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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes

September 17, 2018

Members in Attendance: Cliff Feldheim (Chair), Anthony Volkar, Nancy Ullrey, Karen Sutliff, Bridgette O'Flaherty

Members Absent: Andrew Fulks, Catherine Portman, Trini Campbell

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feldheim called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

Motion: Ullrey. Second: Sutliff. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 20, 2018 meeting were adopted as presented.

Motion: Ullrey. Second: Feldheim. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

The Committee deferred appointment of Vice-Chair position to next regular meeting.

5.2 Ground Squirrels at Grasslands Park (Feldheim & Ullrey)

Ullrey discussed the "burrow blocker" service that fills holes with a slurry mix of water and sand. Options include purchase of equipment (approximately \$20,000) or scheduled service for \$185/hr. Committee and staff acknowledged that cost may be prohibitive. Jim Ludwigson and John Eaton, representing the Sacramento Valley Soaring Society (SVSS), requested permission to shoot squirrels

with air rifles, which has been a topic of discussion at previous PRWAC meetings. The committee indicated support for this request as in initial method for attempting to control the squirrel population. ***Motion (Ullrey): The committee advises staff to review relevant environmental documents applicable to the site, confer with state and/or federal wildlife agencies, and work with County Counsel to develop a written agreement to allow limited shooting events at the SVSS site to control the squirrel population. Second: Feldheim. Motion carried unanimously.***

5.3 Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Application for Vernal Pools Education and Tours at Grasslands Regional Park (Yolo Basin Foundation)

Staff informed the committee that the Parks Division is applying for a State of California Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) grant on behalf of the Yolo Basin Foundation (YBF). HCF allows only cities and counties to apply for grant funding. The Parks Division will be responsible for payment of invoicing and facilitating reimbursement with the HCF Program. YBF will develop a vernal pools curriculum and lead tours for K-12 students as well as the general public at Grasslands Regional Park. If awarded, the grant term will begin from July 2019 and end June 2024.

Motion (Feldheim): Recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the State of California Habitat Conservation Fund for wildlife area activities at Grasslands Regional Park. Second: Sutliff. Motion carried unanimously.

5.4 Parks Marketing and Branding Updates

Anderson provided an update of the newly launched Parks Division Facebook page and efforts to increase social media presence. Anderson shared several examples of logos that staff and Parks Marketing Intern have created, as well as a draft map showing park locations and amenities. Committee members provided feedback to incorporate into the logo and map designs.

5.5 Parks Division Proposed FY18/19 Budget

Item moved to next regular meeting.

5.6 Esparto Park and Aquatic Center (Campbell)

Anderson shared information received by email from Campbell that the project is on track for completion by December 2019 and is within budget.

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

Campground will remain open through December 3, 2018.

6.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Grant Update

The 100% design plans are almost complete. Staff hopes to resolve issues with the State Lands Commission to allow rip rap to extend into the old railroad trestles within Sycamore Slough.

6.3 Grasslands HCF Grant Update

Staff is in process of evaluating quotes from contractors to construct the parking lot and ADA path.

6.4 OHV Public Outreach
No update to provide.

6.5 County Road 40/Low Water Bridge Update
No update to provide.

6.6 Rumsey Bridge Update
No update to provide.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Ullrey: Efforts to reshape wetlands at the Nature Preserve are underway as part of the USFWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant program. Cache Creek Conservancy is hosting “Grizzlies in the Park” event at Capay Open Space Park on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- A) Parks Division FY18/19 budget
- B) Marketing update

9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting scheduled for October 15, 2018, Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland.

10. ADJOURN

Motion: Feldheim. Second: Ullrey. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Feldheim adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

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