



Regional Parks

BEAHTA R. DAVIS
Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

Held via WebEx with some commissioners present in person.

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Gamache called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:

Victoria Jones, Second District
Louis Gamache, Third District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis
Beverly Pickens

Commission Members Absent:

Doug Robertson, First District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Greg Stone, Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger
Second: Commissioner Espinoza
Minutes approved.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis distributed the event list and event flyers to the commission.

Mrs. Davis stated we are starting summer events in multiple parks. Special events are starting to come back to parks since things are loosening up. Excavate something big is a partnership with the Library at Glen Helen includes a scavenger hunt and fun activities from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in June and July. The summer events offer different programs in the parks to increase attendance; campfire programs are for campers to provide them with an additional activity. Commissioner Farrell asked if the Reptile Show will be presented by Ranger Steven from Mojave River Forks. Mrs. Davis responded no it will be presented by a vendor.

The department was not able to open the swim complex at Glen Helen due to two guards at the Lifeguard Olympics stating they were not returning for the season. The department is still accepting applications for lifeguards.

The budget was approved yesterday with \$5 million in capital improvements to Regional Parks in the budget. The department will be submitting a per capita grant application to the Board of Supervisors on June 22 for repairs and upgrades at Glen Helen. The \$5 million will be used at Glen Helen, Cucamonga Guasti, Yucaipa, and Mojave Narrows. We are extremely excited. Commissioner Mitchell asked if there was a projected plan or just ideas for the \$5 million. Mrs. Davis responded we will be finalizing plans soon. Commissioner Mitchell asked when the commission would know. Mrs. Davis stated at the next meeting.

A hiring event is scheduled on June 30th for Park Service Workers. The hiring event allows us to interview, offer and send for finger printing in the same day. Park Ranger II and Park Superintendent positions will hopefully be filled in August. Commissioner Jones asked if the positions were fulltime. Mrs. Davis responded, yes, the Park Ranger, Park Superintendent and three to four Park Service Workers are full-time. There are at least ten part-time Park Service Workers.

Mrs. Davis provided an update from the Community Workshops. Three workshops were held one for the Santa Ana River Trail, Cucamonga Guasti and Glen Helen. The workshop for Glen Helen had the most attendance. The department received a lot of good ideas from each workshop. The survey is available on the website. People are submitting surveys even if they did not attend the workshop. The department is currently working toward completing the applications. The applications are due in November.

Mrs. Davis reminded the commissioner of the Fish & Wildlife Festival online event on Facebook Saturday, June 19th.

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

None

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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Greg Stone, Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club – Flying activities continue as normal. We are hearing that the universities are planning to resume in-person activities, so the various engineering programs are expecting to return to building and testing for next year's competitive events. These usually begin ramping activities in the September and October months then continue through the spring competitions.

We are looking forward to more training activities and also a bigger Toys for kids' collection event in December.

We appreciate everyone and all the programs being offered and do our part to support educational activities.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Jones stated Top Golf is in rapid build mode. The earth movers are active, and the main frame is established. Looks like it should be ready soon. Mrs. Davis stated it is scheduled to open in March 2022. Commissioner Jones asked if Regional Parks surveyed the customers at the parks. Mrs. Davis responded some of the parks already have had surveys done. Some information is based on what we have seen and heard. The department will be using that information. One of the items will be new restroom facilities.

Commissioner Espinoza stated thank you to all of you for all you do. Commissioner Espinoza asked if the department added the special needs children information. Mrs. Davis responded yes including playground shade covering.

Commissioner Farrell stated that Lake Gregory had a successful Memorial Day Weekend. Lots of learning experiences since opening. The community is satisfied. Commissioner Farrell asked Mrs. Davis if she received the trail information he sent. Mrs. Davis responded yes, the information has been forwarded to Public Works and the repair should be complete in the next couple of weeks.

Chair Gamache thanked the commissioners for their involvement and attendance at the meeting. Looking forward to meeting in person without masks.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

July 14, 2021

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Jones seconded by Commissioner Espinoza. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.