



must notify the code reviser of that schedule before January of each year. Accordingly, the Board typically has approved its meeting schedule for the next year in September.

## Analysis

### Meeting Dates

The 2010 grant cycle will be unusual in that the legislature did not fund either the Boating Facilities Program or the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) for this biennium. As a result, the board will have fewer grant programs to consider. While there will be policy matters for discussion and decision, staff believes that the board can accomplish its work in three meetings. If needed, the chair may call for an additional special meeting, which could be conducted by phone.

### Meeting Locations

To reduce travel expenses, the staff recommends that only one of the board meetings be held outside of Olympia. Staff recommends that a meeting be held in June in the Tri-Cities. Doing so avoids having the travel coincide with the fall funding meeting, and gives the members an opportunity to tour several board-funded sites that represent many grant programs. The board also has expressed an interest in visiting Walla Walla. Staff has prepared the following summaries for the board to consider in deciding the location of the June meeting.

#### *Project Sites of Interest in Tri-Cities*

The board awarded funds for these projects between 2000 and 2009.

- Columbia Park lies along the shorelines of Kennewick and Richland. Covering an area of some 400 acres, Columbia Park runs some five miles on the banks of the Columbia River. Board funds have supported a youth bike/skate park, an aquatic playground, and boating facilities.
- Board funds also helped to develop significant portions of the 23-mile Sacagawea Heritage Trail. The trail is a paved pedestrian and non-motorized pathway that links the waterfront parks.
- The Port of Kennewick used board funds to expand its marina, improving safety and making it accessible to people with disabilities. The port is using an ALEA grant to return damaged shorelands to conditions favorable to young salmon, add native plantings, and develop riverfront pathways that will link the Island to the regional Sacagawea Heritage Trail.
- Both Richland and Pasco have used board funds to renovate youth athletic facilities. In Pasco, board funds allowed the city to install recreational lighting on all six fields of the Pasco Softball Complex, which serves two counties and seven communities.

#### *Project Sites of Interest in Walla Walla*

The board awarded funds for these projects between 1975 and 2000. The board approved "alternate" status for three additional projects during the most recent WWRP grant cycle.

- The "So Kids Can Play" expansion project used board funds to complete, construct, and/or modernize five play fields, increase parking capacity, provide barrier free pathways, and provide many other improvements at the Pacific Little League Complex.
- Howard Tietan Park is a recreational area of 19 acres, including baseball fields, soccer fields, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, a playground, and a sledding area. Board funds helped

improve field safety by renovating all turf surfaces, skinned ballfield areas, backstops, dugouts and spectator areas.

- Veteran's Memorial Park spans 7 acres and features play equipment, picnic tables, basketball hoops, and a stream. Board funds helped provide additional athletic facilities, a tot-lot, and picnic facilities.

### **Next Steps**

Staff will plan meetings for 2010 and make the required notifications.

Dates or locations for regularly scheduled meetings can be altered, with sufficient notice. The Chair may call special meetings at any location or time with compliance with the notice provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

### **Attachments**

Resolution #2009-21



**RESOLUTION 2009-21**

2010 Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Meeting Schedule

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board is established by statute and conducts regular meetings, pursuant to RCW 42.30.075, according to a schedule it adopts in an open public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 42.30.075 directs state agencies to file with the code reviser a schedule of the time and place of such meetings on or before January of each year for publication in the Washington state register; and

**WHEREAS**, having open public meetings is essential to achieving the Board's goals to use broad public participation and feedback and to achieve a high level of accountability by using a process that is open to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, having open public meetings also is essential to the Board's ability to conduct its business so that it achieves its mission and goals as documented in statute and/or its strategic plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the following schedule for 2010 regular meetings of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board is hereby adopted; and,

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 25-26, 2010	Olympia
June 24-25, 2010	Tri-Cities
October 28-29, 2010	Olympia

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board directs staff to publish notice in the State Register accordingly.

*Resolution moved by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Resolution seconded by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_