



Regional Parks

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**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

Held via Conference Call

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

San Bernardino County

Commission Members Present:

Louis Gamache, Third District

Michael Kreeger, Fourth District

Nicole R. Van Winkle, Fifth District

Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis

Mary Sheehan

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Greg Stone, Pomona Valley RC Club

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Motion: Commissioner Farrell

Second: Commissioner Van Winkle

Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Glen Helen Raceway - Mrs. Davis met with members from the Glen Helen Raceway last week. Regional Parks and Raceway staff will be updating the map of their lease area. There will be a follow-up meeting in two weeks. Commissioner Mitchell and Mrs. Davis indicated the current map is not clear and that this new map will clearly mark the boundaries that they occupy according to the lease.

Lake Gregory Community Advisory Committee - Commissioner Farrell stated that he had just finished a committee meeting and that this is still developing and in the early stages. Mrs. Davis sees the committee as serving as a liaison between the park and the Crestline community. They will bring ideas and the community's needs to the Regional Parks Department and vice versa. This way any concerns can be addressed sooner. Mr.

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Farrell said the committee is waiting on the status of a new concessionaire. The committee will meet monthly with the community and the Department. At this time, the committee is still determining how they will work with the County. Currently, the tree lighting ceremony is being discussed. In the past Cal Fire helped install the lights. However, they will not be able to provide assistance this year. Mrs. Davis is working with the committee to find a solution. Mr. Farrell reported that he is unfamiliar with the Friends of Regional Parks. He reported that he would like to work with them or create a new group that would work just with Lake Gregory. Mr. Farrell requested a list of past events held at Lake Gregory. They are hoping to perhaps if needed enhance that list with events that have been successful in years past. Mrs. Davis reported that she will provide that list by the next meeting for them. Mr. Farrell will not be able to attend the next meeting but is hoping to distribute the event list. There was no update on the concessionaire status.

6.0 **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

7.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis provided the following information to the Commission:

New educational signs were provided from donated funds by Chairman Hagman and Supervisor Lovingood's office, to FOR Parks. Mrs. Davis is very thankful for the new signs that are now at Prado, Mojave Narrows, and Guasti Regional Parks. Mr. Farrell asked who created those. Mrs. Davis said a member of FOR Parks led the project and worked with staff from both Regional Parks and the Museum.

SART – Repairs on the flood wall on Phase I and II have been completed and the trail has reopened from Mt. Vernon to E street. Phase III planning and development has been completed and we are awaiting the outcome of the ATP grant. If funded this grant would cover unfunded costs for this section of the trail. Phase IV A is in design. Planning and development for Phase IV B and C is complete. There is no funding for Phase IV at this time. Mr. Mitchell brought to Mrs. Davis attention concerns about flood water under the underpass and a silt issue that can be a concern for cyclists. Mrs. Davis said she would have both DPW and trail maintenance address this during their inspections.

Trout stocking starts Wednesday, November 25th at parks, including Lake Gregory. Stocks will be 775 lbs. on regular stocking days. Lakes will be stocked regularly except for Lake Gregory. Lake Gregory will be stocked on November 25th but will not be stocked again until March due to winter weather. Lake Gregory will be stocked March – June. The other parks stock will continue through end of March and possibly through early April depending on weather. Commissioner Mitchell stated this would be something to be brought up to the Lake Gregory Committee. Mrs. Davis responded she has already notified the chair of the committee. Mr. Mitchell asked Mrs. Davis how the fish are stocked between the lakes at parks with multiple lakes. She explained the lakes are stocked alternately, so that fisherman can fish on stocking days. Fishermen may be able to fish on stock days at parks that only have one lake. If so, they are not permitted to fish in or near the section of the lake that was stocked. Social media provides the

stocking schedule and videos. Mrs. Davis stated we are still waiting for approval from Heath Department regarding derbies. When that decision is made, we will let our patrons know as soon as possible.

Stipends check – Mr. Mitchell had not received his October check. Mrs. Davis asked if any others had not received their stipends. Mrs. Davis will check on those and make sure they are distributed. She will make sure in future they are processed in a timely fashion. Mr. Mitchell noted that there has been a great change in how those checks are processed.

Reservation System – The new reservation system has been working well. We have been encouraging patrons to use the reservation system rather than doing reservations by phone. Mrs. Davis is happy with the reservation system and there have not been any issues. Mrs. Davis also recognized Mary Sheehan for the good job she is doing assisting customers and staff with the new reservation system. The commissioners do agree that the new Reservation is much better than the old system by far. Commissioner Farrell said he will look at the system and review it and get back with comments by the next meeting.

Prado Master Plan – The engineering study is in the RFP process. An additional RFP was released for a consultant who will help the County with the planning, development, and construction process for Prop 70 lands.

Calico - Santa in a Snow Globe Event. Mrs. Davis stated as you know all special events have been cancelled. The Department has been working on a safe way to have Santa Claus visit Calico this year. Santa will be in a Snow globe bubble December 12th and 19th during the day for families. Mr. Farrell is glad as are the other commissioners. Mrs. Davis stated staff is doing a great job coming up with creative events and activities. The month of December also offers The Great Ornament Hunt, providing families the opportunity to find 10 ornaments for prizes. Also, during the month of November families searched for Pilgrim hats. Kristie Stevens has been doing a great job of developing and managing these scavenger hunts since May. This program has gone well and is a great addition at all parks.

8.0 **COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS BY TITLE FOR NEXT MEETING**

None

9.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Stone thanked everyone for continuing to keep their facilities open. These are the only public places that those at greater risk feel most comfortable being out in non-congested settings. While most everything at Cal Poly Pomona Engineering department is still virtual there is some building and possible flying that can be conducted in conjunction with the collegiate design, build, fly competitions being conducted virtually this year. We continue to offer our field to these students when and if they need it. We will be conducting our annual Toys for Tots on Sunday, December 6th from 7am-2pm just as a collection site in order to keep everyone safe. The flying will be open, but this will replace the large gathering we have done in past years.

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10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell thanked Commissioner Van Winkle for all her hard work on the commission.

Mrs. Davis thanked Commissioner Van Winkle. Mrs. Davis stated it has been wonderful having a colleague and fellow recreation and parks professional as one of the commissioners. Wish you well and know you and your family will enjoy Texas.

Commissioner Gamache stated he had the opportunity to see Mojave River Forks and was impressed with the vegetation was maintained and that there was no debris. The staff is taking care of the park. Wanted to give a shout out and kudos to staff.

Commissioner Kreeger thanked Commissioner Van Winkle for her time on the commission.

Commissioner Van Winkle thanked everyone.

Commissioner Farrell wished Commissioner Van Winkle good luck and stated he appreciated her good work. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Chairman Mitchell reminded the commission that with the loss of Commissioner Van Winkle and Commissioner Kinzel there are three vacancies on the commission. An election will be coming soon, and it is vital that the remaining commission members attend meetings. The vice chair position is open and needs to be filled. Chairman Mitchell stated he visited Glen Helen and Yucaipa and is happy with how diligent the parks are being maintained, which is so important especially during this pandemic as our patrons are wanting to get outside. He extended his thanks to parks staff and the commissioners.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

December 9, 2020

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Farrell seconded by Commissioner Gamache.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.