



BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES

May 14, 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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall

Board Members Absent

Robin Emmingham, Member

Note

- *The seven-member board currently has two vacancies. Four of the current five members were present for this meeting, constituting a quorum.*

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Diana Ruff called the meeting to order at 6:32 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

Approval of the April Minutes was continued to the next meeting.

Staff Report Update

Adam added to his written report as follows:

- Citizens for a Healthy Bay auction in Tacoma, an organization focusing on stewardship of South Puget Sound. Upon their request, a package of 2 spots for 2 nights camping at Horn Rapids Park was made available for their auction (value, \$100). They were able to auction the package for \$350.
- Upcoming annual compliance inspection of Two Rivers and Hover parks by the Army Corps of Engineers. That will occur on June 20, and Adam invited Board members to attend if they wished.

Paving of PR 669

Mr. Fyall gave a more thorough update of the situation, mentioning that an option was selected, and the project was expected to go to bid in the next couple of weeks. Public Works will manage the project, which has a cost projection of \$61,000. Friends of Badger is making a cash contribution of \$7,500 toward the project.

Hover Park Access

Mr. Fyall updated the Board on recent events in the Hover area, notably that a new adjacent property owner appears to be blocking legal access to the park from the north. The Corps and staff are in communication on the matter and are responding accordingly.

Parks Ordinance

Mr. Fyall discussed updating the current parks ordinance, which has not been substantively revised in well over a decade. Mr. Fyall indicated a desire to get comments from the Board, other staff, and any public about possible changes, from which a draft would be prepared with assistance from the Prosecutor's office. The revised ordinance would then run through the County's usual ordinance adoption process.

After the three scheduled items, the Board and guests also discussed long-time Board member Donna Raines, who passed-away in April. The Board will contemplate some form of remembrance and memorial of Donna to be done later in the year.

Guest Comments/Poll of the Board

The guests and park board members gave closing comments, with members largely thanking partnering organizations and offering remembrances of Donna Raines.

The Board briefly recessed before Park Board candidate interviews.

Park Board Candidate Interviews

There were two vacancies on the Board and two applications were received. The Board members interviewed Dave McNeal of West Richland and Karla Brown of Kennewick. After the interviews, Board members met briefly with staff to communicate their decision to recommend both candidates for appointment to the Park Board. Staff will facilitate the appointments, which will be made by the Board of Commissioners in the next few weeks.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 18, 2019 (third Tuesday in June) at Two Rivers Park.