

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
Ancil Hoffman Regional Park
Effie Yeaw Nature Center
2850 San Lorenzo Way
Carmichael, CA 95608**

ACTION SUMMARY

Thursday February 27, 2014 6:30 p.m.
COMMISSIONERS: BASTIAN, LAPIN, BECKWITH, SCHWINN, GONZALES
PRESENT: BASTIAN, LAPIN, BECKWITH, GONZALES
ABSENT: SCHWINN

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Gonzales. Commissioners Bastian, Lapin, Beckwith, and Gonzales were present. Commissioner Schwinn was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Bastian

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Tebbel

Commissioner Bastian requested the "Policy on Naming Benches" be added to next month's agenda.

COMMISSION ACTION

None

PRESENTATION

None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval Of Action Summary: Regular Meeting January 23, 2014

Commissioner Gonzales moved to accept the Action Summary; seconded by Commissioner Bastian.

AYES: Bastian, Beckwith, Lapin, Gonzales
NOES: None
ABSTAIN; None
ABSENT: Schwinn

2. Approval Of Interim Measure To Prevent Bluff Erosion At 9809 Mira Del Rio Drive (Maret)

Property owner of 9809 Mira Del Rio is experiencing bluff erosion problems. They are requesting the County approve an interim solution of meshing and nails, which would provide some stability while the property owner processes a conditional use permit for the “Shot-Crete” application. The Parkway Corridor Combining Zone has limitations on the use of certain erosion control devices and the Planning Department will review the owner’s application for a Conditional Use Permit for the use of “Shot-Crete”, and will bring a recommendation regarding the Conditional Use Permit back to the American River Parkway Advisory Committee and the Recreation and Park Commission for comment and approval, if findings of consistency with the Parkway Combining Zone are made.

Recommendation:

Recommend that planning staff approve the interim measure of meshing and nails to prevent bluff erosion at 9809 Mira Del Rio Drive.

Public Comments:

Betsy Weiland
John Youngdahl, Youngdahl Consulting Group

Commissioner Beckwith motioned to accept the recommendation; seconded by Commission Bastian.

AYES: Bastian, Beckwith, Lapin, Gonzales
NOES: None
ABSTAIN; None
ABSENT: Schwinn

3. Letter Regarding Bridge Street Monopine Tower (Maret)

A Use Permit has been requested to allow a wireless communication facility which includes a monopine tower in the viewshed of the Fair Oaks Bluff and portion of the upper Sunrise areas of the American River Parkway. The facility would serve an area of the community that currently has inadequate signal strength.

Recommendation:

Endorse the attached letter to the Community Planning Advisory Council of the Sacramento Community Development Department, Planning and Environmental Review Division.

ACTION ITEMS (cont'd)

3. Letter Regarding Bridge Street Monopine Tower (Maret)

Public Comments:

John Gillum, Project Manager
Betsy Weiland

Commissioner Bastian motioned to approve the recommendation; seconded by Commission Lapin.

AYES: Bastian, Beckwith, Lapin, Gonzales
NOES: None
ABSTAIN; None
ABSENT: Schwinn

4. Conceptually Approve Proposed Concession agreement with American River Raft Rentals To Provide Rafting Services On The American River, Control Number 2013-70115 (Leatherman)

American River Raft Rentals (ARRR), located at 11257 S. Bridge Street, Rancho Cordova, is one of two companies that provide raft rental services on the American River. The business is located adjacent to the Parkway at the Sunrise access. They rent their customers rafts and life jackets as well as provide bus shuttle services for the rafters from River Bend Park back to their facility. The County collects launch fees for each raft as well as fees to allow the shuttle service to operate at the Park. Staff collaborated with ARRR to draft the proposed concession agreement, which is being brought to the Recreation and Park Commission for conceptual approval and comment. The Board of Supervisors will have final approval of the agreement.

Recommendations:

1. Conceptually approve the concession agreement; and
2. Direct staff to bring the agreement to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Commissioner Bastian motioned to accept the recommendations; seconded by Commission Lapin.

AYES: Bastian, Beckwith, Lapin, Gonzales
NOES: None
ABSTAIN; None
ABSENT: Schwinn

ACTION ITEMS (cont'd)

5. Conceptually Approve Proposed Concession Agreement With River Rat And Bike To Provide Rafting Services On The American River, Control Number 2013-70015 (Leatherman)

River Rat Raft and Bike (River Rat) is located at 4053 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fair Oaks and is one of two companies that provide raft rental services on the American River. The business is located near the Parkway at the Sacramento Bar access. They rent their customers rafts and life jackets as well as provide bus shuttle services for the rafters from the Harrington River Access back to their facility. The County collects launch fees for each raft as well as fees to allow the shuttle service to operate at the Park. Staff collaborated with River Rat to draft the proposed concession agreement, which is being brought to the Recreation and Park Commission for conceptual approval and comment. The Board of Supervisors will have final approval of the agreement.

Recommendations:

1. Conceptually approve the concession agreement; and
2. Direct staff to bring the agreement to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Public Comments:

Betsy Weiland

Commissioner Bastian motioned to accept the recommendations; seconded by Commission Lapin.

