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Minutes For March 8, 2007

SOLANO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007 AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER - FIRST HEARING ROOM,
LOCATED AT 675 TEXAS STREET FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Commission Members Present: Hermsmeyer, Riddle, & Laevastu

Commission Member Excused: Leong and Alvarez were excused

Staff Present: Epner, Tanner-Linne

1. Chair Hermsmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. A quorum was confirmed.
2. Approval of Minutes: There were changes to the minutes. The Commission stated the minutes would be approved after the requested corrections.
3. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved. Commissioner Laevastu made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Riddle seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

4. Chair Announcements:

The County entered into an application for a grant from the National Parks Rivers and conservation program for a beach study to be done in Rio Vista. A terrific product resulted in this study. A CD was created and Commissioner Hermsmeyer had received a copy of it. Commissioner Hermsmeyer stated John Taylor had said the County might be able to reproduce the document at the County's expense. The committee would like to use the document as a fund raiser for the work on the path. The City of Rio Vista is not able to participate in the cost of reproducing the document. The County will cover the cost of the space for conference and spend \$3,000 on other activities during this time period.

Staff Epner said he would pass this along to the new Park Manager when he arrives.

Commissioner Hermsmeyer also said he had received an email from Linda Fiack of the Delta Trail System and would ask her to speak before the Commission and talk about the current status of the bill and the status of the funding. The Trail System meeting would discuss where the trail is and where it would be located. Commissioner Laevastu said she would take some of the flyer to the two meetings she would be attending tonight.

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

A. Receive reports from Staff on the following:

1. Status of recruitment for the Parks Division Manager; Appointment of Acting Parks Manager while conducting recruitment.

recruitment;

Staff Epner reported a new Parks Services Manager had been hired. His name is Daniel R. Sykes and would start 2007. Staff Epner stated he would volunteer and provide any support in anyway when the new manager arrives.

2. Status of the opening of Lynch Canyon for public access;

Staff Epner reported Lynch Canyon official main opening date is May 11, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. but on May 12, & 13 be multi activities. There is still discussion regarding who the speakers will be. The official invitation list has not b finalized.

Commissioner Laevastu stated she was disappointed the opening ceremony is on Friday instead of Saturday. The ceremony should be for the public not just for the politicians.

Commissioner Riddle stated he agreed with Commissioner Laevastu's comments.

Commissioner Hermsmeyer asked if the newspaper and public had been notified. Staff Epner stated the public wo invited and the newspapers will be notified. Commissioner Hermsmeyer also stated he was disappointment the da work day when most of the population will not be able to attend and not able to hear the representatives. However going to celebrate the opening of a new park.

3. Waivers of fees for events

The Parks Division has gone before the board, asked for and recommended to the Board the use fees to be waive City of Rio Vista Second Camp Out at Sandy Beach and the Suisun Rotary Club fishing derby volunteers working t We will be receiving a request shortly from the Lake Berressa to waiver the use fees for the October 13th Anniver Celebration.

4. Lake Berryessa 50th Anniversary Celebration

On October 12th and 13th there will be a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Monticello Dan Berressa. There will be a dignitary dinner here at the CAC on October 12th. On October 13th, 30 or 40 participati will be having education displays and presentations at Lake Solano Park. There will transportation from the Park t dam.

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

Staff Epner reported of the revenues and attendance of the parks. He also reported on the proposition moneys ar items were purchased and how the funds were used.

A grant extension of two years for the rock piling at Sandy Beach has been granted. This will help with the sandin boat ramp.

The Ranger Assistant applicants have been interviewed and the Park Ranger position has been extended for 24 da we only have one applicant.

Bernadette Curry is working on the County code allowing the County to operate an open space. The Code will give Division authority to set usage rules within the open space.

C. Approval of staff recommendation for Park Fees for FY 2007/08 to be forwarded to the County Board of St

Staff Epner stated last year the Park manager brought to the commission a no change to the fees schedule. This review of surrounding area fees we are recommending some changes. The rates for some services were raised to the amount we are spending to enable people to camp, connect to utilities, and the trash pick up requirement for parties.

Commissioner Riddle asked about the reduction of the bus parking fee. Staff Epner stated the schools were comm was hard to pay the \$30 per bus. So the fee was being reduced.

Commissioner Riddle had a question regarding the life jacket fee. Commissioner Riddle stated in Sacramento the were free. They placed the life jackets out for people to use as long as they returned them at the end of the day. received grants to help with the cost of the life jackets.

Commissioner Laevastu stated maybe having the citizens placing a deposit for the use of the life preservers would people to use them and return them.

Commissioner Hermsmeyer stated in Rio Vista the Montezuma Fire Department offered free life jackets.

Staff Epner stated he would change the fee structure so there would be a deposit for the life jackets instead of a their use.

Commissioner Hermsmeyer asked about the storage at Sandy Beach. Could the storage area be cleaned up a bit? the vehicles look like they are not useable.

Commissioner Riddle made a motion to approve the fee structure and Commissioner Laevastu second the motion approved unanimously.

D. Suisun Marsh Tour scheduled for March 30, 2007 Commission to decide if AM or PM.

The marsh tour will be about four hours. The commissioners stated the morning hours would be best for all. Com Laevastu stated she had seen the Kinder Morgan area before and would not be able to attend.

Commissioner Riddle stated that Steve Chappell did a tremendous job saving the marsh during the spill. Commiss Hermsmeyer also praised Steve's efforts during the Kinder Morgan spill.

6. Committee Reports: Staff Epner stated he had not called a meeting with the Non-Smoking Coalition. He t would be best if the new Park Manager discussed and made the agreements. Commissioner Hermsmeyer stated f Commissioner Riddle were on the Non-Smoking committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

7. Future Agenda Items (for reference only):

- A. Brown Act
- B. Receive report on Mare Island Regional Park.
- C. Consider new park sites.
- D. Consider new funding sources for County Parks.
- E. Joint parks planning with Yolo County.
- F. Commissioner training in press and media relations.
- G. Commissioner update on Brown Act.

8. Confirm next regular meeting of May 10, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. Note: date was changed to May 31, 2007, and previously scheduled training on the Brown Act was cancelled because all commissioners have completed the train recently.

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