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Minutes For November 9, 2006

SOLANO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006 AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER - F
HEARING ROOM,
LOCATED AT 675 TEXAS STREET FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Commission Members Present: Hermsmeyer, Riddle, Leong & Laevastu

Commission Member Excused: Alvarez

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

1. Chair Hermsmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. A quorum was confirmed.
2. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Laevastu suggested some corrections to the minutes of September 14. Commissioner Laevastu moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Riddle second the motion and the minutes approved.
3. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Leong made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Laevastu and was approved unanimously.
4. Chair Announcements: Chair Hermsmeyer stated some of the Commissioners had attended the Tobacco C which was a lot of fun.
5. Commissioner and Staff Comments: John Taylor introduced Pam Ogle as the General Services Acting Director. John will be retiring December 30, 2006.
6. Public Comments:
There were no public comments.
7. Parks Division Staff Reports and Recommendations for Commission Action:
 - A. Receive reports from Staff on the following:

Staff Taylor reported on the recruitment for the Park Services Manager.

Human Resources started a continuous recruitment for a Parks Manager. Larry Epner has been appointed Acting Field Manager while HR is conducting their open recruitment. He was hired as an accountant but has excellent management experience. He is managing the projects at the Parks, is in charge of the grant proposals and at present is looking for grants to be help with the repairs of the Sandy Beach dock. It needs to be rebuilt if not replacement.

Larry Epner, Acting Parks Manager has started a survey regarding tobacco use and smoking in the County's Parks the policies being considered are non-smoking around the children's playground area, buildings and setting aside for non-smoking..

Staff Fiack gave a status report on the Agreement between the County and the Solano Land Trust for the operation of Canyon for public access. Progress has been made between the two agencies.

The repairs have been made to the dam and the Resources have given their approval.

Steve Ingram said the park would not be in compliance with the state since the state requires the park be open 7 days a week where the County is planning to have the park open 5 days per week.

All the MOU issues have been resolved and should go before the Board of Supervisors in December if not then in January.

Commissioner Laevastu asked about the hiring of staff for the park. Jim Fiack stated an agreement has to be in place before the hiring process could start.

A. Receive a report from Staff on activities at Regional Park Facilities;

John Taylor gave report regarding the park facilities, attendance, and revenue for each of the parks.

B. Consideration for approval of Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Award Grant Application guidelines and award of FY 2006/07 grant funds.

John Taylor presented the 2006/2007 Fish & Wildlife Propagation Grant Application to the Commission. The Commission commended John for the new format and process.

The Commission approved the application for distribution.

8. Committee Reports: None Scheduled

9. Future Agenda Items (for reference only):

A. Receive report on Mare Island Regional Park.

B. Consider new park sites.

C. Consider new funding sources for County Parks.

D. Joint parks planning with Yolo County.

E. Commissioner training in press and media relations.

F. Consider revision to Commission By-Laws.

G. Commissioner update on Brown Act.

10. The Commission confirmed the next regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission will be January 10, 2006 at 5:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

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