



Regional Parks

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Director

MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Held at: General Services Building
Regional Parks/Airports Conference Room
777 E. Rialto Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Ryan called the meeting to order at 2:36 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

San Bernardino County

Commission Members Present:

Scott Ryan, First District

Louis Gamache, Third District

Nicole R. Van Winkle, Fifth District

Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis

Beverly Pickens

Commission Members Absent:

Sam Stavros, Second District

Michael Kreeger, Fourth District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Leroy Bell, Grand Jury

Jeff Chodos, Grand Jury

Valerie Hall, Grand Jury

Ken Mays, Grand Jury

Kevin Knutson, El Prado Golf Course

Ayesha Abbasi

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Motion: Commissioner Farrell

Second: Commissioner Van Winkle

Abstain: Commissioner Ryan

Minutes approved.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROBERT A. LOVINGOOD
First District

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Second District

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Third District

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Chairman, Fourth District

JOSIE GONZALES
Vice Chair, Fifth District

Gary McBride
Chief Executive Officer

5.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS**

PARK OVERVIEWS

Mrs. Davis stated she missed the meeting last month due to attending Dam Management Training run by FEMA. The training was excellent. The Lake Gregory Dam rehabilitation project is almost complete. The department will take over management of the dam. The department is currently working with Tetra Tech to update the emergency action plan and inundation maps. Commissioner Mitchell asked about the dirt on the ballfield. Mrs. Davis responded as part of the construction project the vendor is removing the dirt from the ballfield. As fill is being delivered for the construction site the trucks are loading from the ballfield before going back down the hill. There has been an increased effort to communicate with the community regarding the dam project.

Trout season has started at the parks. The first stock was the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The trout suppliers this year are Jess Ranch, Chalk Mound Trout and Calaveras Trout. The department has received concerns from fisherman at the beginning of the season regarding not catching fish. The department is currently posting videos of the stockings on Facebook. The posting of the videos has helped. Trout derbies are continuing to take place. The first Junior Fishing Workshop was held at Prado and went very well.

John Gericke, the Assistant Park Superintendent at Yucaipa was promoted to Park Superintendent. The Assistant Park Superintendent position has been moved to Cucamonga-Guasti. This move will allow each facility to have a Superintendent or Assistant. We are in the hiring process for the Assistant Park Superintendent at Cucamonga Guasti.

PRADO MASTER PLAN TAC AND CAC

The Community Workshop at the Chino Hills Community Center is scheduled for January 30th. The meeting will include an art contest "My Perfect Park" for children. They can complete the drawing at home or at the event. There will be prizes for the top picture in each category and the artwork will be used on the flyer for the next event. Ads will be placed on Facebook and direct mailers will be sent to homes in Chino and Chino Hills. TAC and CAC meetings are next month at Prado Regional Park in the Multi-purpose room. Invitations have been sent. In addition to flyers, enhanced Facebook postings start next week and direct mailers will be sent to residents in Chino and Chino Hills.

FOOT GOLF

Kevin Knutson from El Prado Golf Course distributed a handout and provided the following information to the commission. Golf has grown for 60 years. Over the last 5-6 years golf courses across the country have been experiencing a decline in the game of golf. They began looking for new revenue streams. Foot golf was created overseas. Staff researched foot golf. In September 2015 the golf course launched foot golf at the park. The course is still growing its customer base. It is new to Southern California and the area. Currently 2500 rounds (40-50 players) of foot golf are played per week.

Foot golf is played late in the afternoon and does not impact golf. The revenue is approximately \$15,000 from foot golf. The course is looking at it as a way to grow the game of golf, and attract the young to the game of golf. Foot golf is played by everyone; families, youth soccer teams, AYSO, and high schools. In the winter 200 – 300 rounds of foot golf a month are played. It is safe to say we are going to keep going with foot golf. Staff are supportive of foot golf. Foot golf works well for us because we are a 36-hole facility. Commissioner Van Winkle asked how long does it take to play a full round of foot golf. Mr. Knutson responded roughly about 2 hours. Commissioner Ryan asked if they play 18 holes or 9 holes. Mr. Knutson responded 18 holes. Commissioner Mitchell asked if the same marketing method was being used. Mr. Knutson responded they reached out to soccer clubs, soccer teams, high schools and AYSO. The tournament director reaches out to the groups if they haven't seen them for a while. Groupon has been a big exposure for foot golf. Commissioner Mitchell asked why soccer cleats were not allowed since golf shoes have cleats. Mr. Knutson responded that soccer cleats can cause damage on the greens.

6.0 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

CIP

The electrical project at Yucaipa has been delayed due to weather. Completion is expected by the end of the month.

The electrical project at Prado will not be complete by January 16th. A plan has been established that will not impact the events scheduled at the park in January.

Calico's park office project has a few more items to complete, including new furniture. The office looks like an old town bank. A meeting is scheduled with Real Estate Services the week after next. Calico roof projects Phase II and the Pizza Garden repairs will be discussed at upcoming meetings with Real Estate. The cost of the Pizza Garden repairs may be higher than originally quoted.

