



BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA 99336

Meeting provided by Video (via Zoom)

Board Members Present

Laauli Faamausili, Chair (via Zoom)
Robin Emmingham, Member (via Zoom)
Karla Brown, Secretary (via Zoom)
Dave McNeal, Vice Chair (via Zoom)
Yessica Rosas, Member (via Zoom)
Diana Ruff, Member (via Zoom)

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Kirk Engle (via Zoom)
Cami McKenzie
Peggy Brown

Board Members Absent

Richard Nordness, Member

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Board Chair, Laauli Faamausili, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The Board did not recite the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

Review & Approval of Agenda

The July 14th agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of March 10, 2020 were approved.

Monthly Reports to the Board

Chair's Report

Board Chair, Laauli Faamausili, stated that there was no report at this time.

Committee/Subcommittee Reports

There were no committee or subcommittee reports at this time.

Staff Report Update

Adam reported two new county employees that would be helping with Parks and Park Board:

- Cameron Roe and Peggy Brown

News:

- **Candy Mt Preserve:** boulders placed and weeds taken care of, need to send "thank you" letter
- **Horn Rapids:** subcommittee needs to reconvene to discuss office building further, maybe add to Aug. agenda
- **Sunsplash/Wanawash:** subcommittee and Tapteal need to discuss issues addressed
- **2 Rivers Park:** logs were removed from under boat dock, need to send "thank you" letter
- **Horse Heaven Vista:** boulders placed, new fence, and new signs added
- **Hover Park:** Knutzen Engineering developed work scope and cost estimate
- **Rattlesnake Mt Shooting Facility:** Canyon Rd paving project is complete
- Cindy Faith's grant has been extended to 12/2021

Business

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the MMA's master plan for Higgins Field. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Remainder of 2020-projects, mtgs, etc.:

Plan on virtual meetings for Aug/Sept.

- **August:**
 - discuss security cameras & internet at the parks

- Hover Park parking area
- Horse Heaven Vista restroom issue
- **September:**
 - Horn Rapids Park HQ building
 - Comprehensive Parks Plan update
- **October:**
 - Horn Rapids Park campground rates, rules, and a camp host

Public Comments/Poll of the Board/Adjournment

The public and board members gave closing comments.

All board members present expressed a desire to meet in-person.

Karla Brown, Yessica Rosas, and Diana Ruff all commented on how nice the trails are being maintained and that the parks are staying busy.

George Hager mentioned that the shooting range is doing well and that competitions are starting up. He also mentioned how nice the paving project looks on Canyon Rd.

Cindy Faith mentioned that the REI grant was approved.

Dave McNeal expressed a desire to send a "thank you" letter to those who helped in the clean-up at Candy Mt.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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

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