



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

Held via Conference Call

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:32 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

Beverly Pickens

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Tony Mejia, Board of Supervisors, First District

Greg Stone, Pomona Valley RC Club

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Motion: Commissioner Farrell

Second: Commissioner Kreeger

Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Big Morongo Preserve - Mrs. Davis provided the following information regarding land ownership. The County purchased the land from L & S Investment Company. The land was purchased using grant funds. The land was privately owned, not owned by the BLM. Commissioner Farrell asked if there were any updates since the last meeting. Mrs. Davis responded no update since the last meeting.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Kinzel - Chairman Mitchell spoke about the passing of Commissioner Kinzel. Sincere condolences to his wife Carol. The article in the Mountain News regarding Mr. Kinzel was shared with the Commission. Chairman Mitchell stated Commissioner Kinzel was a

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great asset to the Commission. He had a happy spirit, and they are grateful for having him as part of the commission.

7.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis provided the following information to the Commission:

The pools officially closed on September 27th. Glen Helen closed Labor Day. Yucaipa remained open on weekends through the month of September. It was very successful. The first swim season planning meeting for next year is this Friday. We plan to have Guasti and Yucaipa pools open weekends in September next season.

The playgrounds are open today at Regional Parks' facilities. Signage is posted at the playgrounds along with decals encouraging social distancing.

The Department has implemented some mitigation strategies to address low revenue. Two of those strategies are not using seasonal staff and vacant part-time positions are not being filled.

Catfish season has ended. The department received one bid for trout. Trout stockings will be 775 pounds per stocking, this is an increase from last year, and 1550 per derby. Derbies will be different this season. Chairman Mitchell asked if the department would be advertising the trout stockings in newspapers. Mrs. Davis responded we will post notices on Facebook and the website. The department has been posting videos of the stockings on Facebook and has received fewer complaints regarding the number of fish stocked.

Mrs. Davis went over the event list. Most events have been cancelled. One event still under consideration is the Holiday Fest at Calico. A decision will be made in about a week regarding the event. Chairman Mitchell asked if Calico would be decorated. Mrs. Davis stated the concessionaire that runs the attractions and Lanes General Store will help decorate the town. Commissioner Farrell asked what the considerations are currently for the Holiday Fest. Mrs. Davis responded we are waiting to see where we are, what tier we are in, if no change in tier by next week the event will be cancelled.

Chairman Mitchell asked if the meeting with Glen Helen Raceway had been scheduled. Mrs. Davis responded no, the staff analyst is working on scheduling the meeting.

Chairman Mitchell asked about the SART closure and grant funding. Mrs. Davis responded an update meeting is scheduled for tomorrow regarding the closure. Currently the closure between Mt. Vernon and E Street is scheduled through November 1st, we are hoping the project will be done earlier. The grant was submitted early, notification is between March and June 2021. If awarded the grant will cover the unfunded amount for SART III.

Mrs. Davis provided the following information regarding staff changes:

Ryan Isom has been appointed Interim Park Operations Chief.

Casey McPheron has been appointed Interim Administrative Supervisor.

Commissioner Farrell asked where Ryan will be working from. Mrs. Davis responded the Park Operations Chief office is at Glen Helen. Ryan will be spending most of his time at Lake Gregory.

Commissioner Farrell mentioned the Lake Gregory Community Advisory Committee. Mrs. Davis stated Supervisor Rutherford has put together the committee to work with the department regarding Lake Gregory Regional Park. Regional Parks' first meeting with the committee is on Monday. Commissioner Kreeger asked the purpose of the committee. Commissioner Farrell stated the committee is the new incarnation of the Lake Gregory Improvement Committee (LGIC). Commissioner Farrell read the mission statement to the Commission.

Mission Statement: Members of the Committee have been appointed to provide an interface between San Bernardino County Regional Parks and the broader adjacent Lake Gregory Regional Park communities.

Commissioner Farrell stated he will have more to report at the next meeting. Commissioner Kreeger stated he looks forward to hearing more.

Mrs. Davis stated the committee provides a conduit to community letting them know what the County is doing. Commissioner Farrell stated the LGIC reported monthly at the MAC meeting. Commissioner Gamache stated it appeared redundant on the surface, but he sees the community as relevant stakeholders and the committee can communicate back to community.

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

Glen Helen Raceway

Report on Lake Gregory Community Advisory Committee

9.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Stone thanked everyone for continuing to keep their facilities open as their park is one of the few public places that those at greater risk feel most comfortable being out in non-congested settings. They recently had a 94 year old visitor brought to the field by a neighbor and he was able to fly again after many years off. While most everything at Cal Poly Pomona Engineering department is still virtual there may be some building and flying that can be conducted in conjunction with some of the collegiate design, build, fly competitions being conducted virtually with video submissions. The field is available to these students when and if they need it. The club will be conducting their annual Toys for Tots on Sunday, December 6th from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. just as a collection site in order to keep everyone safe. The flying will be open but this will replace the large gathering they have done in past years.

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gamache stated everybody stay safe and healthy.

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Commissioner Kreeger stated remembering Commissioner Kinzel and the good work he did with us. He will be missed.

Commissioner Van Winkle stated echoing the same sentiments as the others regarding Commissioner Kinzel.

Commissioner Farrell stated he is missing Commissioner Kinzel. It is a huge loss for the community. Take care everybody and stay safe.

Chairman Mitchell thanked the commissioners for their energy and bringing life to the commission meetings. Chairman Mitchell stated he was stunned at the amount of things Commissioner Kinzel was involved in and a part of in the community.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**
November 18, 2020

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**
Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Van Winkle seconded by Commissioner Farrell.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.