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## Minutes For February 9, 2006

### SOLANO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING, HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006 AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CITY CENTER, SECOND FLOOR HEARING ROOM, LOCATED AT 675 TEXAS STREET IN THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD

Commission Members Present: Laevastu, Alvarez, Hermsmeyer & Riddle

Commission Member Excused: Leong

Staff Present: Norris, Armstrong & Ingram

1. Chair Hermsmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. A quorum was confirmed.
2. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Riddle made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2006 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hermsmeyer and was approved unanimously (with Laevastu abstaining).
3. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Laevastu made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riddle and was approved unanimously.
4. Chair Announcements: Chair Hermsmeyer noted a letter of February 7, 2006 from John Vasquez to the Commission asking for support of changes in Chapter 19 of the County Code which will include prevention of smoking in County Parks.
5. Commissioner and Staff Comments: Norris notified the Commission about the upcoming BRBNA recreation meeting.
6. Public Comments. None.
7. Consideration of proposed changes in Chapter 19 of the County Code: Norris reviewed the necessity and the proposed changes, a process which has undergone considerable review so far. Alvarez wanted to confirm an appropriate process to create the ordinance. He invited Steve Ingram to confirm if acceptance by resolution may not be a better way to obtain changes. Ingram noted that this would work in some cases for cities but some things are better addressed by ordinance. None of the other County Codes are addressed by resolution, so, Chapter 19 should stay consistent. Riddle felt that ordinance changes would allow for more public involvement. Ingram then aided with subsequent discussions as the Commission and staff stepped through each Section of the proposed changes. Further changes were noted as the process proceeded, mostly in the areas pertaining to park closures, Board delegation of responsibilities, expulsion of offenders, keeping of offenders, boat beaching, vehicle code violations, pet/dog definitions, definition of infractions, noise, camping and smoking. Felicia Flores-Workman spoke about the need to go forward with a recommendation to the Board. Riddle explained options for rewriting the ordinance and risks involved in stacking too many related documents. At the time of the Riddle discussion centered on simplification of the process. Hermsmeyer noted that they have an ad hoc committee assigned to helping staff finalize the language of the document as based upon their step by step discussion and questions. Statements Ingram has suggested and recommend the document in concept. Alvarez moved and Riddle seconded.

recommendation of the proposed changes in Chapter 19 with final language to be confirmed by staff and the ad h committee. The committee was identified as Hermsmeyer and Riddle. The motion was passed with yes votes by R Alvarez and Hermsmeyer; a no vote being made by Laevastu.

8. Consideration of proposed changes in the Recreational Fee Schedule: Commission members and staff disc limited scope of proposed changes in the fee schedule. With encouragement from Ingram it was generally accepte fees for all parks be included in a single list which would then allow for fee coverage of new park and open space are added to the system. Hermsmeyer moved and Alvarez seconded recommendation that the fees be standardiz parks by removal of individual park site headings; round down the lower fee where there is (if any) discrepancies park site fees; add capacity for bus passengers; and accept the new proposed duplication fees. Motion was appro unanimously.

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.

10. The Commission confirmed the next regular meeting of March 9, 2006 at 5:30 PM. The meeting was adjourne PM.

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