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## Minutes For January 13, 2005

### SOLANO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2005 IN THE COUNTY ARCHITECT'S CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED AT 530 CLAY STREET IN THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM by Vice Chair Hermsmeyer.
2. Roll Call. Commissioners Hermsmeyer and Riddle were present at the start of the meeting and a quorum was observed until 6:10 PM when Commissioner Garrison arrived. At 6:55 PM Commissioner Leong arrived. Commissioner Leong was excused. Also present were staff Norris, Davis and Fust.  
(Note; until a quorum was present the Commission heard a presentation on Agenda Item #9 by staff Fust and Lir Gates and Associates, without taking action.)
3. Approval of Minutes. On call of Vice Chair Hermsmeyer, a motion was made by Commissioner Riddle to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2004 (Special Meeting) and seconded by Commissioner Garrison. On a unanimous vote the minutes were approved as written.
4. Approval of Agenda. On a motion by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Garrison the Agenda was unanimously approved after a correction of dates for the next Regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission to January 17, 2005.
5. Election of Officers. Vice Chair Hermsmeyer introduces the item.  
Commissioner Alvarez is nominated for Vice Chair. A vote is called and all are in favor of Commissioner Alvarez to become Vice Chair.  
Commissioner Hermsmeyer offers himself to be the Chair. A vote is called and all are in favor of Commissioner Hermsmeyer becoming the Chair.
6. Chair, Commissioner and Staff Comments and Updates;
  - a. Staff Norris updated the Commissioners on committee activities to revise the County Park Ordinance concerning alcoholic beverages, naming park facilities, smoking in parks and responsibility for minors. Staff Norris advises the Commission that a meeting between County Counsel and staff has already taken place and the items mentioned would be included in the ordinance. The most recent copy of the Ordinance 810 Chapter 19 was distributed to Commissioners. Norris requests any changes to the ordinance would go to the Commission for their recommendation, before going to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Commissioner Riddle requests staff to forward copies of his questionnaire with Ranger Leong's answers to the Commissioners. Norris advises that more research will have to be done on the Naming of Park Facilities concerning alcoholic beverages, smoking and responsibility for minors. Staff notes that something as simple as the naming of park facilities may be done by staff. However, something like the new Visitor Center would have a name recommended by the County Counsel and go before the Board of Supervisors. Norris advises the Commission that an additional meeting with County Counsel is scheduled. Commissioner Riddle offers to meet with County Counsel along with staff.
  - b. Staff Norris updated the Commission on the Board report and action(s) of January 11 concerning State legislative regional park formation options. Norris advises that the Board of Supervisors decided that they were not ready to

legislature under Public Resources Code 5500. Several Board members felt that feasibility and cost studies need to consider any option. The County should find another way to fund regional parks without going through the State Board members generally felt that they were willing to finance the existing parks once they have identifiable costs to hear more about other options that did not require going to the State Legislature.

7. Public Comments. Chair Hermsmeyer calls for public comments with no response.

8. Fish and Wildlife Grant awards; Staff Norris recommends that the Commission withhold a portion of in order to restructure the program fund more effectively for benefit of future awards. Commissioner Leong suggests amount held back be figured out on a prorated basis, by the size of the applicants' requests to rebuild the reserve. Commissioner Garrison observed that in lean years the reserve should be used. Commissioner Riddle was reluctant away from the awards to rebuild the reserve. The need for a reserve is to support just this sort of situation. Following discussion by Commissioners and staff, it was decided to reduce the two grant requests by \$400. Commissioner F and Commissioner Garrison seconds to hold back from the total of both grants \$400. The Commission agrees. Commissioner Riddle then excuses himself during the individual awards and voting process because of a conflict of interest. After calculations, Chair Hermsmeyer calls to identify the grant award amounts. On a prorated basis Commissioners figure Suisun Resource Conservation District request of \$2,205 would be reduced by 20% of the \$400 and that the Solano Wildlife Committee request of \$11,250 would be reduced by 80% of the \$400. Commissioner Leong moves to give Resource Conservation District \$2,125, Solano County Wildlife Committee \$10,930 and \$400 to go to the reserve fund. Commissioner Garrison seconds the motion. And after a vote, it is unanimously approved. Commissioner Riddle returns to his seat.

