



BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES

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

Board Members Present

Laauli Faamausili, Vice-Chair
Yessica Rosas, Member
Richard Nordness, Member
Robin Emmingham, Member
Karla Brown, Member
Dave McNeal, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall

Board Members Absent

Diana Ruff, Chair (excused)

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Laauli Faamausili 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 amended, adding a discussion about the paving project at Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June 2019 were approved.

Chair Report

Vice Chair Faamaulsili asked if the Board wanted to take-up the nomination of a Secretary, the office position being currently vacant. After some brief discussion, the Board decided to table any action until such time that a full Board was present.

Staff Report Update

Adam added to his written report as follows:

- Easement issues with Benton PUD at Badger Mountain appears to be resolved
- Parks staff will be receiving basic Jail maintenance training
- Department will be moving ahead with a treatment of about 20 pine trees at Two Rivers Park to defend against a beetle infestation

Friends of Badger Mountain Presentation

David Comstock, Friends of Badger Mountain board member, gave a comprehensive presentation about the work that Friends of Badger has been focused on for the past 16 years. All aspects of the group's work in the preservation of and access to the southwestern ridgeline was discussed, culminating in Mr. Comstock's presentation to the Board of a check in the amount of \$7,500 as a donation toward the PR 669 paving project.

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility - Paving at Rose-Iris Range

Mr. Fyall brought forward a request made earlier in the day by the Tri-Cities Shooting Association for review. The asphalt paving project of the now-gravel main parking area in front of the Rose-Iris complex was not in the recently adopted Master Plan but was a project of opportunity. The Board offered its support of the project and asked staff to come back in August with a formal approval procedure. The Master Plan would be revised at a later time.

Hover Park Access - Staff Update

Mr. Fyall gave a brief update about the new neighbors and access into Hover Park from Toothaker Road. He mentioned recent discussions with the Corps of Engineers, the new neighbors, and the Benton Conservation District. There were no decisions to be made at this time.

Public Comments

- George Hager, TCSA - The range was busy, despite summer heat. The paving project was a big undertaking.
- Cindy Faith, PSR - Club was in planning stages for some larger riding activities/events.
- Linda Smith, RRR - Club planned to move ahead with a Chili Feed event in 2020. She asked about the disposition of the mobile home (former caretaker residence) at Horn Rapids and Mr. Fyall briefly described plans that have been discussed.
- Dick McGrew, MAA - Mentioned recent and ongoing projects such as crack sealing the runways and the build-a-table program. Their biggest event of the year, Huckfest, was fast approaching and the club was looking to resolve an issue with the Health District regarding onsite food service.

Poll of the Board

- Mr. McNeal - Asked about communicating observations of Horn Rapids Park given that he lived across the river. Mr. Fyall said he would follow-up with him, but in urgent situations, contacting Mr. Finkbeiner directly was fine.
- Mr. Nordness - Thanked Mr. Comstock for his presentation.
- Ms. Rosas - Said she liked to hear from everyone and that it helped her stay connected to different parts of the community. Additionally, she mentioned how Friends' preservation work was uniting the community in a most positive way.
- Mr. Emmingham - Thanked attendees and provided some comment on Mr. McNeal's question.
- Ms. Brown - Thanked Mr. Comstock and asked if Park Board members could get the digital files of the draft geological maps emailed to them. Mr. Fyall said he would do so.
- VC Faamausili - Thanked everyone for their attendance.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 20, 2019 at the Justice Center.