



Regional Parks

BEAHTA R. DAVIS
Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

Held via WebEx with some commissioners present in person.

1.0 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

2.0 **ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members Present:

Doug Robertson, First District
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
Michael Jimenez
Beverly Pickens

3.0 **GUESTS/MEDIA**

Jane Hunt-Ruble, San Bernardino County resident
Adam Acosta, Fifth District Board of Supervisors

4.0 **MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

Motion: Commissioner Mitchell
Second: Commissioner Espinoza
Abstained: Commissioner Robertson and Commissioner Kreeger
Minutes approved.

5.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Santa Ana River Trail-Chairman Gamache requested this item be continued to the next meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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First District

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Vice Chair, Third District

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Fifth District

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Chief Executive Officer

6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis stated we are halfway through the summer. Glen Helen's pool is only open on weekends and will close Labor Day Weekend. Yucaipa's pool is open throughout the week except Monday through Labor Day then open weekends only through the end of September. The Canine Cool Down will be held at Yucaipa the first weekend in October. The event is a smaller version of Doggie Poolooza. The dates for the event are October 2nd and 3rd.

During the month of August, a month-long catfish derby is scheduled at Cucamonga-Guasti, Glen Helen and Mojave Narrows Regional Parks. Customers interested in participating in the derby pay the vehicle entry fee, the fishing fee, and the \$5 derby entry fee upon entering the park. August is national catfish month. The lakes are stocked weekly with catfish through September 2nd. Trout stocking will begin the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Regional Parks participated in National Night Out in Ontario. Staff enjoyed the event. The event provided the opportunity to meet members of the community and provide information regarding our facilities and events.

Several smaller community events have been held in the parks. The BMX event at Cucamonga-Guasti was well received and a lot of fun. Movies in the park and additional activities provided for campers have gone well. Please review the event list and come out to look at the events. Mrs. Davis distributed the event list to the commission.

Regional Parks in partnership with Library held events at Glen Helen Regional Park on Mondays and Wednesdays in June and July. Library summer reading program members received \$2 off entry to the park. The events went well. Regional Parks is looking forward to next summer.

Chairman Gamache stated it is good to see the event list filling up.

Mrs. Davis stated the public are contacting the office regarding holding their events at our parks. Calico Days returns in September.

Chairman Gamache asked regarding fishing if the water quality issue at the park cleared up. Mrs. Davis responded yes.

Commissioner Espinoza asked about the grant money received. Mrs. Davis responded the grant funding was approved for receipt by the Board of Supervisors yesterday. The funding is for Phase III of the Santa Ana River Trail from Waterman to California Street. Construction should begin in April 2022.

Chairman Gamache opened discussion for site visits and meeting at park locations. The meeting at park locations was a suggestion from the Grand Jury. The commission held one meeting at Mojave Narrows that was attended by one citizen. Chairman Gamache wanted to put this out to the commission for discussion. Commissioner Robertson stated he would love to meet at other locations. Chairman Gamache stated the commission has

held site visits in the past. The meeting at Mojave Narrows included a site visit before the commission meeting. Commissioner Espinoza asked where the meetings would be held would it be at the parks or different locations in the districts. Mrs. Davis responded the meetings would be held in the Regional Parks. Commissioner Espinoza stated she is all for it. It would be great. Commissioner Jones stated she thinks it is a great idea to do site visits on our own because of the pandemic, it would be hard to do as a group until sometime in the future due to the pandemic. Commissioner Kreeger stated the park visits are fantastic and an integral part of learning more about the park system. Commissioner Kreeger stated he agrees with Commissioner Jones and suggested to table this for 3 to 4 months and discuss again. Commissioner Espinoza asked what the difference between this meeting now with four of us here and meeting at the park. Mrs. Davis responded we could hold the meeting at a park but would not have the WebEx alternative. Chairman Gamache stated that sounds like a reasonable threshold, remote location meetings dependent on in person format. Mrs. Davis stated everyone would have to drive their own vehicle to the meeting location to ensure social distancing. In the past we have provided transportation in a county vehicle. Chairman Gamache stated to table the discussion for a couple of months.

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

Commissioner Kreeger requested an update on the Lake Gregory vendor and if new services, such as camping will be added. Commissioner Farrell suggested inviting Nathan to the meeting. Mrs. Davis stated she would reach out to Steve Garcia regarding the request to determine who would provide the update. Commissioner Farrell stated he thinks camping is a long-term goal. We have had really good turn out up here.

Commissioner Mitchell requested an update on Top Golf, what is happening there, how it is coming along. Mrs. Davis stated she would provide an update at the next meeting with specific dates. Commissioner Mitchell asked if photos of what is going on could be included. Mrs. Davis responded she would have photos at the next meeting.

Commissioner Farrell asked about providing public access to the commission meeting remotely. Mrs. Davis responded the public is able to attend the meeting in person.

Discussion was held regarding the three-minute time limit for public speakers.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jane Hunt-Ruble stated she is a former Trails Committee member and lives in Muscoy. She attends the Planning Commission meetings and the Board of Supervisors meetings. Her focus is the Lytle/Cajon wash area. Ms. Hunt-Ruble stated she filled out the application for the Trails Committee and submitted the application to Supervisor Baca, she has not heard anything more about the Trails Committee. Ms. Hunt-Ruble stated one of the first things she did when she was on the committee was to change the name of the Trails and Greenways committee to Trails and Open Space. Ms. Hunt-Ruble shared the expanded opens space element from the 1990 General Plan and a map from 1990 Open Space when they were doing the General Plan with the commission.

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Greg Stone, Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club – We are actively working on our Toys for Kids fun fly and collection event in December. We also plan to collect toys during the week before the event. We are ready to support the college engineering program design, build, fly activities as they resume this fall.

We appreciate everyone's support and continue to do our part to support educational activities.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Robertson stated National Night Out was held in Apple Valley and Hesperia. The events were well attended, good to see the event back and people coming out to participate. Commissioner Robertson stated a friend caught three catfish at Yucaipa and was excited. His friend went back the next day and the lake was closed for stocking, he has been back the entire week since then he hasn't caught any fish since the stocking. He is enjoying himself.

Commissioner Jones stated she participated in the Ontario National Night Out. It was her first participation with the county, shared information with people who weren't aware of the services and parks we have. Thank you for allowing me to participate.

Commissioner Kreeger stated he appreciated everyone being here today, keep up the good work with staff. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person very soon.

Commissioner Espinoza stated it's nice to see more commissioners here. It's nice to be here. Commissioner Espinoza stated she wants to learn even more to be able to ask more questions.

Commissioner Mitchell thanked everyone for being here and thanked Beahta for the reports that we get.

Commissioner Farrell stated he is interested in meeting at the parks in person and be able to meet outside. I think it's a great idea and look forward to that.

Chair Gamache thanked everyone for another productive meeting. Great to see commissioners in person. Get out and see parks soon, dependent on the pandemic. Stay healthy and take care.

Commissioner Espinoza stated we all keep mentioning the pandemic and need to stay positive and keep going.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:** September 8, 2021

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Mitchell seconded by Commissioner Robertson. Motion carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.