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Minutes For July 13, 2006

SOLANO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, HELD THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006 AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER GROUP HEARING ROOM, LOCATED AT 675 TEXAS STREET, FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Commission Members Present: Alvarez, Hermsmeyer & Riddle

Commission Member Excused: Leong, Laevastu

Staff Present: Taylor, Tanner-Linne, Fiack, Fust

1. Chair Hermsmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM. A quorum was confirmed.
2. Approval of Minutes: Chair Hermsmeyer made motion to approve the minutes for the May 18, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riddle and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Alvarez made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riddle and was approved unanimously.
3. Chair Announcements: Chair Hermsmeyer stated there were no announcements for tonight meeting.
4. Commissioner and Staff Comments
5. Public Comments:

Chair Hermsmeyer stated, "There were no public speakers at this meeting."

7. Parks Division Staff Reports and Recommendations for Commission Action:

Agenda Item 7 Park Division Staff Report and Recommendations for Commission Action:

- A. Consideration and recommendation for approval to the Board of Supervisors the Master Plans for Lake Solano Regional Park and Sandy Beach Park

Mr. Steve Fust of Swinerton Corporation gave a presentation and answered questions regarding the Master Plans for Solano Regional Park and Sandy Beach Park.

Commissioner Riddle asked if there had been any changes to the plan since it was last brought before the Commission. Mr. Fust replied that there were no changes.

Mr. Fust stated the Park Master Plan was a 20 year plan.

John Taylor, Interim Director stated the County had brought the Master Plan back before the Commission to receive approval. Then General Services will present it to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Mr. Taylor advised the Commission on the status of the proposed exchange of property between the County and the Solano Irrigation District. A draft lease agreement between SID and the Walnut Grower had been received by County Counsel for its review. Upon completion of the lease agreement, the County and SID are expected to proceed with the exchange.

Commission Chair Steve Hermsmeyer asked Steve Fust regarding the completed Phases of the Sandy Beach from monies. Steve said Phases 1 & 2 were complete, the restrooms and ranger residence. The phase 3, the entrance, is to be complete this year. A discussion regarding the boat/RV storage at Sandy Beach, the storage is an eyesore and the first thing you come to the entrance of the park. It was asked if the storage could be moved to another location or removed to make a better look when you come to the park.

Commission Chair Steve Hermsmeyer made a motion to approve the Master Plans for Lake Solano Regional Park and Beach Park. Commissioner Terry Riddle, second the motion and all approved the plans.

Agenda Item 7 B: Receive a report from Staff on the status of the Actions by the Board of Supervisors on the following items:

John Taylor, Interim Director reported on all the following items.

1. Amendments to Chapter 19 of the County Code were brought before the Board of Supervisors at the June meeting. The Board of Supervisors stated they wanted the final decision on the alcohol and tobacco use regulations with the Board. Other than this change and a few other minor changes, the ordinance amending Chapter 19 of the County Code was adopted and becomes effective 30 days following its adoption.

Chair Hermsmeyer asked if the Commission could be involved in decisions. John Taylor stated yes that staff fully intend to bring the proposed regulations before the Commission; however, final approval has been reserved for the Board.

2. Mount Vaca – In 2005 The Federal Government offered the property to the County and the County adopted a resolution supporting the County's acquisition of the approximate 38 acre property. Subsequent discussions with the FAA and other agencies involved revealed that the FAA decided they wanted to retain its interest in the communications facilities on the property. The resulting restrictions on the use of the property caused the Board of Supervisors to reconsider its decision to seek acquisition of the property. As a consequence the appropriate federal agencies were notified that the County no longer desired to acquire the property.

3. Lynch Canyon – The Board of Supervisors appropriated funds in FY 2006/07 for the purposes of operating Lynch Canyon as part of the County's park system. The County and the property owner, Solano Land Trust have yet to enter into an agreement over the County's management of the property, however, it is expected that the parties will enter into a 10 year agreement.

The Park is expected to be open five days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The County is expected to have rangers to oversee public access to the park.

Commissioner Alvarez asked if the County is committed to staffing to open the facilities. John Taylor stated the County has some problems with it. Safety issues are another area of concern. Some areas would need to be marked off at certain times of the year so the public does not interfere with the other uses of the property, including cattle grazing.

Agenda Item 7C: Receive Report on the status of recruitment for the Parks Division Manager.

John Taylor stated the recruitment for the Parks Division Manager had been sent back to Human Resources for a second review. The County will re-recruit for the position as soon as the Board takes action on any salary adjustment recommendation.

Human Resources.

Agenda Item 7 D: Receive a Report from Staff on SB 1556 (Torlakson) which would authorize the creation of Delta Trail.

Linda Fiack, Executive Director for the Delta Protection Commission reported on a bill by Senator Tom Torlakson to create a California Delta Trail which would require the Delta Protection Commission to create a plan for trail design implementation. The trail would link delta communities and serve the recreation and commute alternative needs along the Delta waterfront in Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Yolo and Solano Counties.

Chair Hermismeyer said Rio Vista is starting to discuss the trail from downtown to the Park. Mr. Fust said that a portion of County land in the Park.

Chair Hermismeyer asked if someone would be attending the Delta Trail meetings. John Taylor stated he intends to attend the meetings, at least until a new Parks Manager is hired.

Agenda Item #8 Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Agenda Item #9 Future Agenda Items:

- A. Staff report on ADA policy for campsite reservations.
- B. Hear report on Mare Island Regional Park.
- C. Consider new park sites.
- D. Consider new funding sources for County Parks.
- E. Joint parks planning with the Yolo County committee.
- F. Consider appropriate memorial at Sandy Beach Park.
- G. Consider next steps for recreational reuse of the Mount Vaca property through public hearings.
- H. Commissioner training in press and media relations.
- I. Consider rating methodology for Fish & Wildlife Fund.
- J. Consider revision of the Commission By-Laws.

Chair Hermismeyer asked what is going on at Mare Island Regional Park. Would that not be a City of Vallejo park? John Taylor replied that he would contact the City of Vallejo to inquire regarding the status of any proposed Mare Island Regional Park..

John Taylor said a copy of the Brown Act was provided at this meeting. That everyone should have initial training and the County's County Counsel Department and every few years have a refresher course.

10. The Commission confirmed the next regular meeting of September 14, 2006 at 5:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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