



BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES

April 9, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

Diana Ruff, Chair
Laauli Faamausili, Vice-Chair
Yessica Rosas, Member
Richard Nordness, Member
Robin Emmingham, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie

Board Members Absent

Donna Raines, Secretary/Treasurer

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Diana Ruff 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 agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of February 2019 and March 2019 were approved.

Staff Report Update

Adam added to his written report as follows:

- Winter weather had put everything about one month behind
- New mower - will be on a rotation cycle and shared with the Fairgrounds (possibly assigned to one employee)

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility - Master Plan

Dan Martini (RMSF) discussed grant applications they were submitting and range improvements.

Adam said this was the 4th edition of the master plan; the final out went to the public and the Board for comments.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility Master Plan (April 2019 Edition). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Park Pulse Newsletter - Introduction

Adam presented the early edition of the newsletter (created by Shyanne Palmus). He said it would contain short articles, updates, calendar events, and feature a "Park of the Month" and showcases individuals. He said he wanted the first newsletter to feature Two Rivers Park (this was the 50-year anniversary) and Dennis Rockwell.

Park Board Calendar

- Interviews (Park Board Members) - the members would give their schedule to Adam - hopefully to be completed over the next two weeks
- June Meeting - rescheduled for June 18 at Two Rivers Park
- August Meeting - rescheduled for August 20 at the Justice Center
- September Meeting - at Horn Rapids Park

Comments from Guests

- Linda Smith - membership was dwindling as the group aged and they were not gaining new members; the organization was very appreciative of the County's support through the years.
- Dick McGrew - indicated one of the County's signs was down; they were teaming with Tri-Tech to offer training for obtaining a drone license for industrial use; new septic was installed; working with the Health District regarding requirements for food prep/serving; permitting issues for the well and septic; also getting a slow start due to the weather and creating a brochure.

Poll of the Board/Adjournment

- Dick Nordness - said the newsletter was a great idea
- Yessica Rosas - also liked the newsletter and said she would write an article
- Robin Emmingham - said he would also write something for the newsletter; said he was in favor of putting together a policy regarding overnight camping at Two Rivers Park; did a drive by of Vista Park and it looked good; the fence at Two Rivers Park did not survive the winter (Adam indicated they were slowing repairing the fence, as time permitted)
- Laauli Faamausili - said the master plan was a great education for him; he and his family hiked Badger Mountain (Sagebrush Trail) and enjoyed it
- Diana Ruff - thanked everyone for their work on the master plan - she liked how the shooting range group focused on their goals; she also hiked Badger Mountain and visited Vista Park and agreed it looked good

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in May at the Justice Center.