



COUNTY OF YOLO

Department of General Services
Parks Division

Ryan Pistochini
Director

120 W. Main Street, Suite G, Woodland, CA 95695
(530) 406-4880
www.yolocounty.org

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

DATE: Monday **March 20, 2023**

TIME: **6:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: **Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood St, Woodland, CA 95695**

1. CALL TO ORDER

No quorum established.

Present: Trott, Shukis, Ullrey

Absent: Risher, Campbell Cline, Portman, Cruz, Fulks

Staff Present: Huerta, Pistochini, Martinez

2. ADOPTION OF CURRENT AGENDA

No action taken.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No action taken.

4. 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. None present or received.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Presentation from Community Advocate with United Cerebral Palsy – Marc Laver

Staff and PRWAC members received background and Marc Laver's efforts along with his continued work with United Cerebral Palsy regarding application to parks and play structures. Laver's work includes advocating and fundraising to local entities to include inclusionary items which impacted up to 10 parks in the surrounding Sacramento area.

Laver's work goes beyond baseline ADA compliance and advocates for more sensory equipment, brail, music, and communication boards. Discussion ensued regarding Yolo County Parks strategies to build in more inclusionary items to the park system not limited to just play structures, but to walking paths and events. Current plans for Knight's Landing Park include a "We-go-round" and pour-in-place rubber surfacing. At this stage, Yolo County Parks is learning and adding inclusionary equipment to new playgrounds.

5.2 CA State Library Parks Pass Grant Update – Emily Huerta

Huerta updated PRWAC on the upcoming events, including the "All Together Outside" kick-off event that will be held at Capay Open Space, June 10th from 9AM-12PM.

5.3 Tuli Mem Improvement Plan – Emily Huerta

Huerta updated PRWAC on the status of the Tuli Mem Improvement Plan. This included a quote refresh for new park assets that were voted on by WYORCA and ECSD in 2021. Next steps will be determined after an internal review next week. Discussion ensued by Kazys and Pistochini about park project prioritization and how those decisions were made. Pistochini stated that due to the 2017 Parks Usage Study, there was evidence showing that Esparto Community Park is the most intensively used park in the Yolo County Park's system. Per California State Parks, ideally there should be 3 acres/1000 population metric, which Esparto was lacking prior to the construction of Tuli Mem.

5.4 Parks CIP Update – Emily Huerta

Huerta updated PRWAC on two additions made to the Parks CIP to include Knight's Landing Park and a concept for a community park in Clarksburg. Supervisor Villegas' office will be handling any public outreach at this time.

5.5 Prop 68 Update – Emily Huerta

Huerta reported that all Prop 68 projects are undergoing scope edits. Parks has prioritized Esparto Community Park as the first project which will include public outreach, and construction of the new play structure and permanent shade structure.

5.6 Knight's Landing Park Update – Emily Huerta

Parks decided to go forward with hydroseed over sod due to cost and logistics. Because of this decision, WDSL is updating the schedule and will have that by the end of the week.

5.7 WCB Grants (Clarksburg and Putah Creek Fishing Access) – Emily Huerta

Huerta reiterated intent to go after WCB Planning Public Access Grants for both Clarksburg Boat Launch and Putah Creek Fishing Access. Ullrey stated they recently went out for a similar grant and that WCB would look in favor to projects with universal access fishing areas.

5.8 DBW Grant Camp Haswell – Emily Huerta

Huerta stated the concept to go after a Department of Boats and Waterways Grant for a non-motorized ramp that will allow for easier access for kayakers and rafters at Camp Haswell. This is a popular spot to put in and pull out.

5.9 New Grant Updates – Committee Members

None received.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

6.1 Grasslands Dog Park Foxtail Issue – Emily Huerta and Ryan Pistochini

With the extreme rainfall experienced in Yolo County and surrounding areas, fox tail and weed growth has become a challenge for the county to manage and for dog park guests. Pistochini reported that staff has talked with both Yolo County RCD and UC Coop Extension for advice. Yolo County staff will work with Yolo County RCD to create a multi-pronged approach for the upcoming season.

6.2 Tuli Mem Opening Day – Martinez

Tuli Mem opening day is May 26th from 12-4. Entrance will be free and the event will feature food, music, prizes, and tabling.

7. 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.*

7.1 Ullrey shared that the Cache Creek Conservancy will be hosting an evening scavenger hunt at the nature center May 26th from 8-9PM.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

N/A

9. NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting Scheduled for June 20th, 2023 at Norton Hall.

10. ADJOURN

N/A