AYES: Bastian, Beckwith, Lapin, Gonzales
NOES: None
ABSTAIN; None
ABSENT: Schwinn

6. Conceptually Approval Of Flow Concession Agreement In The American River Parkway, Control Number 2013-70082 (Leatherman)

The Department of Regional Parks was approached by Mr. Rob Macias of Flow Stand Up Paddle (Flow) with a proposal to operate a concession operation which includes paddle board rentals, instructional classes, and a kids camp. Locations will include the Howe and Watt Avenue Accesses, Sunrise Recreation Area and Discovery Park

Recommendations:

1. Conceptually approve the concession agreement; and
2. Direct staff to bring the agreement to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Public Comments:

Rob Macias, Operator
Betsy Weiland

Commissioner Bastian motioned to accept the recommendations; seconded by Commission Lapin.

AYES: Bastian, Beckwith, Lapin, Gonzales
NOES: None
ABSTAIN; None
ABSENT: Schwinn

ACTION ITEMS (cont'd)

7. Approve Expansion Of Rossmoor Bar Mitigation Site (Maret)

The proposed project would allow the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to plant and maintain 14 acres of oak woodland habitat on existing fallow farm field at Rossmoor Bar on the American River Parkway. The American River Parkway Plan recognizes that this agricultural field of Rossmoor Bar offers an opportunity to test the workability of restoring a large area on the south bank of the river, and that the site is suitable site for oak tree restoration. The proposed site is located adjacent to an existing 57-acre planted oak woodland. This addition would compensate for expected impacts to oak woodland habitat associated with Phase V improvements to Folsom Dam. The 14 acres would have a temporary perimeter deer fence, which would be removed when the trees and shrubs have grown to a sufficient size.

Recommendation:

Conceptually approve the Corps to plant an additional 14 acres for oak woodland mitigation plantings.

Public Comments:

Ruth Fedrau
Betsy Weiland
Mark Shutter

Commissioner Beckwith motioned to accept the recommendations; seconded by Commission Bastian.

AYES: Bastian, Beckwith, Lapin, Gonzales
NOES: None
ABSTAIN; None
ABSENT: Schwinn

8. Approve Discovery Park MOU Between Department And American River Parkway Foundation (Leatherman)

The Department of Regional Parks is proposing to enter into a Partnership with the American River Parkway Foundation to rehabilitate Discovery Park. The work includes sewer system repairs, picnic shelter repairs, picnic table replacement and a number of other repair and replacement projects great needed to provide a quality recreation experience at Discovery Park.

Recommendations:

1. Conceptually approve the Memorandum of Understanding; and
2. Direct staff to bring the MOU to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Public Comments:

Dan Hall, Past President ARP Foundation

Commissioner Lapin motioned to accept the recommendations; seconded by Commission Bastian.

AYES: Bastian, Beckwith, Lapin, Gonzales
NOES: None
ABSTAIN; None
ABSENT: Schwinn

ACTION ITEMS (Acting As Sacramento Fish And Game Commission)

Commissioners: Robert Bastian, Amy Lapin, James Beckwith, Penny Schwinn, Daniel Gonzales

9. Support CA Department Of Fish And Game Commission Action To Restrict Fish On American From Nimbus Dam To SMUD Power Line Crossing At Ancil Hoffman Park (Leatherman)

The California Fish and Game Commission has authorized action to extend the seasonal fishing closure along the American River from Nimbus dam to the SMUD power line crossing at Ancil Hoffman Park due to California’s drought conditions. The American River Parkway Plan supports policy recommendations by local, state and federal agencies that protect the natural environment and provide recreation opportunity on the American River and surrounding American River Parkway.

Recommendation:

Approve the attached resolution of support for fishing restrictions on the Lower American River.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Commissioner Beckwith motioned to accept the recommendation; seconded by Commission Bastian.

- AYES: Bastian, Beckwith, Lapin, Gonzales
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN; None
- ABSENT: Schwinn

INFORMATION ITEMS –WRITTEN

- 10. Updates From The State Of California Fish And Game Commission**
- 11. Department Of Fish And Wildlife Public Notice: Townsend’s Big Eared Bat**
- 12. Department Of Fish And Wildlife Public Notice: Northern Spotted Owl**
- 13. Department Of Fish And Wildlife Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking**

INFORMATION ITEMS –ORAL

- 14. Potential Legislation Related To Motorized Bicycles’ Use Of Bicycle Facilities**
Staff is watching proposed legislation to essentially amend rules for trails (equestrian trails, multi-purpose trails - that are not asphalt trails). Motorized bicycles are not allowed automatically on trails; the legislation is looking at amending the rules to automatically allow unless they are disallowed by local jurisdiction. Sacramento County does not allow motorized bicycles on any of our trails. If State laws were to change it would not have any effect on Sacramento. If the legislation pursues a bill to amend the law we would bring the item back to the Commission.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. Committee Reports

- A. American River Parkway Advisory Committee (Gonzales)**
Committee met February 21 and discussed many of the same items on Commission agenda.

- B. Lower American River Task Force**
No Meeting

- C. Fish and Game Commission (Gonzales)**
No meeting.

- D. Dry Creek Parkway Advisory Committee (Bastian)**
The Committee elected of new officers.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m., with a moment of silence in memory of Janet Baker (previous director) who passed away February 19, 2014. A memorial service will be held at William Pond Recreation Area on April 5, 2014.

Next meeting scheduled Thursday, March 27, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Effie Yeaw Nature Center

STAFF PRESENT

Jeffrey Leatherman, Director
Liz Bellas, Administrative Services Officer
Mary Maret, Senior Natural Resource Specialist
Sylvia Smartt, Recording Clerk

GUEST

Betsy Weiland
John Youngdahl
Dave Hall
Dianna Poggett
Ruth Fabrau
Jim Gillum
Rob Macias
Mark Shutter
Paul Tebbel
Dave Hill