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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

DRAFT Summary of Minutes

November 14, 2016

Members in Attendance: Cliff Feldheim, Andrew Fulks, Rodney Higgins, Nancy Ullrey,
Catherine Portman

Members Absent: Jennifer Henning, Jack Young, Trini Campbell

County Staff in Attendance: General Services Director Kevin Yarris
Associate Park Planner, Parks, Jamieson Scott
Administrative Services Analyst, General Services, Laura Liddicoet

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ullrey called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Motion: Portman. Second: Fulks. Ayes: ALL

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The July 11, 2016 minutes were adopted as amended.

Motion: Portman. Second: Fulks. Ayes: ALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations: Cliff Feldheim was appointed to the committee representing District One. Committee Member Shank resigned his appointment. There are currently two vacancies.

5.2 Parks Division Staff Addition: The Parks Division has hired Jamieson Scott as an Associate Parks Planner.

5.3 Grasslands Regional Park: General Services Director Kevin Yarris provided an overview and historical information about the Grasslands Regional Park and Davis Communications Site,

including various recreational opportunities. Regarding the current concessions at the park, Director Yarris reported that the Soaring Society continues to comply with their agreement, however, the Bowmen and the County have not yet reached an agreement. That agreement would otherwise expire at the end of 2016. Amy Gabriel, with Consero Solutions, presented information about a California State Park Habitat Conservation Fund grant application that was completed by the County in October. The grant would fund a new trail system in the park for public recreation. Award information will be available in early Spring 2017.

Several members of the public made comment:

Dallas Tringali in support of disc golf and expressed ability to recruit a course designer

Roger Vega in support of disc golf

Alan Pryor- chair of Sierra Club Yolano group shared information about

Communications site annex, supporting the trail grant application. He also expressed concerns about lack of restrictions and public safety with regards to the archery range.

Glen Holstein- CA Native Plant Society, Tuleyome, and stakeholder in Yolo Habitat Conservancy. Was in support of the trail proposal and appreciated the direction the county was going with respect to the overall park vision. In his expert opinion, he noted that Grasslands was home to some of the “rarest plants in the world” He also expressed concern over hazards created by the archery ranges.

- 5.4 Parks Study Action Items: General Services Director Kevin Yarris reported that with the hiring of an Associate Parks Planner, and developing a Request for Proposal for a fee rate study, the division continues to move forward on enacting action items approved by the Board of Supervisors as the Parks Sustainability Study.
- 5.5 Boating and Mooring Code Update: General Services Director Kevin Yarris reported that the Sheriff’s Department made additions to Park Code in order to handle abandoned boats in county navigable waterways. The Board Report is attached to these minutes as Attachment #1.

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

6.1 Cache Creek Regional Park Status (park host, showers, and operations): Staff reported that the campground is currently closed, but the division intends to re-open the campground in February, once new park hosts arrive on site. Staff is also in the process of developing an updated campground reservation system, which was one of the action items in the Parks Sustainability Study. In addition, the Division commenced an RFQ review for the Grasslands CEQA study to be completed in early 2017 and started a new GIS-linked parks inventory and maintenance plan.

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 Portman requested information on the projects authorized by the CDFG dedicated fund. That information is attached to the minutes as Attachment #2.

Committee Member Fulks reported that construction on the new Valley Vista trails has begun. Additionally, work on public access at the Fremont Weir continues through conversations with the California State Department of Water Resources.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Cache Creek Parkway Plan Update
Grasslands Updates (continuing)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ullrey adjourned the meeting at 7:51PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC is scheduled for January 9, 2017, at 6:30pm.

Submitted by:

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