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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes

April 19, 2021

Meeting via Teleconference

Members in Attendance: Nancy Ullrey (Chair), Andrew Fulks, Ken Trott, Trini Campbell, Ian Branaman, Dana Cruz

Members Absent: Catherine Portman

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

Motion: Trott. Second: Fulks. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting were adopted with one minor correction.

Motion: Campbell. Second: Trott. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brenda Hensley introduced herself to committee and stated she will be appointed to the committee by the Board of Supervisors on April 20.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

New members, Ian Branaman and Dana Cruz, introduced themselves to the committee.

5.2 Off-Highway Vehicle Planning Grant Update

Anderson introduced Carl Ribaud, SMG Consulting, and Tania Treis, Panorama Environmental, two members of the OHV planning grant consultant team. Carl and Tania provided an overview of the Phase I market analysis and background research conducted to date. The consultant team is editing and making final corrections to the market analysis. Staff will share the market analysis with the committee once the document is finalized. Carl and Tania continued with a presentation on Phase II feasibility study, which included discussion on siting criteria and project constraints. The committee and members of the public asked several questions of the consultants and provided comments and suggestions.

5.3 Foxtails at Grasslands Dog Park

Anderson informed the committee that foxtails have overtaken the Grasslands Dog Park. Staff has consulted with the Yolo County Resource Conservation District, Putah Creek Riparian Reserve staff, City of Davis, and several local pest control advisers, for advice on how to manage the situation. It is too late in the season to spray herbicide or graze sheep, so staff will continue mowing. The City of Davis Open Space Lands Manager has offered to help mow with the City's flail mower. Long-term solutions may include grazing and/or spraying herbicide in the early winter to help prevent the recurrence of foxtail next spring.

5.4 Wild Wings Park Trail Fencing Ideas

Anderson explained that the post and cable fencing that was installed around the trail loop at Wild Wings Park in 2004 is in disrepair. The majority of posts have been removed or destroyed, and the cable is gone. Parks staff is looking into options to replace the fencing with different materials. The committee suggested staff look into boulders, metal post and cable, and tree plantings as possible options. Members of the committee also questioned whether a fence or trail demarcations were even needed. Staff will continue to explore potential solutions.

5.6 Parks Advocacy Subcommittee Updates

Ullrey reported that the Cache Creek Conservancy is working on a video in support of the Healthy Parks/Healthy People grant project. Ullrey expects to convene the Parks Advocacy Subcommittee in the coming months.

6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

Staff provided the following updates:

- Cache Creek Campground: Campground opened on Thursday, April 15. The new generator and lithium ion batteries for the solar power system were installed last week.
- County Road 40/Low Water Bridge: The public bid has been released and will close on May 4. Public Works staff expects construction to commence in early June. Once contractor is selected and timeline is identified, Parks staff will work with Public Works to get the word out that access to trails across creek will be closed during construction.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Report: None.

Committee Member Reports:

- Trott: Participated in a tree planting event at the wetlands in Woodland on March 13.

- Campbell: Received e-mail from a member of the Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee about an unpleasant interaction with OHV riders in Cache Creek at Capay Open Space Park.
- Fulks: Tuleyome has been rebuilding Frog Pond Trail and will host a volunteer day on April 24 to trim vegetation along the trail. Fulks also mentioned that Tuleyome is working with residents in Guinda to rebuild the fence stile on Road 53.
- Ullrey: The Cache Creek Conservancy recently submitted two grant applications to seek funding for the Yoga Under the Oaks program and a Parks Photo Passport contest.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- OHV Issues in Cache Creek
- Brown Act Overview

9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting scheduled for May 17, 2021

10. ADJOURN

Ullrey adjourned the meeting at 8:21 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.
