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COUNTY OF YOLO

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

DATE: Monday, September 19, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Teleconference

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kazys Shukis called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Present: Andrew Fulks, Nancy Ullrey, Trini Campbell Cline, Ken Trott, Kazys Shukis, Sarah Ris

Absent: Dana Cruz, Catherine Portman, Ian Branaman

Staff Present: Huerta, Martinez, Pistoichini

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.

3. ADOPTION OF CURRENT AGENDA

Motion: Trini. Second: Nancy. Ayes: All.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of April 18th and August 15th PRWAC Meeting Minutes tabled for the October 17th meeting.

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. There was no public comment.

6. INTRODUCTIONS

New Director of General Services, Ryan Pistoichini. Ryan introduced himself to PRWAC and present PRWAC members did a round table to introduce themselves.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 New Chair/Vice Chair selection

District 5 is slated to be the new Chair. Nancy Ullrey nominated Trini Campbell Cline to be the new Chair, joining Ian Branaman as the Vice Chair. Trini asked if PRWAC and staff would consider holding PRWAC meetings in person. Staff will research the ability to hold hybrid meetings and Ryan deferred further conversation until agenda item 11.

Motion: Nancy Ullrey. Second: Ken Trott. Ayes: All.

7.2 Scout Cabin at Camp Haswell – Emily Huerta

Huerta reviewed the “Unoccupied Preservation Proposal” with PRWAC – Huerta stated Parks was contacted by two community members interested in addressing Camp Haswell’s state of disrepair by offering their expertise, materials, and labor. They prepared a proposal to “preserve” the building by making necessary fixes while installing grates in the doorways/windows to keep people out. The proposal was forwarded to our Chief Building Official where they stated if the proposal was to move forward, then they must reserve the right to involve an Engineer should an issue come up. The foundation and walls are reportedly in good shape, and the roof will need work to increase lateral support for the walls and some dry rot in the rafters. The proposal was well received by the Committee on Capital Investments (CCI) with a note stating any proposal needs to consider any ongoing maintenance costs. Trini suggested that when ready, Parks to submit an article to the Valley Voice to report on the project.

7.3 Wildwings Site Improvement Opportunity – Emily Huerta

The facilities and parks crew manager, Huerta, and Nat Res Manager conducted a site walk out at Wild Wings in late August where parks was informed of available funds specific to the WildWings Site through the gravel fee program. There is approx. \$60-70K and are currently Parks is working on options to address safety, signage, and some site improvement. Parks is in the “visioning” phase, but will come back to this committee with more detail as the proposal proceeds. Citizen Brent Campbell was present and stated his support for the site improvements and suggested Parks consider the vegetation die back and do another planting. It was discussed that illegal OHV activity tore up the irrigation.

7.4 Upcoming Events – Emily Huerta

38th Annual CA Coastal Cleanup Day Review.

9/17 Putah Creek Clean Up w/ Putah Creek Trout. 24 volunteers, 3.5 miles of inter-dam reach from FA 5 including the HWY 128 parking lots. 800 lbs of trash and 100 lbs of recyclable materials.

9/17 Clarksburg Boat Launch Clean Up. 50 volunteers with D1 Supervisor Villegas, Clarksburg Rotary, West Sac Rotary, FFA, County Sherriff, Parks staff, Clarksburg Boy Scout Troop 83.

Nancy stated Cache Creek Conservancy conducted a clean up along 14 miles of Cache Creek with 37 volunteers which resulted in the removal of 4000 lbs of trash to include bulk items such as couches, TV, stereo, and tires.

Ryan requested that for each volunteer event hosted at any parks site, that Parks is made aware in order to conduct a safety sweep to prepare the site and have staff present during the event. This was done for the Clarksburg Boat Launch Clean-Up Event.

7.5 Upcoming Library Collab Opportunity: Nature Explorer Backpack Program Kick-Off Event – Emily Huerta

Yolo County Library received funding from “Winters Friends of the Library” to create this “Nature Explorer Backpack Program” which are “portable learning kits” that has books, tools, and activities designed to inspire kids and families to get outside and experience/learn about nature. Targets kids aged 6-12 with parental guidance, families can check out these backpacks for a few weeks.

The kick-off event could be at one of the county parks or possibly at Cache Creek Nature Preserve. Currently the Library and Parks is working on siting and selecting the date for the event. Current vision is to have a craft table, nature walk/story time, backpacks on display, and tabling if we have interest.

7.6 New Grant Updates – Committee Members

The purpose of this standing item will be for committee members to bring new grant opportunities to staff for evaluation. Andrew suggested Parks staff look at WCB for funding, as their grants are situated around water recreation and river enhancement. The Camp Haswell project could benefit from WCB grants as well. Trini stated staff could investigate the Wildfire Prevention Fund to look into opportunities to conduct controlled burns. Kazys asked about the difference in county versus city. Mike explained that counties do not have jurisdiction over cities. Kazys suggested making different cities like Davis and West Sacramento aware of PRWAC meetings. Ryan stated he is open to any collaborative efforts and emphasized the nature of Yolo County Parks being focused on open space regional parks versus landscaped municipality parks.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

8.1 Cache Creek Campground and Boat Launch updates are on hold as we need to discuss the value and delivery of this item since this takes significant staff time to put together. Ryan ensured PRWAC that this is meant to ensure the data is effective in its presentation.

- 8.1.1 Andrew asked about the status of Road 40 Bridge construction status. Huerta reported it was slated to be completed end of October 2022, and Mike shared a picture from the latest update. Trini suggested a Valley Voice article to be written once the project is completed in order to raise awareness.

9. 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.*

Nancy Ullrey announced an upcoming event hosted at Cache Creek Nature Preserve in partnership with CalFire to conduct a beneficial/cultural burn workshop for some time in November. Nancy will provide details and marketing materials for Parks to promote. Kazys suggested that any Parks event be circulated between PRWAC and Staff.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- 10.1 October
 - 10.1.1 Wildwings Site Improvement Plan
 - 10.1.2 Next Steps for Camp Haswell Proposal
 - 10.1.3 Putah Creek Fishing Access Site 3 Closure Review to Identify Other Infusion Monies
- 10.2 November
 - 10.2.1 Clarksburg Boat Launch WCB Agreement Update

11. NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting Scheduled for October 17, 2022

11.1 Discussed logistics of meeting in person or the continuance of zoom meetings. Nancy shared her committees and board meetings are slowly transitioning to in-person and many are offering hybrid options. Trini suggested to keep zoom for the next few months due to health issues and look into hybrid for winter months. Sarah stated she supported in-person and hybrid but due to logistics and timing with winter holidays coming up, zoom may be best. It was decided to keep meetings on zoom until the end of the year where Parks staff can evaluate best approach. Kazys suggested once meetings are in person again, to have them move around to different locations and favored the hybrid approach.

12. ADJOURN

Nancy motioned to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Second: Andrew. Ayes: All.