

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD**

February 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Kennewick, WA

**Board Members Present**

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

**Benton County Employees**

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie

**Board Members Absent**

Laauli Faamausili, Member  
Yessica Rosas, Member

**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.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of January 2018 were approved as submitted with Diana Ruff abstaining because she did not attend the January meeting.

**Staff Report Update**

Adam added to his written report, briefly discussing the following:

- Increase in dumping at Horn Rapids Park over the last two weeks; the Tapteal Greenway group was going to help clean up
- Working on annual management plan to be submitted to Corps of Engineers for Two Rivers Park & Hover Park
- Community meeting later in April/jointly with Friends of Badger to discuss Candy Mountain
  - Topics to consider - park time closure (one of the complaints was flashlights at night) - maybe dawn to dusk
  - Amendment to the trail - new cut may be the source of problem

### **Rattlesnake Ridge Riders Annual Report - Sam Meacham Retrospective**

Linda Smith, Rattlesnake Ridge Riders provided a written report with pictures outlining a biography of Sam Meacham and briefly discussed it with the Board. The report emphasized Sam Meacham's contribution to Horn Rapids Park.

Horn Rapids Park Chili Feed - Donna said she had a list of things to do to help with the chili feed. Linda said they were having a meeting on Saturday, March 10 at 11:00 am to discuss the future of Chili Feed or having other fundraisers.

### **Badger Mountain Management & Master Plan Workshop**

Adam said they were now ready for the big push on the Badger Mountain plan and he reviewed the written report dated February 13, 2018 provided to the Board and discussed the following:

- Background
  - History & Conditions; Environment; Connectivity; Current Uses; Observations; Emergent Uses; Restoration; Management
- Planning
  - 2014-2020 Comprehensive Parks Plan - Four Recommendations for Badger Mountain
    - Complete a Master Plan (underway)
    - Westgate expansion and upgrades (completed)
    - Offsite connections, Candy Mountain and Little Badger (underway)
    - Remediation of abandoned ditches, roads, trails (underway)
- Planning to date: In-House and Studio Cascade report

- 2018 Plan Document includes:
  - Document assembly, Studio Cascade work, guest authors and peer reviews
  - Management Plan
  - Master Plan
  - Adam will be assembling comments and documents and formulate into recommendations for the Board
- 2018 Plan Schedule with adoption by the Board on July 10, 2018

A few additional items discussed by the Board included:

- Memorializing the relationship with the City of Richland
- Written procedure for permission to drive up Badger Mountain

**Comments from Guests/Poll of the Board/Adjournment**

Guests and Board members gave closing comments. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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