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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC) MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, April 18, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Teleconference

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ullrey called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Present: Ullrey, Trott, Branaman, Shukis, Fulks, Cruz

Absent: Portman, Campbell, Hensley

Staff Present: Yarris, Martinez, Huerta

2. AUTHORIZE REMOTE (TELECONFERENCE/VIDEOCONFERENCE) MEETINGS

Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that As a result of the declared emergency, the meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Motion to approve online meeting: Branaman. Second: Cruz. Ayes: All.

3. ADOPTION OF CURRENT AGENDA

Motion: Trott. Second: Shukis. Ayes: All.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Consider Minutes of October 18, 2021. Motion: Cruz. Second: Branaman. Ayes: All.

4.2 Consider Minutes of February 15, 2022. Motion: Branaman. Second: Trott. Ayes: All.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Opportunity for members of the public to address the PRWAC on subjects relating to committee business. The PRWAC reserves the right to impose a reasonable time limit on any topic or to any individual speaker.

Ash Dryer asked the committee to consider planting Chestnut trees in parks for their environmental benefits. Dryer will follow up with a specific letter to staff for a future agenda.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 Introductions

New Parks Planner Emily Huerta was introduced to the committee.

6.2 New Chair/Vice Chair selection

District 5 was slated to be the new Chair. No members from District 5 were present so there was a motion to defer selection of the Board Chair from District 5 to the next meeting along with the motion for Branaman to be Vice Chair.

Motion: Shukis. Second: Fulks. Ayes: All.

6.3 ARP Funding Update – Eric Will

Will presented the Board Supervisors actions regarding the Parks ARP funding. The Board approved the funding of the Yolo Basin Foundations request for funding the Discover the Flyway program, Tuleyome’s request for paying volunteers to finish the trail system at Valley Vista Park, and the request for funding the first phase of the proposed Knights Landing Community Park. They deferred on any other Programming or Marketing categories and instead, voted the remaining funds go to the Bryte Park in West Sacramento, a collaboration with the City.

6.4 Prop 68 Grant Applications Update – Mike Martinez

Martinez reported the State has announced five of the County’s proposals will be funded and contracts would be delivered soon. The new pool cover for Tuli Mem was still being reviewed but not likely to be funded.

6.5 Scout Cabin at Camp Haswell – Kevin Yarris

Yarris put forth a discussion topic about the safety and condition of the old Boy Scout cabin at Haswell Park. It is in the flood plain and needs significant repair. Huerta will lead a future discussion/planning charette on potential options for the cabin location which will include rehabilitation or if not feasible, replacement with other amenities for the visitor’s enjoyment.

6.6 Member Shukis’ Parks Observations – Kazys Shukis

Shukis’ gave a brief overview of his observations of the parks that are in need of improvements. Discussion was related to how we prioritize funding and use of current and future grants to make the needed repairs and upgrades.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

7.1 Cache Creek Campground Update – Kevin Yarris

7.2 Boat Launch Updates – Kevin Yarris

For both 7.1 and 7.2, Yarris reported both sites are experience robust usage and the revenue for the first quarter to be:

Knights Landing: \$20,693

Elkhorn: \$16,767

Campground: \$30,565

Passes sold in the office: \$1,215

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

Reports by Committee Members and/or Director on information they have received and meetings they have attended which would be of interest to the Committee or the public. *Please note that under the California Open Meetings Law (Government Code Section 54954.2); discussion of the Committee Members' and/or Director reports is limited to asking clarifying questions. However, the Committee or any individual Committee Members may request that an item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.*

Ullrey reported about the upcoming use of drones at the Cache Creek Conservancy to drop fire starters for managing vegetation at the Conservancy.

Branaman reported about the program where state parks issues free day passes through a collaboration with the State Library system to encourage the public to visit the state parks system.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Clarksburg Boat Ramp options.
- Haswell Cabin Options.
- Chestnut tree plantings in parks.

10. NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting Scheduled for March 21, 2022

11. ADJOURN

Ullrey motioned to adjourn at 7:47 PM: Second: Shukis. Ayes: All.