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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes

October 1, 2012

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

Members Absent: Josh Martinez, Catherine Portman

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 Hinshaw called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

An amendment to the agenda was added at the request of Committee Member Lang. Item 5.6 Rafting Ordinance Update was requested. The amended agenda was adopted.

Motion: Lang. Second: Reynolds. Ayes: ALL

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 16, 2012 were adopted.

Motion: Lang. Second: Hartwig. Ayes: ALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Parks Master Plan Brief Update: Parks Planner Jen Santos reported that the division plans to budget for the update to the Parks Master Plan in the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2013.

5.2 Rotary Club donation to Parks for Nichols Park: Parks Planner Jen Santos reported that the Capay Valley Rotary club has made a sizable donation (\$15,000) to the Parks Division in order to purchase a new well pump for Nichols Park/Will Baker Garden.

5.3 Park Crew SPIRIT Award: Parks Planner Jen Santos reported the Parks Division Maintenance crew, a four person team that covers the seventeen Yolo County Parks, received the Teamwork SPIRIT award from the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

5.4 Brief Update regarding fire in Cache Canyon: Parks Planner Jen Santos briefly informed PRWAC that the 16 Complex fire damaged both Valley Vista Regional Park and Camp Haswell Park. However, no serious or permanent damage was incurred.

5.5 Grasslands grazing brief update: Parks Planner Jen Santos informed the committee that both sheep and goats will begin grazing Grasslands Regional Park in the next few weeks. They will begin at the northwest corner of the property and work their way towards the burrowing owl habitat. The three year contract will be signed in the next two weeks and the grazer is required to submit annual grazing plans to the department for approval.

5.6 Brief update regarding the Rafting Ordinance. Parks Planner Jen Santos informed the committee that the rafting season has concluded, and was of shorter duration than in the past year. The rafting fee schedule will be taken to the Board of Supervisors for approval early next year.

6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATE (*Information below was provided by the Parks Planner unless otherwise noted.*)

6.1 Report of State Grant Activities for Prop 40- Campground Showers: Staff reports that progress for the showers is moving slowly but should be operational before late spring of 2013.

6.2 Report on the Campground store progress: Staff reports that the store construction is complete and the store is operational. The store is very popular with campers and the Parks Division is bringing in associated revenue.

6.3 Report of State Grant Activities for Prop 50- Putah Creek shade shelters: Staff reports that the shade shelters project is a continuation of the Putah Creek Prop 50 grant and that staff will be finalizing shade shelter selection and moving into construction within the next few months.

6.4 Report of WCB Grant Activities at Putah Creek sites: Staff reports that the construction of the new trail at Putah Creek Site 4 and placement of new boulders along the western most part of property is complete. The State audit of this grant is mostly complete and the final report has not yet been received.

6.5 Knights landing Boat launch improvements (Dept. of Boating & Waterways funded): Staff reports that this project is encountering delays due to environmental permits and other nuances of the project but is on schedule to begin construction next summer.

6.6 Other parks, recreation, or wildlife related matters: Staff reported that the Solar Project Notice for Availability for the CEQA process and draft EIR is available on the County website (www.yolocounty.org).

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Reports by Committee Members on information they have received and meetings they have attended which would be of interest to the Committee or the public. *Please note that under the California Open Meetings Law (Government Code Section 54954.2); discussion of the Committee Members' reports is limited to asking clarifying questions. However, the Committee or any individual Committee members may request that an item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.*

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA'S:

8.1 Burrowing Owl at Grasslands area update

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hinshaw adjourned the meeting at 7:00PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC is tentatively scheduled for December 10th, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by:

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