Preparation for the swim season has started. Purchase authorizations have been submitted for waterslide maintenance. One slide at Glen Helen needs to be replaced. A CIP will be submitted for the slide. A walk through of the swim complexes is scheduled with Environmental Health Services for the third week of January to address any safety concerns they have before swim season. The pool at Cucamonga Guasti needs to be replaced. There are a lot of leaks in the pool. A CIP will be submitted for the pool. Staff have worked on some innovative ideas for the area for the season. Decorative fencing will be placed in the pool area. Water slides will be operating. The department will plan larger fun activities inside the pool area. The splash pad at Guasti has been repaired and the playground and playground surface project is complete. Commissioner Farrell asked if the pool could be lined. Mrs. Davis responded the department will look at many design options, including a new liner. Commissioner Van Winkle asked how old the pool was. Mrs. Davis responded pretty old.

Mrs. Davis stated CIP's are due the end of this month.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the splash pad at Mojave Narrows was on the list to be looked at. Mrs. Davis stated the playground surface at Mojave Narrows and Yucaipa were put on hold due to the cost being higher than anticipated. Real Estate Services has identified additional funding and both projects will be completed. Commissioner Mitchell stated six to seven years ago there was talk about adding an additional splash pad or extending the splash pad at Mojave Narrows. There is no other water facility in the area. Mrs. Davis stated she would put it on her agenda now. Commissioner Ryan stated people in the area with young kids prefer the splash pads over pools.

Commissioner Farrell asked about the reverse osmosis system at Calico. Mrs. Davis responded the department is waiting to hear from Lahontan

Upcoming Events

Mrs. Davis distributed the event list.

Events

Mrs. Davis stated the department is working with Desert Mountain Community School regarding using Mojave Narrows during the day outdoor activities.

At Yucaipa the Environmental Science Camp starts in February. The program sells out every year. It is an excellent program. Commissioner Ryan stated over 60,000 children have completed the program. Commissioner Van Winkle asked what is the age group of participants. Mrs. Davis responded third and fourth grade. The program is only open to schools. Commissioner Farrell asked if the department had a partner with the program. Mrs. Davis responded we partner with FOR Parks.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Election of Chairperson

Commissioner Ryan stated he is not seeking re-election. Commissioner Farrell asked why. Commissioner Ryan stated it is time for a change. Commissioner Ryan stated he will be moving to Calimesa in the next 3-4 months and will submit his resignation to Supervisor Lovingood once he has moved. Commissioner Ryan stated he will still be involved with FOR Parks.

Nominations were opened for Chairperson.

Commissioner Farrell nominated Commissioner Mitchell to serve as Chairperson. Commissioner Van Winkle seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Voting was conducted. Commissioner Mitchell was elected Chairperson.

Election of Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Commissioner Van Winkle to serve as Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. No other nominations were made.

Voting was conducted. Commissioner Van Winkle was elected Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he had a deep appreciation for Commissioner Ryan. He has been through some difficult times during the transitions in the department. He has so much history with the department and the county that we will miss.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bell stated with the talk about foot golf has the department considered Frisbee golf. Mrs. Davis stated we have disc golf at several parks. Commissioner Ryan asked does the department have discs available to rent. Mr. Bell stated it is a good way to tour the park. Mrs. Davis responded there are leagues that use Yucaipa and Prado. The department is working with the leagues regarding signage. Commissioner Mitchell asked is there one at Glen Helen. Mrs. Davis responded yes, there is use of the course but no league at the park. Mr. Bell stated there is nothing to do at Mojave River Forks. Commissioner Ryan stated the department had talked about reaching out to larger groups regarding use of the park. Mr. Bell stated there was a lot of use over the holiday. Mr. Bell stated one of the things they received comments on was if the department could narrow the time between catfish and trout seasons. He stated he knew water temperature could be a problem with trout. Catfish will live anywhere. Look at possibly extending the seasons by a week each. Mrs. Davis responded we can take this under consideration but there is a cost for stocking fish additional weeks.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Van Winkle thanked Commissioner Ryan for serving as chairman and thanked the commission for the confidence in electing her as Vice Chair. Commissioner Van Winkle stated she visited Calico with her family a couple of weeks ago. They had a good time. She had never been to the park before.

Commissioner Mitchell stated we have had a delightful year. Commissioner Mitchell stated he appreciated Mrs. Davis' leadership and the overall change in climate of the parks. Things are getting done and feels parks are not sitting on the side. Commissioner Mitchell stated in visiting the parks, Park staff love Mrs. Davis and the employees like coming to work. Commissioner Mitchell thanked Mrs. Davis.

Commissioner Ryan thanked Mrs. Davis for her leadership over the past year. Mrs. Davis has tackled issues that have not been tackled in the past is truly refreshing. Working with FOR Parks and getting the MOU completed was a great thing.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.