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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes

June 18, 2018

Members in Attendance: Cliff Feldheim (Chair), Andrew Fulks, Anthony Volkar, Trini Campbell, Bridgette O'Flaherty, Nancy Ullrey, Catherine Portman

Members Absent: Karen Sutliff, Jack Young (Vice Chair)

County Staff in Attendance: Kevin Yarris, Director of General Services; Jeff Anderson, Associate Parks Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ullrey called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

Motion: Volkar. Second: Portman. Motion carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 21, 2018 meeting were adopted as presented.

Motion: Campbell. Second: Volkar. Motion carried. Abstention: Ullrey, O'Flaherty, Portman. Motion carried. (Chair Feldheim arrived at 6:34pm)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

None.

5.2 Ground Squirrels at Grasslands Park

Chair Feldheim stated that he visited the site to look at potential raptor perch locations and reported that it might cost approximately \$100 per perch. Feldheim reached out to eagle scouts for interest in building perches. Feldheim is also looking into costs for disking the site then floating it to smooth it out. John

Eaton, SVSS member, addressed committee. Eaton reemphasized that the squirrel holes pose a safety concern for people and also sheep. Feldheim asked if anything could be done to improve habitat for owls at the same time. Bruce Barnett estimates 800 squirrels in 15 acre SVSS fenced area. Eaton asked if committee would entertain private shooting days with non-lead pellets. Ullrey asked if committee should entertain a Grasslands Park Squirrel Population Control Sub-Committee.

Motion to form a sub-committee (task force) to develop a formal recommendation on how to proceed: Ullrey. Second: Portman. Motion carried unanimously. (Feldheim and Ullrey to serve on committee)

5.3 Parks Marketing and Sponsorship Plans (Focus on Parts I-IV)

Volkar recommended to move item to bottom of agenda.

Motion: Volkar. Second: Feldheim. Motion carried unanimously. Staff will invite Petrea Marchand of Consero Solutions to present on this item at next meeting.

5.4 Update on CDFW Propagation Fund Expenditures

Yarris explained the budget principles and obligation to keep plants irrigated. Portman (and committee members concurred) would like regular updates detailing amount and when CDFW monies are received, and what Parks Division spent it on. Yarris confirmed that staff will provide regular updates and offered to update the committee on other budget items as appropriate.

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

Anderson informed the committee that staff plans to extend the season after evaluating how the July 4th weekend went and discussing the matter with the park host. He explained that staff has blocked off approximately ten sites on the reservation system in order to reduce impact on park host. These sites, however, are available for booking on-site on a first-come basis. Campbell asked staff to make sure the PRWAC and Board of Supervisors know staff is holding back sites.

6.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Grant Update

Anderson provided a status update. Yarris informed the committee that geotechnical study showed soil is not as sturdy as we thought, so some redesign needed. Engineers are working on a solution.

6.3 Grasslands HCF Grant Update

Anderson provided a status update. Trail will be mowed in July after rare plant survey and raptor and burrowing owl surveys are completed. Staff still working to get quotes for construction of parking lot and ADA path.

6.4 OHV Public Outreach

Anderson explained staff has not been able to devote time to this. Parks staff and Natural Resources staff plan to revisit this effort in the coming months. Campbell asked how many survey responses were received. Staff will report back at the next meeting.

6.5 County Road 40/Low Water Bridge Update

Anderson informed the committee that a Request for Proposals for Design and Environmental Analysis will be released soon. Project is being led by Public Works.

6.6 Elkhorn Boat Launch- Damaged Pylon

Anderson explained that a tree floating downstream knocked over a pylon over supporting the dock at Elkhorn Regional Park. Because of the damage approximately 20 feet of dock has to be pulled back. Staff is exploring permitting requirements to reinstall the pylon.

6.7 Parks Staffing Update

Yarris explained that the Parks Division is losing three staff members (Maintenance Supervisor and two maintenance crew members). Succession planning will occur in August/September. Marketing intern will start in the next week or two.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Portman: Met with Committee Member Fulks and Supervisor Saylor about County Code regarding restricting solar and wind in parks. She also met with Supervisor Provenza, Glenn Holstein, and Pam Nieberg at a different time about same topic. She is working on proposed edits to ordinance.

Ullrey: North American Wetlands Conservation Act project moving forward. Project involves reshaping islands and planting cattails at the Nature Preserve.

Fulks: Continued work on rock face crossing at Valley Vista. Grass is coming up on the trail, but can manage during fall and spring.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- A) Rumsey Bridge update (Public access? Has a replacement been chosen?)
- B) Marketing Plan presentation (Petrea Marchand, Consero Solutions)
- C) OHV survey

9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting scheduled for July 16, 2018, Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland.

10. ADJOURN

Chair Feldheim adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

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