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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes

December 7, 2020
Meeting via Teleconference

Members in Attendance: Nancy Ullrey (Chair), Eileen Allen (Vice-Chair), Anthony Volkar, Andrew Fulks, Ken Trott, Trini Campbell, Catherine Portman, Bridget O'Flaherty

Members Absent: None

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

Motion: Allen. Second: Portman. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 21, 2020 meeting were adopted as presented.

Motion: Trott. Second: Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

Five committee members' terms expire on January 31, 2021: 1/31/21: Anthony Volkar, Andrew Fulks, Eileen Allen, Ken Trott, Bridget O'Flaherty. Anderson advised these members to contact their supervisor if they are interested in reappointment.

5.2 Updates on Knights Landing Park Statewide Park Program Grant Application and Tuli Mem Park Master Plan (Jill Cook)

Jill Cook, Deputy County Administrator, shared that the County Administrator's Office will be applying for the final round of the State Park Program Grant for the Knights Landing Park. The grant application period was extended to March 2021. Jill Cook also shared that the county has a contract with a landscape architect to develop a master improvement plan for Tuli Mem Park to explore opportunities to add elements to the park and identify funding options.

5.3 Parks Advocacy Opportunities

Several ideas were discussed how to better promote parks and develop strategies to increase revenue and establish partnerships with likeminded organizations. A subcommittee, consisting of Ullrey, Fulks, and Portman, will be formed to explore opportunities and report back to the entire committee.

6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

6.1 Cache Creek Campground

Campground closed for season on October 5. Revenue was down significantly from years prior due to wildfires and COVID-19. The generator that powers the solar batteries has broken down, so staff is planning to replace as soon as possible.

6.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Grant

Knights Landing Boat Launch opened to public on October 9. Staff has received positive feedback from some users. We are working through permitting with Environmental Health Division to open the vault restrooms. Hopeful to open restroom in next week or two.

6.3 Grasslands HCF Grant

The trail and dog park opened to public on Friday, December 4. The opening received extensive publicity from various media outlets leading to large crowds over the weekend.

6.4 OHV Planning Grant

The project team held two public workshops- the first on October 29 and the second on November 5. We received good feedback from the workshops that will be incorporated into the forthcoming reports. The project team had a call this morning to discuss the Gateway project scenario in more detail. A draft of the market analysis report will be completed in early 2021. A member of the public brought up concerns about continued OHV riding in Cache Creek.

6.5 County Road 40/Low Water Bridge

As part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process for the Road 40 bridge replacement project, Chair Ullrey submitted a letter to the Community Services Department stating Committee's recommendation that the county should resume maintenance on County Road 40 once the new bridge is constructed. Community Services staff responded to the letter as part of the approval of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, but stated that the project action of approving the IS/MND does not include maintenance of Road 40.

6.6 Rumsey Bridge (no staff update)

Public Works has received CEQA and NEPA environmental clearances. They are now in the process of requesting authorization from Caltrans to proceed with the right-of-way phase of the project.

6.7 Parks Marketing and Branding (no staff update)

6.8 Knights Landing Park Project (no staff update)

6.9 Putah Creek Fishing Access Site #3 (no staff update)

6.10 Park Signs on County Roads and State Highways (no staff update)

Staff noticed on Friday that Caltrans installed new signs directional signage at Camp Haswell/Valley Vista Regional Park.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

Committee Member Reports:

- Fulks: Provided an overview and shared images of Valley Vista Restoration efforts.
- Campbell: Met landscape architect working on the Tuli Mem Master Improvement Plan and provided input.
- Volkar: Yolo County Sustainability Plan Public Workshop is scheduled for December 9 at 6:00pm.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Parks advocacy/marketing plan- ad hoc committee
- Per Capita Prop 68 planning
- OHV riding in Cache Creek

9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting scheduled for January 18 (HOLIDAY). Staff will follow up with committee to pick an alternate meeting date.

10. ADJOURN

Ullrey adjourned the meeting at 7:43 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.
