



COUNTY OF YOLO

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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes

September 16, 2019

Norton Hall: 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695

Members in Attendance: Andrew Fulks (Chair), Anthony Volkar, Trini Campbell, Ken Trott, Eileen Allen, Bridget O'Flaherty

Members Absent: Nancy Ullrey, Catherine Portman, Cliff Feldheim

County Staff in Attendance: Jeff Anderson, Associate Parks Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fulks called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

Motion: Volkar. Second: Campbell. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting were adopted as presented.

Motion: Volkar. Second: Campbell. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

Ken Trott (District 3) appointed on September 10, 2019.

5.2 Interpretive Signage Presentation (Crystal Smyth, Director of Communications, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation)

Crystal Smyth explained there has been interest from the public to learn about cultural history of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Ms. Smyth shared examples of signs displayed at local libraries and provided the committee with a handout showing the potential locations throughout the County and region the tribe is interested in placing signage. Ms. Smyth said her team will develop a schedule for

maintaining the signs. The committee offered general feedback and expressed support of the proposal to place signage in Yolo County park sites. General feedback from the committee included: use plexiglass on top of signs so it is easier to replace if vandalism occurs; create a companion website where all tribal installed signage can be cataloged and viewed in-depth; use less text and more graphics. Anderson stated that Parks staff will continue to work with the tribe on approval and placement of signs and will report back to committee as the project progresses.

5.2 Community Event in Fall 2019

The Parks Marketing Plan included a recommendation to host an event at a County park as a pilot event to boost the visibility of Yolo County Parks. Anderson shared that Parks staff is planning a community event at Grasslands Regional Park for October 26, 2019. Staff is coordinating with the Yolo Bowmen and Sacramento Valley Soaring Society on event programming. Staff is also planning to have a food truck on site. Tentative hours are 11am-2pm on October 26. Staff will create a flyer and post on social media and newspapers.

6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

6.1 Cache Creek Campground

Campground is scheduled to close for the season on October 31, 2019. A new water tank will be installed in November.

6.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Grant

All permits have been issued. Staff will release another public bid in October and plan to start construction for out-of-water activities in April 2020.

6.3 Grasslands HCF Grant

The contractor for the parking lot and ADA concrete path has been selected. Expected to start construction in October.

6.4 OHV Planning Grant

The California Department of Parks and Recreation awarded the County \$152,310. The resolution to accept funds is going to the Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2019. Staff will prepare a Request for Proposals for consultant services to prepare the market analysis and feasibility study and start meeting with stakeholders in the coming months.

6.5 County Road 40/Low Water Bridge

No update to provide.

6.6 Rumsey Bridge

Public Works is still working through the cultural resources process with Caltrans and SHPO. The design must be completed by April 2021.

6.7 Parks Marketing and Branding

The logo is almost complete- staff is finalizing the social media logo with the graphic artist. Staff recently met with the Executive Director of Visit Yolo to discuss partnership opportunities for cross promotion and to tap into Visit Yolo's marketing experience.

6.8 Esparto Park and Aquatic Center- Tuli Mem Park

Campbell shared that at least 1,000 people used the pool during the first month it was open. YMCA is preparing statistics for this past season and will report soon. The grass on the playing field is fully established and open to the public, and the basketball courts are heavily used most evenings. Campbell suggested that this item be removed from future agendas now that the park is open.

6.9 Knights Landing Park Project

The County Administrator's Office submitted the grant application for State Parks Program funding in August.

6.10 Cache Creek Parkway Plan

No update to provide. Fulks asked staff to provide an update on the status of the plan at the next meeting.

6.11 Putah Creek Fishing Access Site #3

Preliminary application submitted on July 26, 2019. WCB invited County to submit a full application for Public Access Program, due Sept 20. Total grant cost is expected at \$73,000.

6.12 Park Signs on County Roads and State Highways

Staff is working with Public Works to identify locations for installing new directional signage and updated exiting signage for parks along County Roads. Staff expects to complete project by end of calendar year. Staff has also put in a request with Caltrans for signage along State Highways, but has been informed that their queue for reviewing requests is approximately 3-4 months out.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

Committee Member Reports:

- Campbell: Hoes Down Festival on October 5 and Taste of Capay on November 3.
- Fulks: Volunteers (coordinated through Tuleyome) will continue trail building at Valley Vista once weather cools down.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

No new agenda items identified.

9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting scheduled for October 21, 2019, Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland.

10. ADJOURN

Fulks adjourned the meeting at 7:41 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.
