

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

May 12, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie
Commissioner Jim Beaver
Bryan Perry

Board Members Absent

Donna Raines, Member
Marilyn Hyde, Member

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 as corrected.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of April 2009 were approved as presented.

Reports to the Board

Chair Report

Chair Lake reported on the progress made at the work parties at Horn Rapids Park. He said that Linda Smith was always present and they managed to plant new trees and complete five camp water lines and drip systems.

He also reported there were 35 people in attendance at the Horse Heaven Vista ground breaking and complimented the efforts by all. Additionally, he discussed the success of the TCSA "First Shots" provided free for ladies and that it was well done and well received.

Mr. Lake said he wanted to allow time for visiting with the public and members between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. prior to the official meeting time and said that most members and Mr. Fyall were already present at that time. He said he hoped this would allow members and the public to leave after the regular meeting had adjourned.

Richland Parks & Recreation Liaison

Mr. Fyall said the main issue right now for Richland was the "dog parks" and they were trying to put in some smaller ones in other parts of the city.

Vista Park - Playground Equipment Audit

Bryan Perry said it was part of his job as safety and training coordinator to audit playground equipment and he planned to audit Two Rivers Park later this month.

He said that Benton County was self-insured and as part of an assessment, he performed an audit of Vista Park. Mr. Perry then gave a Powerpoint presentation that outlined the priorities at the park as follows:

- Provide surfacing material (to break falls from equipment)
- Remove entrapment hazards on the slide
- Remove the tire swing (integrity of structure)
- Paint the See Saw (lead paint twice the allowable limit)
- Repair the irrigation vault (in shabby condition)

He also made the following recommendations to be completed at a later time: add some signage, remove the infant swing, remove the tetherball posts if they were not being used, improve the entrance to the park, and cover holes in the structures.

Hank Sauer recommended the Board authorize him to approach the City of Kennewick again about the park becoming city property and/or requesting they

become a partner in the upgrades since it could eventually become city property anyway.

Chair Lake said he believed the liabilities should be addressed and he recommended the Board approve up to \$15,000 in funds if the City could match in kind funds. Additionally, he recommended the Board approach the neighborhood to see what they were willing to do to improve the park.

Mr. Fyall said he believed there were liability concerns that should be addressed immediately, before working out an agreement with the City.

Mr. Perry said if the Board was going to do anything at all, he recommended new surfacing material and tearing down the tire swing. He said he would research the cost of the material and provide that to Mr. Fyall.

Kathye Kilgore recommended the Board talk to the neighborhood to see what the user group was before proceeding. Mr. Fyall said he would like to put a letter together for the neighborhood. Skip Gest recommended Mr. Fyall address both sides of the issue in the letter, the safety aspects and the attempt to get funding for matching funds. The Board agreed.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that Adam Fyall work with Bryan Perry to assess the cost of fixing the immediate safety issues (tire and surface material) and take reasonable measures to make improvements. Additionally, authorize up to \$15,000 as matching funds if the City and neighborhood wanted to assist in improving the park. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility - Master Plan

Mr. Fyall presented a draft Master Plan for the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility and said the plan matched the TCSA's own plan. He provided a schedule and requested approval at the July meeting.

Dotty Rickards said she would post the draft plan on her website and email it to the members for comment.

The Board approved the schedule as presented.

Horse Heaven Rim Trail

Bert Lake requested the Board approve the initiation of dialogue between PEDDA and property owners to see about access for a Horse Heaven Rim Trail. He suggested the Board authorize Mr. Fyall to discuss the issue and work on a scope of work. Hank Sauer agreed it was a hot project and now was the time to move.

Mr. Fyall said that about half of the property was owned by BLM and about half was personal property owners. Mr. Fyall suggested this work scope could be part of the annual economic development agreement with PEDDA or could be an opportunity for an additional agreement.

After the Board discussed authorizing an amount to approve for the scope of work, Commissioner Beaver suggested the Board authorize Mr. Fyall to get a proposal to bring back for consideration.

The Board agreed.

June Meeting

Mr. Fyall recommended the Board have the June meeting at the Justice Center (instead of its annual field meeting at Two Rivers Park) because the disc golf course would not be ready for dedication until early July. He suggested the Board hold its July meeting at Two Rivers Park and the Board agreed.

Adjournment

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday in June at the Benton County Justice Center.