

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

Richard Nordness, Chair
Donna Raines, Member
Robin Emmingham, Member
John Becker, Vice Chair
Yessica Rosas, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie
Commissioner Jim Beaver

Board Members Absent

Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Crowder, Member

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.

Chair Nordness introduced newest member Yessica Rosas.

Review & Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion on bylaws and policies.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Special Presentation

Sharon Grant presented Adam Fyall with a large plaque honoring him as "Champion of the Year" for Friends of Badger Mountain. Adam also complimented David Comstock for his tireless work on the Candy Mountain project.

Staff Report Update

Adam updated the Board on the following:

- Vista Park - they would be combining the irrigation upgrade project with one being done at the Fairgrounds. Adam said his work on the project was mostly complete and proposed May 25 at 12:30 for the park dedication.

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility Master Plan

Mark Verwest presented the new master plan for approval by the Board. He discussed completed projects, as well as new projects, highlighting their biggest concerns as a new well and water tank.

Mr. Fyall recommended the Board review the plan over the next month and approve it at the March meeting. The Board agreed.

Two Rivers Park Shelter

Adam proposed a new shelter to be constructed at Two Rivers Park. He said it would be a nice capstone addition and would be a meeting spot and shade structure.

There was a discussion regarding adding a standing only bar height table. The Board agreed it was a good idea and it was stated that Diana and Michael both indicated their agreement by email.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve a plan to add a Park Shelter at Two Rivers Park and that Adam would provide a formal quote for approval. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Bylaws and Policies

It was noted after review of the Bylaws that the Board had not yet had an election of officers for the new year.

Donna Raines discussed adding back in the term "Recreation" to the formerly known Parks & Recreation Board and that it perhaps would allow more opportunities for grants. Mr. Fyall indicated that 10+ years ago the name was changed to the Park Board since they did not do recreational programming and

would not think the name would be an issue if someone were to apply for a grant. He said he worked on one grant in 13 years and it did well due to the project, not the name of the Board.

Robin Emmingham said they could do parks and recreation and still be the Park Board; he did not love that name.

The Board agreed it was a good idea to form a committee to update the Bylaws and match them up with the policies. Donna agreed to be on the committee.

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 7:45 p.m.

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