

**SOLANO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
November 10, 2016**

**County Administration Center - First Floor Hearing Room  
675 Texas Street, Fairfield  
10:00 A.M.**

**Members Present:** Commissioners Hermsmeyer, Whited and Riddle  
**Members Excused:** Commissioners Alvarez and Leong  
**Staff Present:** Chris Drake, Parks Services Manager,  
Resource Management, Diane Gilliland, Resource  
Management

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Hermsmeyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was confirmed.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of September 8, 2016 were approved with a correction (motion by Commissioner Whited, second by Commissioner Riddle).

**3. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved (motion by Commissioner Whited, second by Commissioner Riddle).

**4. Chair and Commissioner Comments**

Chairman Hermsmeyer suggested that the Commissioners be issued badges or shirts that would identify them as Solano County Park & Recreation Commissioners that could be worn at events where they are representing the Commission. Mr. Drake described shirts worn by some park staff and noted that it would be easy to order additional shirts with customized identification for the Commissioners.

**5. Public Comments**

There were no comments.

**6. Commissioner Outreach Reports**

There were no reports.

**7. Approve 2017 Meeting Dates (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, every other month)**

The 2017 Park and Recreation Commission meeting dates of January 12 (a special meeting at 5:00pm), and March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9 (regular meetings at 10:00am) were approved (motion by Commissioner Whited, second by Chairman Hermsmeyer).

**8. Status Reports from Staff:**

**A. Attendance and Revenue Summary**

The attendance and revenues are on track to meet projected goals. Preliminary data for October is similar to October 2015 which was also a good month. July thru October of this year had a 13% increase in revenue. Attendance also had an increase of between 3,000

and 7,000 people. Belden's Landing had some issues with equipment malfunctioning for about a week and a half. The pay tube worked well as a backup.

Compared to the first quarter of last year the attendance totals as of October are up to 88,709 which in comparison to the previous year is an increase of 30,000 people. He thought it might be time to revisit how many people are allowed into the park per vehicle at Sandy Beach as many vehicles come in with more than the legal limit of passengers.

At Sandy Beach there are significant issues with the south fence. Mr. Drake as requested a meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers to address the silt building up against the fence. The area where they are pumping out the dredging spoils is so close to the Park that it is overflowing over the south fence. People are able to walk over the 6' cyclone fence.

**B. Special Event Participation**

Mr. Drake brought in the Parks mobile booth display for the Commission to view. It currently displays the Lake Solano restoration and rehabilitation efforts through photos and text. A hands-on comparison between the root systems of Sedge grass and Bermuda grass was used at events. The Parks Division has also participated in the Winters Salmon Festival, Visions of the Wild, Sunrise Rotary Children's Fishing Day and the Coastal Creek Cleanup Day within the last few months.

The Parks Division in partnership with the PCC, SCWA, BOR, Fish and Wildlife, and the City of Winters worked with local students to create and install a permanent work of art at Solano Lake Park. Students from Winters schools were divided into four age groups. Each group created art depicting one of the four life cycles of salmon. One drawing was chosen from each group to be used as part of the art work that will be installed at the Nature Center at Lake Solano Park. The project was part of the Winters Salmon Festival.

**C. Regional Parks Update**

The report that was scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors in October has been pushed to December. Currently the Regional Park Subcommittee is trying to hammer out more details by gathering additional information to present the Board with clear, achievable recommendations. Mr. Drake will report back to the Commission as soon as he receives any solid information regarding the Board meeting date.

**D. Review Recent Board Report**

The Parks Division recently provided an update to the Board of Supervisors on the status of Solano County parks. The update included an overview of park locations, improvement projects, special events, staffing and an attendance and revenue report. Mr. Drake reviewed the report with the Commissioners.

**9. Assign Ad Hoc Committee to Review FWPF Grant Applications (Action Item)**

The application deadline was the first week of November. The presentations will be done in January and the grant(s) awarded in March. Chairman Hermsmeyer and Commissioner Riddle volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee. A resource specialist has been secured to serve as the third member of the committee. Mr. Drake will keep the committee apprised of timelines.

**10. Confirm Date of Next Meeting, and Adjourn (Action Item)**

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to a Special Commission meeting on January 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Hearing Room. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.