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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes

January 27, 2014

Members in Attendance: Jennifer Henning, Andrew Fulks, Rodney Higgins, Kent Lang, Patrick Reynolds, Carolyn Hinshaw, Gerald Hartwig, Catherine Portman

Members Absent: None

County Staff in Attendance: Deputy CAO Mindi Nunes, Director of General Services
Department Kevin Yarris, Principal Parks Planner Jen Santos

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Motion: Lang. Second: Reynolds. Ayes: ALL

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The October 7, 2013 minutes were adopted.

Motion: Fulks. Second: Hinshaw. Ayes: ALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory member appointments/reappointments/resignations: Parks Planner Jen Santos provided an updated committee membership list and noted that Carolyn Hinshaw's term will expire on the 31st of this month. It was also noted that Ms. Hinshaw has informed the District 4 Supervisor that she will retire from her appointment after it expires. We are grateful for the many years of service Ms. Hinshaw has provided to the PRWAC and she will be missed.

5.2 Campground Reservation System and Web Site update: Parks Planner Jen Santos reported that the new on-line campground reservation system is working well and the Parks Division has accepted many advanced reservation through the system with very few issues. Additionally, each web site page where an on-line reservation can be made was presented at the meeting as a reference regarding the web page location for campground reservations.

Committee member Lang cautioned that in another county when they started using an on-line campground reservation system that the local rafting groups began blocking off huge reservation sections for their customers which severely limited non-rafting customers from using the campground.

5.3 Cache Creek Canyon Pine Tree Status: Parks Planner Jen Santos reported that the Pine Trees, specifically the gray pines within the Cache Creek area are dying from Gray Pine Dwarf Mistletoe. The County Agricultural department was contacted for information regarding the disease and subsequently referred to Mr. Steve Dreistadt at the University of California, Davis. Mr. Dreistadt identified the disease and provided literature regarding the disease which was presented during the meeting. The County will make efforts to control the spread of the disease within the active recreational areas but the recommendation is to allow the disease to run its course in the natural areas since there is no known cure. (See attached Forest Insect & Disease Leaflet 173)

5.4 Brief update regarding Camp Haswell Boy Scout cabin roof: Parks Planner Jen Santos reported that although the repair of the Boy Scout cabin roof at Camp Haswell is a high priority, there is a huge backlog of regular maintenance that the parks crew is currently addressing due to their extremely limited crew. Right now Parks is operating with a three person crew for the entire county. Once staffing levels return to regular levels, the Boy Scout cabin will be the first improvement to be completed. Meanwhile, the cabin roof is not a safety concern and it will be monitored until such time as it can be repaired.

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

6.1 Report on the Status of the Solar Project at Grasslands Park: Staff reports that construction on the public driveway and the gate will begin soon. The driveway will allow for busses that will bring K-12 students to the environmental center for educational purposes. The gate will be installed so that it may be closed at night similar to the other main gate at Grasslands. Due to the lack of rain this winter, the restoration portion of the project will be postponed until fall/winter of 2014.

6.2 Report of State Grant Activities for Prop 40- Campground Showers: Staff reports that progress for the showers is moving forward quickly and we are in a holding pattern until the overnight temperatures are consistently over 40 degrees Fahrenheit in order to install the concrete block building. Once the overnight temperatures are consistent, the construction will begin and will take about 30-60 days. The plan is to open the showers to the public before summer 2014.

6.3 Report of State Grant Activities for Prop 50- Putah Creek shade shelters: Staff reports that the restoration portion of the project will be postponed to fall/winter 2014 due to lack of rain. Meanwhile the shade shelter portion of the project is moving forward on schedule.

6.4 Knights Landing Boat Launch improvements (Dept. of Boating & Waterways funded): Staff reports that this project is planned for construction in late summer 2014 and that there have been some issues with large delays on the part of the engineer, Bluewater Design

Group but that it looks like the USACOE permits will be submitted this week barring any unforeseen issues. This is the highest priority for the park planner as the grant funding expires in May of 2015.

6.5 Other parks, recreation, or wildlife related matters: Staff reports that there are numerous other non-construction projects that the park planner is completing, including rewriting the Historical collections policy for the Gibson Museum. Also, Parks installed a gate in replace of the concrete barriers at the top of the park road before the low water bridge. The gate will allow the parks crew to maintain the road up to the low water bridge.

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.*

Committee Member Higgins reported on that under AB32, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) must develop a scoping plan that describes how CA will reduce its greenhouse gasses to the 1990 levels by 2020. The coping plan has to be updated every five years and is currently in the update process. The ARB is anticipating releasing the draft proposed plan and environmental analysis by late January 2014 but it has not yet been released.

Committee Member Lang inquired about the status of the rafting fees. Staff reported that the Board of Supervisors has not adopted a fee schedule and that efforts thus far with the non-lease holding rafting companies have been compliance with the new rafting ordinance without fees. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA'S:

Rafting fees

Web site update

Art in the park

Please contact staff any time before the next meeting to add an item to the regular agenda

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hartwig adjourned the meeting at 6:58PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC is tentatively scheduled for March 3 or 10, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by:

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