



BENTON COUNTY
Park Board

MEETING MINUTES

20 November 2018
Benton County Justice Center
7122 West Okanogan Place, Kennewick

Members Present

John Becker, Vice Chair
Robin Emmingham, Chair
Richard Nordness
Yessica Rosas
Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer

Employees Present

Adam J. Fyall

Members Absent

Laauli Faamausili
Donna Raines

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Chair Emmingham called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, and upon the roll call, established that a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Becker.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented – 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair announced that the September and November minutes would be addressed at the December meeting.

Reports to the Board

Chair's Report

None.

Staff Report

Mr. Fyall added a few short comments to his written report.

Business

Briefing – Hover Park Cleanup

Cindy Faith (Purple Sage Riders) led an extensive discussion of the recent cleanup event at Hover Park, points including:

- A variety of items were collected, including roofing, a boat, a freezer, a mattress, etc.
- More than a dozen volunteers participated.
- The dumpster was not ideally located making things somewhat inefficient, but the dumpster provided by the Parks Department was appreciated.
- They did not get all of the material. There was discussion about a second event later in the winter. There was further discussion about the nature and sourcing of some of the types of things that are dumped.
- There was a particular point to mention and thank Diane Pinkman for her efforts.
- Chair Emmingham mentioned publicity, and Mr. Fyall added he will do some facebook focus on the event.
- There was discussion about the possible installation of cameras at Hover and elsewhere.
- The Board requested that letters of thanks be drafted. Mr. Fyall said he would get that done.

Discussion – 2019 Capital Projects

Mr. Fyall introduced the proposed list which has evolved over the past several months. After brief discussion the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the list of “2019 Priority Projects” as presented.

Public Comment

George Hager (TCSA), gave an update on the grant application (to RCO for paving of the road to the High Power range), and talked a little bit about possible impacts of the recently passed Initiative 1639.

Dick McGrew (MAA), gave a brief recap of the year’s events and a look ahead to 2019, also mentioning that club elections were upcoming. He discussed recent issues with the septic system and pump, and also the continued design work on a possible new building and refurbishment of Runway 1.

Linda Smith (RRR), discussed the return of Chili Feed in 2019, which will occur the second weekend of March.

Dan Chappel (RRR), continued the annual tradition of delivering calendars for Park Board and commissioners on behalf of the club, then provided short comment on the following items:

- Chili Feed preparations.
- Use and cleaning of the manure pit at Horn Rapids.
- Signage at Horn Rapids Park.
- Camping challenges at Horn Rapids, namely use of the Horse Camp.
- Tidiness and supply conditions at Meacham Hall.

Cindy Faith (PSR), talked about the recent Wine Ride in the Zillah area that attracted over 600 riders from across the state and over 2600 bottles in purchase for the participating wineries.

Poll of the Board

Members made short remarks, each emphasizing thanks to the volunteers for the recent Hover cleanup, Mr. Nordness noting that it was a “big chore” and Ms. Ruff mentioning

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

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