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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes
September 20, 2021
Meeting via Teleconference

Members in Attendance: Nancy Ullrey (Chair), Andrew Fulks, Ken Trott, Trini Campbell, Kazys Shukis, Dana Cruz, Brenda Hensley

Members Absent: Catherine Portman, Ian Branaman

County Staff in Attendance: Kevin Yarris, Director of General Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

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

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting were not submitted for approval. As there was no quorum for that meeting, there are no minutes to approve.

Motion: None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Helen Morrison voiced her concerns about the trash, noise and other impacts from the very large gathering of OHVs in lower Cache Creek the past weekend. Volunteers were doing the annual creek cleanup and the trash and human waste was very prevalent and music and vehicle noise could be heard until around 9 PM. James Barrett also indicated he contacted the Sheriff due to the problems.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

New member Kazys Shukis introduced himself to the committee.

5.2 Off-Highway Vehicle Study Presentation

Yarris presented the slide deck of the phase 1 and 2 draft report prepared by SMG Consulting, who could not attend. The conclusions from the report were that the Gateway Project is the most feasible. The 330-acre contained park is costly and will likely require significant county General Funds to operate. Further discussion centered around a public-private partnership with a revenue sharing agreement. There was also discussion around the assumptions of expanded parking spaces, the reality of the high-level demand scenario, and whether or not this would alleviate the OHV problems currently taking place in lower Cache Creek. Yarris stated the report feedback would be given to the consultants and the reports would return for the October meeting, then go to the Board of Supervisors on October 26, 2021. Committee members and the public in attendance agreed to send feedback to Yarris, who will deliver to Chair Ullrey for drafting a position letter to the Board of Supervisors. Yarris also mentioned there will be more outreach to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and the Sheriff's office with respect to the consultant's findings.

5.3 Prop 68 Per Capita Project List Update

Yarris presented the final list of projects the county will apply for by December 31, 2021. There was no dissension from the committee.

5.4 Parks Advocacy Subcommittee Updates

Ullrey reported that the Subcommittee did not meet and therefore there was no report.

6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

Staff provided the following written updates:

- Cache Creek Campground: The campground is still operating at 65% capacity (29 reservable sites out of 45), and all group sites are still closed. Campground will close at the end of the month.
- OHV Planning Grant: Staff is currently editing the final Background Report/Market Analysis (Phase I) and the Feasibility Study (Phase II). We expect to take the final reports to the Board in October to seek further direction on either OHV park option.
- County Road 40/Low Water Bridge: Work has begun work on the CR40 Bridge over Cache Creek Replacement Project. Bridge removal was completed last week (~September 10). Drilling for foundation work is expected to begin next week (~September 20). Completion target is mid-2022.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Report: None.

Committee Member Reports:

- Ullrey: Ullrey reported on the Conservancy's social media event, "Hiking Photo Challenge," involved posting selfies while out enjoying nature at five county parks or outdoor spaces. Participation was decent, but the hot weather and smoke deterred some participants and so they are promoting the event again. They received selfies from overseas as well. Awards included fitness trackers.

- Campbell: Reported having participated in the County's consultant's project to improve the amenities at Tuli Mem Park.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Clarksburg Ramp Plans - Shukis
- Putah Creek Site 3 Parking Lot – Fulks
- Letter to the Board regarding OHV—Ullrey and Fulks

9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting scheduled for October 18, 2021

10. ADJOURN

Ullrey adjourned the meeting at 8:28 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.
