

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA 99336

Board Members Present

Robin Emmingham, Chair
John Becker, Vice-Chair
Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer
Yessica Rosas, Member
Donna Raines, Member
Michael Crowder, Member
Richard Nordness, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie
Whitney Hottell
Shyanne Faulconer

SOCIAL/POTLUCK

The members and guests met for a social/pot luck at 6:00 p.m. and guest Hank Sauer read the "Polar Express".

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Chair Robin Emmingham 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 November, 2016 were approved as submitted.

CHAIR REPORT

No report.

STAFF REPORT UPDATE

Adam updated his written report as follows:

- Candy Mountain Parking - going to bid in January
- Two Rivers Park - new shade structure was delivered and ready to install
- Horn Rapids Park - old dump site discovered on dunes. It was evaluated by archaeologist firm and nothing of any value was noted. The recommendation was to cover with fabric and soil; the WA State Dept. of Archaeology was agreeable so they would plan to proceed.

HOVER PARK - CONTINUED DISCUSSION

Adam indicated he followed up with the interested parties:

- Fire District #1 - they need access a few times per/year - usually related to ATV accidents
- KID - wasteway issue - they will review the matter; they do not own the ditch but do own the water and acknowledge there is a concern about safety and water quality. They visited the site and will get back to Adam with more information
- Trios property owners - no answers
- Railroad tracks - Adam was researching improvement possibilities and talked to the Benton County Road Department Manager about this issue
- Corps of Engineers - Adam and Robin will meet with the Corps on January 11, 2017 to discuss Hover Park
- ATV Users - have not heard from them or found a core group. It was something to clear up with the Corps whether it was allowed. It was not something allowed in County Parks and was against County Parks Policy
- Maybe lease to a vendor; Benton County would not be able to facilitate or insure ATV use
- Fire District and KID have both expressed this is enough of a priority to help find a solution

Adam asked the Board to send specific questions to him that they wanted him to ask the Corps at the meeting.

Adam said he saw the following as the top priorities for the park:

- Designated/structured parking

- Safe wet and dry crossing of wasteway
- Access to adjoining properties - visual warning to deter; keep the Sheriff informed
- He will come up language for signs - proposed actions to get people's attention

2017 PRIORITY PROJECTS

Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept the 2017 Priority Projects list as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS/POLL OF THE BOARD/ADJOURNMENT

The guests and Board members gave closing comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

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