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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes

February 10, 2020

Cache Creek Conference Room: 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95695

Members in Attendance: Andrew Fulks (Chair), Anthony Volkar, Nancy Ullrey, Catherine Portman, Trini Campbell, Ken Trott

Members Absent: Bridget O'Flaherty, Eileen Allen

County Staff in Attendance: Kevin Yarris, Director of General Services; Jeff Anderson, Sr. 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: Portman. Second: Campbell. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting were adopted as presented.

Motion: Portman. Second: Trott. Abstention: Ullrey. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

Catherine Portman and Trini Campbell reappointed by Board of Supervisors on January 14, 2020.

5.2 Grasslands HCF Grant and Dog Park

Provide guidance on trail establishment/maintenance, interpretive panel signs, yellow starthistle management and large burrows in dog park

Staff provided an update and shared photos on the ADA concrete path and primitive dirt trail. The concrete path is complete, and fencing will be installed at the eastern end to keep sheep out. A shade structure will be installed in the next few months. The dirt trail has been mowed and may be sprayed with pre-emergent and post-emergent herbicide to keep trail barren year-round. Staff displayed drafts of four interpretive panels. The panels will be emailed to committee to provide feedback on design and verbiage. Staff explained that starthistle is rampant in the dog park and will be flash grazed and then treated with a target herbicide. There are potentially dozens of surface holes that may pose a danger to people and dogs, so it may be necessary to fill in some of the holes after confirming no presence of burrowing owls. Portman mentioned there may be a possibility to have a college student study the holes to determine if they are connected to a den space large enough to provide nesting habitat for burrowing owls.

5.3 Prop 68 Per Capita Program Funding Opportunities

Provide recommendations on potential Prop 68 Per Capita funding projects

The County can expect to receive a minimum \$400,000 from Prop 68 Per Capita Program for new development projects. Anderson shared a draft list of potential projects that could be constructed within the short grant performance period. The list will be emailed to the committee to provide feedback on the draft list and to recommend suggestions for other project ideas.

6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

6.1 Cache Creek Campground

The water tank and concrete pad will be replaced in early March. There is a wedding at the campground on February 29. The reservation system opened on February 5 for the 2020 camping season, which runs from April 1 through October 5.

6.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Grant

The contract with Syblon Reid (contractor) was approved by the Board. Additional project funding is being provided by USFWS Sport Fish Restoration Program. Anderson mentioned that the pay station at Knights Landing was vandalized on February 2nd, resulting in approximately \$1,000 in damage and removal of the pay station until it can be repaired.

6.3 Grasslands HCF Grant

Update provided under Regular Agenda Item 5.2.

6.4 OHV Planning Grant

On January 27, staff and the OHV stakeholder group interviewed the firm that submitted a proposal for the OHV Planning Project. The firm, Strategic Marketing Group (SMG), demonstrated a thorough understanding of the project and had applicable experience. Staff is in the process of finalizing the contract with SMG and expects to start work on the project in the next few weeks.

6.5 County Road 40/Low Water Bridge

No significant updates since November 18, 2019 meeting. The project is still in the environmental review stage.

6.6 Rumsey Bridge

The project is in the environmental review stage, which should be completed later this year. Public Works can continue the design process once environmental review is complete.

6.7 Parks Marketing and Branding

No update to provide.

6.8 Knights Landing Park Project

The grant awards are expected to be announced in late February/early March. The County Administrator's Office is leading this project.

6.9 Putah Creek Fishing Access Site #3

The County's grant application to the Wildlife Conservation Board Public Access Program was not awarded. Staff is continuing to explore other avenues to repair the collapsed parking lot.

6.10 Park Signs on County Roads and State Highways

Cost is much higher than expected, so staff is narrowing down the scope to include only Elkhorn Regional Park and possibly Capay Open Space Park.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

Committee Member Reports:

- Ullrey: Sally Barrett, longtime Cache Creek Conservancy board member, recently passed away. Her memorial service is scheduled for Saturday at the Cache Creek Nature Preserve. The Cache Creek Conservancy received a grant from Dignity Health for "Yolo Healthy Parks Healthy People" initiative. The Cache Creek Nature Preserve is celebrating its 20th anniversary in April.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting scheduled for March 16, 2020 at the Cache Creek Conference Room at the Department of Community Services, 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland.

10. ADJOURN

Fulks adjourned the meeting at 7:47 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.
