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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes

May 21, 2018

Members in Attendance: Cliff Feldheim (Chair), Andrew Fulks, Karen Sutliff, Anthony Volkar, Trini Campbell

Members Absent: Bridgette O'Flaherty, Nancy Ullrey, Catherine Portman, Jack Young (Vice Chair)

County Staff in Attendance: Jeff Anderson, Associate Parks Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feldheim called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Motion: Campbell. Second: Fulks. Motion carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting were adopted.

Motion: Sutliff. Second: Fulks. Motion carried. (Feldheim, Volkar, and Campbell abstained)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Committee Member Campbell informed the committee that Caltrans will be holding a public workshop on the SR16 Esparto/Capay Safety Improvement Project on Tuesday, June 5th at 5:30 pm at the Boy Scout Hall in Esparto.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

None.

5.2 Ground Squirrels at Grasslands Park

Lou Fox, past president of Sacramento Valley Soaring Society (SVSS), informed the Committee of the potential dangers squirrel holes pose to SVSS members and the public. Mr. Fox expressed that raptor perches would be a good first step to addressing this issue.

Chair Feldheim said that he toured the site earlier in the month with SVSS members. Chair Feldheim prepared a one-page summary and literature review that he provided to the Committee. He stated that his research indicates that squirrels are social animals and want open areas where they can stand up. He suggested that aggressive mowing may have provided opportunities for squirrels to thrive and wondered if we can develop some plan to allow vegetation to grow.

Committee Member Fulks commented that lumber for perches could run approximately \$40/per perch plus labor. Chair Feldheim said he would visit the site again and look at potential locations for perches and pencil out the costs.

5.3 Parks Marketing and Sponsorship Plans

Associate Parks Planner Anderson explained that the Parks Marketing Plan was prepared to identify ways to improve financial stability of the Parks Division and increase park usage. Committee Member Fulks said the Guinda General Store would like to have material to hand out to visitors (park location maps, trail maps, etc.). Committee Member Campbell expressed that she would like to see signage added as a component of the Plan and recommended that staff reach out to BLM to coordinate monument access signs. Committee Member Volkar recommended that the Committee review the Plan in smaller chunks in future meetings and invite visitor groups to attend, if appropriate. Committee Member Volkar also recommended that visitor experience surveys be conducted before full implementation of the Parks Marketing Plan so results can be compared after the Plan is implemented.

5.4 Status Report on CDFW Monies provided to Parks Division

Associate Parks Planner Anderson asked for clarification from the Committee as to what they want to see on this item. Committee Member Fulks responded that the Committee would like to provide input on what the Parks Division plans to spend the funds on. Associate Parks Planner Anderson said he would look into when the Parks Division receives the money and how it is decided where it is spent, and will report back to the Committee.

6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

A report by the Parks Division staff on recent activities relevant to the Parks, Recreation, and Wildlife Advisory Committee. *Please note that per the California Open Meetings Law (Government Code section 54954.2); discussion of the staff update is limited to asking clarifying questions. However, the Committee or any individual Committee member may request that an item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.*

6.1 Cache Creek Campground Update

Associate Parks Planner Anderson informed the committee that the campground opened on May 1st and reservations are being taken through Labor Day weekend. Staff is interviewing applicants for a second volunteer camp host position. Committee Member Campbell asked if the campground would be open beyond Labor Day. Staff will discuss with the Director and the current camp host and make a decision soon whether to open the reservation system beyond Labor Day.

6.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Grant Update

Associate Parks Planner Anderson provided an update on the progress of the project. The engineering plans are still being redrafted and County hopes to apply for state and Federal permits by July or August of this year.

- 6.3 Grasslands HCF Grant Update
Associate Parks Planner Anderson provided an update on the progress of the project. Staff is reviewing the draft improvement plans for the parking lot and ADA path and plan to go out to bid for the project very soon. Staff plans to start construction of the dirt surface trail in July after all necessary biological pre-construction surveys are complete.
- 6.4 OHV Public Outreach
Associate Parks Planner Anderson explained there is no new information to provide at this time. Staff will continue working on the project throughout the year with the goal of applying for a State Parks planning grant in 2019.
- 6.5 County Road 40/Low Water Bridge Update
No update.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Fulks: Tuleyome is continuing to build trails at Valley Vista Regional Park.

Campbell: Construction has commenced on the Esparto Park and Pool project.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- A) Marketing plan- review portions at a time
- B) Grasslands squirrel updates
- C) CDFW monies overview

9. NEXT MEETING

June 18, 2018, Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland.

10. ADJOURN

Chair Feldheim adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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