



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Gamache called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:

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
Victoria Jones, Second District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger
Second: Commissioner Farrell
Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Co-marketing partnerships with adjacent cities – continued to January meeting.
American Rescue Plan Act funds – continued to January meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Meetings at other locations – Chair Gamache opened the item for discussion. Commissioner Kreeger stated it is a good idea, not every month, maybe quarterly. Commissioner Farrell stated it is valuable for new members to see the parks. Chair Gamache stated there are concerns with the new developments with the pandemic. Commissioner Espinoza stated we are out and about now and take precautions everywhere we go, why wouldn't we take the same precautions. Being a new commissioner it would be nice to see other parks. Commissioner Farrell stated there are two concepts the tour (a two-day trip) and going to the parks to make ourselves available to residents near the parks. Visiting a park would be valuable. Chair Gamache stated a logistical concern is we would not be able to carpool. Commissioner Kreeger stated we should not ask staff to coordinate our transportation at this point. I am very interested in seeing Cucamonga Guasti and what is going on with Top Golf. Chair Gamache suggested Spring during the second quarter meeting somewhere in the valley. Commissioner Farrell stated February or March for Cucamonga Guasti. Ms. Davis suggested Cucamonga Guasti to see Top Golf since it is the project closest to being completed. Chair Gamache suggested March or April. Mrs. Davis stated if the commission wants to see inside Top Golf maybe a little later would be best. Mrs. Davis stated she will check with Real Estate Services regarding meeting at Top Golf. Commissioner Farrell stated before COVID hit we were interested in a real tour. Chair Gamache suggested revisiting the tour in April.

6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis stated Holiday Fest at Calico had almost double the attendance from 2019. IT was a great time; Santa Claus was there. The formal report will be available at the January meeting. Holiday Fest is a family fun event. It was great to see families in the park enjoying themselves and playing games. A blogger attended Holiday Fest; the blog is available on our website. California Days is a new event at Calico on President's Day weekend. Mrs. Davis distributed the California Days flyer to the commission. The event will over California history, planning for the event is almost complete.

Staff updates – Mrs. Davis stated the department is waiting for lists for the following positions: Deputy Director, Staff Analyst, Assistant Superintendent for Glen Helen, Recreation Coordinator and Park Services Worker. Pool Manager and lifeguard positions are open for recruitment. Two Park Ranger II positions were filled at Calico and Mojave Narrows.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting yesterday the sunset of the Trails Committee was approved. The responsibilities of the Trails Committee will be brought to the Advisory Commission. Mrs. Davis stated she will be reviewing the commission guidelines and possibly amending them to reflect those responsibilities. Commissioner Farrell asked the reason for the decision to sunset the committee. Mrs. Davis responded the committee has not meet since 2013.

Additional items approved by the Board of Supervisors yesterday the agreement for Battle for the Ring at Prado.

Capital Projects approved by the Board of Supervisors
Prado new gatehouse/entry monument

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Glen Helen asphalt repair and design.

Glen Helen demolition of both waterslides and replacement with something new.

Lake Gregory removal of dead trees will start next Monday depending on the weather.

Prado environmental assessment. Commissioner Kreeger asked how long the assessment process would take and which area of the park. Mrs. Davis responded she was not sure how long the assessment would take; the assessment is of the park proper under lease with the Corps of Engineers.

Per Capita Grant approximately \$4.3 million for Glen Helen includes expanding the splash pad within the swim facility, restroom replacement, renovation of two shelters, pump room roof replacement, entry monument sign, small bridge repair and new shade cover for pool pavilion.

Commissioner Kreeger asked a procedural question – Should we be discussing projects before they go to the Board for approval so we can help lobby the Board? I think this question might have come up before. Mrs. Davis responded during the process we talk with the Supervisors regarding the projects, it depends on the Supervisor, the current process is we work with the Supervisor ahead of time. Chair Gamache stated the Commission is not a decision-making body, we review and comment. Commissioner Kreeger asked how do we review and comment on something that has already been approved? Commissioner Espinoza stated I understand it that I am here to update. Commissioner Mitchell stated that is advisory instead of advising we are being told. Commissioner Mitchell stated it did get away from us and we brought it back and let it get away from us again. Discussion was held on the purpose of the Advisory Commission. Chair Gamache asked is that something that you can focus on bringing projects to the Commission earlier. Mrs. Davis responded she will have to check.

Commissioner Kreeger asked if certificates would be presented to the remaining Trails Committee members. Mrs. Davis responded she would look into it.

Commissioner Farrell asked what type of issues about trails and how will they come to the commission. Mrs. Davis responded the main issues have been with the Santa Ana River Trail, keeping the commission abreast with maintenance and construction, what things are looking like for funding. Mrs. Davis stated at the Cucamonga Creek Trail an OHV broke the gate so they could access the trail. Staff consistently repair the gate. The trails in Yucaipa are usually well maintained by Crafton Hills Conservancy. Commissioner Farrell asked if a report on current trails could be included for next month.

Chair Gamache asked if the guidelines could be resent to the commission members.

Commissioner Kreeger asked if there was a Junior Ranger program at the parks. Mrs. Davis responded not at this time; it is one of the future programs I would like to implement once we are fully staffed.

Commissioner Farrell asked when the budget process starts. Mrs. Davis responded the budget process starts soon. Is that something we discuss or review? Chair Gamache asked what the ramifications of bringing a draft budget to the commission. Mrs. Davis

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responded there is a vetting process we go through, there could be some concerns, she would check. Commissioner Kreeger stated in the past they received an update on CIP's that included the projects we are working on, the projects we are proposing and projects we are hoping to do.

Mrs. Davis stated an RFP for new concessions at all park facilities has been released for new partners and programs for the facilities. Commissioner Kreeger asked if the department was looking for one vendor or piecing it out. Mrs. Davis responded all of the above.

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

Chair Gamache reminded the members that the election of chair and vice chair would take place in January.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Greg Stone, Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club – We held our Toys for Kids fun fly and collection this past Sunday, December 5th. While attendance was still less that we hoped for we collected 104 toys and had cash donation of \$1,598. Overall we estimate the total contribution at about \$3,600 to the San Bernardino County Children's Fund. Mrs. Davis stated it was a nice event.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Farrell stated have a very happy holiday.

Commissioner Kreeger stated thank you for everyone's comments.

Commissioner Espinoza stated she wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Mitchell stated Happy Holidays.

Chair Gamache stated Commissioner Jones apologized for not being here and wished everyone Happy Holidays. Chair Gamache stated Happy Holidays, please be safe, look forward to seeing you in January.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

January 12, 2022

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.