated he had talked to the City of Kennewick Park Board, at the direction of the Park Board about safety issues and the County's plan. He said they advised the Park Board to bring a proposal to Kennewick for their consideration. He said it was his impression that everyone was looking forward to maintaining the park, as opposed to removing it. He said the issue that it could become a city park also was discussed.

Chair Lake said perhaps the Board should back off or back up, and wait to see if there really was a need and pressure from the community to keep the park. Additionally, he wanted to make sure the City agreed with the long-term decisions for the park.

Adam said he was in the process of acquiring names and addresses of the community so a letter could be sent out.

The Board agreed to advise the City of Kennewick of the immediate actions and wait for a response from the community on usage of the park.

### **Meacham Hall**

Mr. Fyall reported that the restroom was complete, the work crew would level out the parking area, and they would have weed fabric and plant a garden this fall.

### **Plymouth Area - Park**

Mr. Fyall said he heard from Sandy Taylor regarding the Plymouth area park. She reported they were raising money for the project, had formed a non-profit corporation, and were waiting for their 5013c tax status from the IRS.

### **Adjournment**

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

The next meeting was scheduled for the second Tuesday in July at Two Rivers Park.