

COUNTY OF YOLO

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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes

April 15, 2019 Norton Hall: 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695

Members in Attendance: Andrew Fulks (Chair), Anthony Volkar, Catherine Portman, Cliff Feldheim,

Eileen Allen, Nancy Ullrey

Members Absent: Bridget O'Flaherty, Karen Sutliff, Trini Campbell

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

Parks Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fulks called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

Motion: Ullrey. Second: Portman. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting were adopted as presented. *Motion: Ullrey. Second: Portman. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

- 5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations None.
- 5.2 Selection of Vice-Chair

Fulks postponed action to next regularly scheduled meeting.

5.3 Parks Logos

The Committee reviewed five new designs submitted by the contracted graphic artist. There was unanimous support for one particular design (rolling hills with water and tree). Staff will evaluate different font styles and placement before making a final decision.

6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

6.1 Cache Creek Campground

Campground opened April 1, 2019. The July 4th weekend is almost completely booked. The water tank was cleaned and staff is exploring options to replace the tank in near future.

6.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Grant

Permitting is nearing completion, however, there are new hurdles. County must conduct auger testing in certain areas of the project site to determine if cultural resources exist, and then must amend the cultural resources report. Also, staff was informed that compensatory mitigation may be required for potential in-water impacts. Earliest County can sign contract with low bidder is May 21st. Staff is evaluating whether we can still expect all permits to be issued before August 1st and is determining whether the low bidder will have enough time to pre-order materials to meet the August 1st to October 15th in-water work window.

6.3 Grasslands HCF Grant

Staff will be releasing a bid for construction services for the gravel parking lot and ADA concrete trail soon. Another burrowing owl survey will need to be conducted during the breeding season prior to more work being done along the trail alignment. Staff will be submitting an amendment request with State Habitat Conservation Fund to reduce the scope of the project.

6.4 County Road 40/Low Water Bridge

No update.

6.5 Rumsey Bridge

No update.

6.6 Parks Marketing and Branding

Staff continuing to use Facebook to promote parks and partner agency events, and will be adding Instagram account shortly. Staff also exploring process to accept amenity donations such as benches and tables.

6.7 Esparto Park and Aquatic Center

Final inspections are underway. Facility is still on track to open for Memorial Day weekend. Ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for May 21st at 4pm.

6.8 Amendment to CDFW Lease Agreements to Charge Fees at Putah Creek Fishing Access Sites and Clarksburg Boat Launch

Board of Supervisors authorized the Director to sign lease agreement amendments to allow charging of fees at Putah Creek Fishing Access Sites and Clarksburg Boat Launch. The Putah Creek Fishing Access contract amendment has been signed by CDFW. County is still waiting for final approval from CDFW

on the Clarksburg agreement. Staff will conduct public outreach about the fees and intends to start collecting on or around July 1, 2019.

6.9 Road 41 Update

Fulks provided an overview of the recent damage to Road 41. Staff was informed by the Public Works Division that there are currently no plans look into the repair of this road since it is not maintained by the County.

6.10 Knights Landing Park Project Update

Staff shared a handout provided by the County Administrator's Office that summarized the proposed project. County is working with Woodland JUSD on a formal land-use agreement to develop a 7+ acre vacant field adjacent to the Knights Landing Sci-Tech Academy. Community outreach has indicated support for park with playfields (soccer/baseball), playground equipment, walking/jogging path, community gathering space. County intends to apply for 100% construction funding through State Parks Statewide Parks Program (grant applications due August 5, 2019).

6.11 Cache Creek Parkway Plan Update

The Baseline plan and financial analysis were presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 9th (the project is being led by Elisa Sabatini, Manager of Natural Resources). Fulks provided a summary of the April 9th BOS discussion. The Baseline document describes the mining properties that will be transferred to the County at completion of mining and reclamation in accordance with their approved development agreements. The operation and maintenance of these baseline properties would be funded through gravel fees. The Natural Resources Division is kicking-off new public outreach efforts to gain feedback on different scenarios that would improve and enhance the baseline conditions.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

Committee Member Reports:

- Volkar: Participated in open meeting with Supervisor Villegas and his District 1 appointees on various committees
- Portman: California Raptor Center open house on May 4, 2019
- Ullrey: Cache Creek Conservancy staff is still assessing damage on Nature Preserve due to winter high flows. First Foods dinner on April 27, 2019. CCC is working with Crystal Smyth and Isaac Bojorquez from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to install signage at Nature Preserve. Yocha Dehe has expressed interest in installing signage in various county parks as well. Nancy, Crystal, Isaac, and Jeff Anderson met on April 5, 2019, to discuss potential opportunities.

Director Reports:

• Yarris: Staff met with Yocha Dehe representatives on April 10, 2019, to discuss partnership opportunities for Lower Site campground development project.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- A) Selection of Vice-Chair
- B) Review meeting calendar for remaining year
- C) Presentation by Yocha Dehe regarding proposed signage in various parks

9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting scheduled for May 20, 2019, Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland.

10. ADJOURN

Fulks adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

NOTICE

The Parks, Recreation and Wildlife Advisory Committee is responsible for providing advice and recommendations on matters within its jurisdiction to the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Officer, and the Director of General Services as appropriate. Any person who is dissatisfied with a recommendation of this committee may submit their comments to the Director of General Services prior to a final decision being made on the issue. The appropriate body for making a final decision on a given issue, whether it is the Director of General Services or the Board of Supervisors, may sustain, modify, reject or overrule any recommendations of the Parks, Recreation and Wildlife Advisory Committee. Final decisions may be appealed in accordance with Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Yolo County Code.