9. Presentation of and action on the draft Sandy Beach County Park Master Plan; Staff Norris introduced Steve Fust and Linda Gates of Gates and Associates. Fust began by describing phases of park improvements referring visually to a wall mounted park plan and aerial photograph. The phases mentioned were draft Master Plan booklet that was previously provided to each of the Commissioners. Phase 1- Rangers Residence replacement is in progress. Phase 2- ADA Upgrades and Improvements to existing Restrooms – Planned to go to start in February and completed within 4 months after start. Phase 3- Entry area upgrade (Entry signs, etc.). Commissioner Hermsmeyer suggests entry signs also be posted at the Boat Ramp and Docks for water oriented entry. Discussion concerning succession planting of up to 800 trees around campground and other areas of the park. Gates explains Cottonwoods and other fast growing trees would be planted first to protect slower evergreens. Commissioner Riddle suggested that a Resource Conservation District be allowed to assist in supply of native plants. Tacy Curry of Solano suggested using students from local schools to assist in the planting and construction of drip lines. Another part of three listed by Fust is the construction of a rip rap deflection groin device to protect the existing boat ramp from erosion. Phase 4- Day Use Boat Storage area removal and expansion of parking areas. The project would increase available parking and allow for a proposed trail from town to enter the park. Cross hatched sidewalks would be installed on Phase 5- New Campsites- Installation of 28 new utility campsites in three groupings. Camping cabins are planned. Remove non-native species, such as Arundo, from the beach area and install boat courtesy docks near the Boat Ramp. 7- Swimming cove- Build a swimming cove and connect to the Sacramento River. Also install playgrounds at that including a climbing structure. Commissioner Riddle suggests identifying target dates. Commissioners had questions concerning timing of the phases and order in which they occur. Norris and Fust explained that phases one through three will proceed with available funds and others will follow depending on new funding when found. However, if the opportunity and presents itself to start a later phase earlier, it will be done.

Fust advises the Commissioners to review the draft for additions or modifications. Norris notes that the Army Corps of Engineers has already provided initial comments. Norris advises Commissioners that after they have recommended of the Draft, then it would go to the Army Corps of Engineers who will proceed to authorize acceptance of the update. Full costs for the phases can then be determined. The Board of Supervisors will have final approval. Chair Hermsmeyer stressed the importance of being able to achieve the ADA improvements in the Plan.

Chair Hermsmeyer motions to accept the Draft Master Plan for Sandy Beach County Park in concept, providing that revisions can be made as a result of tonight's comments, additional adjustments made by the Army Corps of Engineers further refinements made by staff. Commissioner Riddle moves to accept the Draft Master Plan. The move is seconded by Commissioner Garrison and is passed by a unanimous vote.

10. 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 (including the surplus Mount Vaca federal property).
- D. Recommendation to prohibit or restrict alcoholic beverages in the Parks.
- E. Consider a naming policy for parks and park facilities.
- F. Recommendation to prohibit or restrict smoking in the Parks (beyond fire safety).
- G. Consider new funding sources for County Parks.
- H. Recommendation on Annual Parks Fee Schedules.
- I. Hear presentation on the draft Lake Solano Regional Park Master Plan.

Commissioners and staff reviewed the future agenda items. Commissioners scheduled a special meeting on February 16, 2005 at 6:30 PM to hear and make recommendations on Future Agenda Items H and I - Annual Parks Fee Schedules and presentation on the draft Lake Solano Park Master Plan.

Chair Hermsmeyer sets the next regular meeting for March 17, 2005 at 5:30 PM and adjourns the meeting at 7:45 PM.

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