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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary of Minutes

March 5, 2012

Members in Attendance: Jennifer Henning, Kirk Alexander, Andrew Fulks, Robert Beggs, Carolyn Hinshaw, Patrick Reynolds, Gerald Hartwig, Catherine Portman

Members Absent: Josh Martinez, Kent Lang

County Staff in Attendance: Deputy CAO Mindi Nunes, Director of General Services Department Kevin Yarris, Associate Parks Planner Jen Santos, Administrative Services Analyst Laura Liddicoet

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beggs called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

Motion: Fulks. Second: Reynolds. Ayes: ALL

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 12, 2011 were adopted with the note to correct the vote count regarding Item 5.1, Solar at Grasslands. Member Henning's vote will be corrected to "no".

Motion: Hartwig. Second: Portman. Ayes: ALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Committee Removals/Resignations/Appointments/Reappointments with a current roster update: Parks Planner Jen Santos presented a new committee roster, which reflected the reappointments of committee members Kent Lang, Catherine Portman and Gerald Hartwig.

5.2 Report regarding the County Ordinances related to wind and solar projects: Parks Planner Jen Santos presented summaries on County ordinances related to wind and solar projects.

Committee Member Catherine Portman prefaced her comments by explaining how this issue came to her attention. The ordinances include language wherein these systems could be placed in parks, thus allowing the committee purview in the planning process of

these projects. The committee discussed the relevance, size and scope regarding having these types of projects come through PRWAC prior to going to the Planning Commission. A discussion was also had regarding the formation of a sub-committee in order to expedite the review of these projects.

A motion was made to have the PRWAC ask the Yolo County Board of supervisors to have parks staff look into the procedure to allow the PRWAC to review and make recommendations regarding any solar and wind project submittals in which the County has discretion, prior to being submitted to the Planning Commission.

Motion: Portman. Second: Hinshaw. Ayes: Henning, Alexander, Fulks, Beggs, Reynolds. Opposed: Hartwig.

A second motion was made to form a two person subcommittee to review all wind and solar project proposals to decide if further committee review is needed.

Motion: Beggs. Second: Henning. Ayes: Portman, Hinshaw, Alexander, Fulks, Reynolds. Abstaining: Hartwig

A third motion was made to establish Andrew Fulks and Catherine Portman as the members of the subcommittee.

Motion: Reynolds. Second: Alexander. Ayes: Henning, Hartwig, Hinshaw, Fulks, Portman, Beggs

- 5.3 Monitoring Requirements for the Air Force/Davis Communications Site adjacent to Grasslands Park. Parks Planner Jen Santos provided a draft habitat management plan for Grasslands Park and the Air Force Site. The committee discussed the possible cost implications, and committee member Fulks volunteered to follow up with the UC Davis Herbarium for a cost-estimate to potentially have graduate students conduct the monitoring or a portion there of.
- 5.4 Brief update regarding the Rafting Ordinance and revenue relating to current and past rafting Agreements. Parks Planner Jen Santos presented information regarding the past collection of fees from rafting concessionaries along Cache Creek. She also reported that the Parks Division will be returning to the Board of Supervisors on March 27 to continue moving the ordinance forward. Committee member Fulks encouraged members of the committee to contact their Board Members and share their support for passage of the ordinance.
6. **STAFF UPDATE** (Information below was provided by Santos unless noted otherwise).
- 6.1 Report of State Grant Activities for Prop 40- Campground Showers: Staff reports that despite a slight delay, the bid package for this project is being prepared and the division anticipates operation of the showers in summer of 2012.
- 6.2 Report of State Grant Activities for Prop 50- Putah Creek shade shelters: Staff reports that this project has been slated to begin in the fall.
- 6.3 Report of WCB Grant Activities at Putah Creek sites: Staff reports that this project has been completed.
- 6.4 Clarksburg Boat Launch (Dept. of Fish & Game/Wildlife Conservation Board funded): Staff reports that this project is underway and PG&E is preparing the necessary permits.
- 6.5 Knights Landing Boat Launch improvements (Dept. of Boating & Waterways funded): Staff plans to move ahead with this project, with construction starting this summer.

6.6 Other parks, recreation, or wildlife related matters: Staff reported that the low water bridge was still on the to-do list and options are being reviewed for potential funding for bridge replacement and that staff would keep the PRWAC updated on its status. Kevin Yarris was introduced to the PRWAC as the new Director of General Services, formerly the Director of the County Information Technology Department.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA'S:

8.1 Parks Master Plan update

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Beggs adjourned the meeting at 7:40PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC will be held Monday, May 7 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:

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