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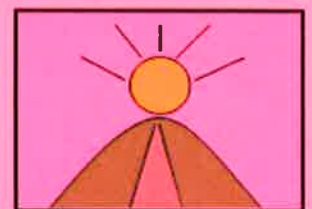
## **SPECIAL MEETING WORKSHOP**

**June 14, 2016**

**A G E N D A**

**Benton City Community Center  
6:00pm**

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. FLAG SALUTE**
- C. ROLL CALL**
- D. PROPOSED RECREATION VISIONING**
  - a) Introduction
  - b) Why now?
  - c) Discussion
  - d) Closing
- E. ADJOURNMENT**



**Vision**

## Proposed Recreation Visioning Workshop Agenda

Benton City, Washington June 14, 2016

### Introduction:

Purpose of the meeting

RCO – funding availability and sources

RCO Planning Requirements

### Why Now?

### Conversation:

- A series of questions will be asked, designed according to the *Focused Conversation* method, also known as O-R-I-D, created by the Canadian Institute for Cultural Affairs). Questions will be Objective, Reflective, Interpretive and Decisional in nature. I will lead the conversation and have asked Deb Heintz to attend as note-taker. I expect this directed conversation to take up the majority of the meeting time. Possible questions are listed on the next page, but should not be published as part of the meeting agenda.
- If time permits, we may also do a 'dots' exercise, with each participant being given 2-3 dots that they can use to 'vote' on their priority recreation projects.

### Closing:

Summarize conclusions from the conversation

Review next steps in planning process and use of information shared

## **Possible Qs for Recreational Visioning Conversation:**

### **WHAT / OBJECTIVE:**

- What do you think of first when I say “Benton City”?
- Name one of Benton City’s greatest assets.
- Thinking about recreation and what there is to do in Benton City, name one thing that you see when you drive through Benton City.
- Show map - What recreation infrastructure is now available in BC?

### **GUT / REFLECTIVE:**

- What Benton City feature gives you hope for the future / inspires you?
- What part of Benton City’s future concerns you the most?
- Are there any surprises in the potential projects mentioned?
- Which of these recreational options would you be more likely to use? Bring visitors to?
- What worries you?
- In the conversation so far, where did you find yourself saying, “Right on!, No Way!, etc.
- What are you skeptical about?
- Where did you detect any opening or new opportunity for us?
- What previous experiences have you had with planning? Where have you seen planning succeed in the past? Where have you seen it fail?

### **SO WHAT? / INTERPRETIVE:**

- What options are open to us?
- What appears to be the central issue or key area of focus?
- How have other communities handled similar issues/resources?
- Can you name other cities that have recreational infrastructure that you’d like to see here?
- What role would you like to see the Yakima River play in BC recreation plans?
- Are we designing for residents or tourists? What is the difference?
- What came through very clearly?
- What new vantage point has this given us?
- What challenges are facing us relative to this? Can we summarize the barriers that we may have to overcome?
- Which of the issues raised so far is going to require the most careful/involved response?
- What resources will be needed to move this process forward?
- What are the pros and cons of each option?
- What are some of the important decisions that we will have to make?

### **NOW WHAT? / DECISIONAL:**

- What are the first steps we need to take?
- What are the most effective ways to get further public input?
- What are we really committed to?
- What can be done to prepare for some of these projects BEFORE we seek outside funding?
- What will keep us on track?

Parks and Recreation Projects:

- Skateboard Park Expansion
- Swimming Pool
- Splash Park
- Additional Walking/Biking Trails
- Expanded Community Center (ball courts)
- New playfields (baseball, football, soccer)
- After School Programs

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