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Open Space and Habitat Commission Minutes
Veterans Memorial Center, Club Room
Monday, September 8, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rachel Aptekar, Thomas Cahil, Helena Chung, Daniel Frink, Marc Hoshovsky, Greg House,

Commissioners Absent: Kevin Takei (Alt.), Kemble Pope,

Commission Liaisons: Nicole Slaton (Rec and Park), Rob Hoffman (Planning)

Assigned Staff: Mitch Sears

Council Liaison: Lamar Heystek

1. Agenda

Approved unanimously.

2. Public Communications

None

3. Partnership Presentation – Yolo County Parks and Resources Dept.

The presentation by Yolo County on the acquisition of the USAir Force Transmitter site adjacent to Grasslands Park was postponed. The timeline for submitting the federal grant application for the project is later than originally understood.

City staff briefed the Commission on the project and answered questions. The item will be rescheduled for a later meeting.

4. City of Davis – South Fork Preserve – hours of operation

Staff briefed the Commission on the City's plan to open the South Fork Preserve for public access this Fall. The consensus of the Commission was support for opening the site for public access and establishing basic guidelines for hours of operation that will serve to inform City decisions if vandalism occurs as a result of access.

The Commission supported opening access to the parking area on a temporary basis to maximize access and assess potential for damage caused by visitors (potential for vandalism). The Commission supported the establishment of a baseline that would allow the City to make future decisions on public access based on use/damage.

5. Commission Goals – 2008 – Working Group Reports

Commissioners briefed the Commission on activity of the working groups: (1) Definition of open space, (2) public access to open space, and (3) community farms. Each working group will provide an activity update at the October OSHC meeting. The Commissioners

agreed that the working groups should plan on presenting recommendations to the full commission in November and take action as the commission in December.

6. Staff/Commission Communications

- Commission Liaison reports – No reports were given.
- Open Space and Habitat Web Site – Site under construction
- Acquisition update: Barger and Wasserman easements completed. Staib acquisition in process.
- Scheduling of presentations for Cannery Park Proposal – postponed
- Next meeting: Monday, October 6, 2008.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm in honor of Tom Cahill and Dan Frink, two long serving OSHC members who will not be re-applying to serve on the commission.

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