

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Richard Nordness 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 with the addition of a discussion on appointing Park Board members.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of February, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Chair Report

Chair Nordness said he visited Vista Park and said the contractor did a nice job on the new playground. Additionally, he looked forward to the final version once the Junipers were removed and the irrigation project finished.

Staff Report Update

Adam updated the Board on the following:

- Finishing up Candy Mountain contracts
 - RCO Grant - next week the Commissioners were signing the first purchase and sale agreement
 - Optimistic they would close on both properties the end of April
- Higgins Field
 - Quote received on gravel was higher than expected from Road Department (\$20,000 more); might have to take to formal bid
- Vista Park - Wednesday, May 25 confirmed for dedication
- Eagle Scout project - possibly a bulletin board at Two Rivers Park; talked about a sign at Vista Park

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility Master Plan

Adam said the Board had a chance to review the updated version and he had not received any further comments.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility Master Plan as updated.

Discussion

Donna said she still wanted to see a 50-year lease so they did not have the same problems as before with getting the lease signed and not being eligible for grants.

Robin said he disagreed and that 30 years was a long time.

Adam stated this was a lease between the County and the State, they did 30 year leases and so they could not do a longer lease.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bylaws and Policies

The Board discussed the bylaws and policies and noted sections that needed to be updated including election of officers, terms, meeting places, etc. Diana agreed to draft a new policy with suggested changes.

Donna reiterated her desire to add back the term "Recreation" to the "Park Board". The Board disagreed.

Appointment of Park Board Members

Donna suggested the Board needed to officially appoint Yessica to the Park Board per the current bylaws. It was stated the Executive Board had met with Yessica, there were no other candidates, and they made the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners (which was signed appointing her to the Park Board).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to reaffirm the Park Board's endorsement for Yessica Rosas to be appointed to the Benton County Park Board. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Calendar Review

- May 25 - Vista Park Dedication
- June 14 - scheduling problem for Adam (boo hoo, so sad ☹); the meeting was moved to June 7
- Benton County hosting the Joint Park Board Annual Meeting - dates discussed were August 30 or the third week of September; Adam said he was working on hosting at the Hanford Reach

Guest Comments/Poll of the Board/Adjournment

The guests and Board members gave closing comments.

With no further business to report, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the first Tuesday in April at the Kennewick Justice Center.