



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

2.0 ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff:

Casey McPheron
Michael Jimenez
Beverly Pickens

Commission Members Absent:

Doug Robertson, First District
Louis Gamache, Third District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – January 12, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Jones
Second: Commissioner Farrell
Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. McPheron stated Mrs. Davis apologizes for not being here today. She is home sick.

Co-marketing partnerships – Mrs. McPheron stated there was no update, we feel these meetings are best conducted in person. We are waiting to get those meetings

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rescheduled. Mrs. McPheron distributed examples of the new marketing for Regional Parks to the commission.

Vice Chair Kreeger stated whoever is updating Facebook is doing a good job updating getting pictures when big fish are caught. Mrs. McPheron stated that is Tammy Gann, she has helped a lot with our social media and getting those images.

American Rescue Plan Act funds- Mrs. McPheron stated we are currently working with the CAO's office identifying projects.

Commissioner Farrell asked the source of the funding for projects at Lake Gregory that was approved at the last Board of Supervisors meeting. Mrs. McPheron responded the funding was from the General Fund, it is part of the \$5 million for the capital improvement projects.

6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. McPheron distributed the flyer for California Days. We have been working hard to complete our contracts. We have a fantastic lineup for the event and are charging the normal fee instead of the festival fee since this is a new event. The event will have games, entertainment, crafts, musical performances, gun fighters and a chili cook-off. It promises to be a great weekend showcasing the history of California including the pony express and mining history. There are several mining companies that are sponsoring the event, they are listed on the flyer. They will be at the event with some displays and mining exhibits. Commissioner Jones asked about social distancing or mask requirements since it was not mentioned on the flyer. Mrs. McPheron stated it is encouraged that masks be worn; the tables are spaced to allow for social distancing at the park. Vice Chair Kreeger stated the mask mandate in California ends on February 15th. Mrs. McPheron stated we are highly recommending that masks be worn.

Vice Chair Kreeger asked for an update on Top Golf. Mrs. McPheron stated it is doing great, planning to open in March. The department is starting to realize revenue from the venue. Vice Chair Kreeger stated the commission would like an onsite visit to the facility. Commissioner Espinoza asked if Vice Chair Kreeger had driven by the facility. Vice Chair Kreeger responded, yes. Commissioner Jones asked if the March date was the grand opening or the actual opening date to the public. Mrs. McPheron stated she is not sure and would check into it. Vice Chair Kreeger asked if the commission would be invited to the grand opening. Several commissioners expressed interest in attending the grand opening. Mrs. McPheron responded we would check in to it.

Mrs. McPheron provided the following staff updates. Interviews were held for the Deputy Director position. Second interviews have been scheduled with a couple of candidates. The Staff Analyst starts on Monday. Interviews for the Assistant Park Superintendent at Prado were held this week. Interviews for the Recreation Coordinator are scheduled for next week. Currently waiting on a list for General Services Workers. There is an ongoing recruitment for lifeguards and pool managers.

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Commissioner Jones asked if the parks received any damage from the recent Santa Ana winds. Mrs. McPheron responded Regional Parks received no massive damage, there were reports from several of the parks of some downed tree limbs. We were very fortunate. Vice Chair Kreeger asked about Lake Gregory, with the new concessionaire, who is responsible for the trees. Mrs. McPheron stated the County contracted to have all the dead trees removed, going forward the concessionaire will continue tree maintenance. Commission members asked if there was any damage at Lake Gregory. Mrs. McPheron stated they haven't reported any damages. Mr. Jimenez stated we met with them last week; they are very quick to tell us what is going on.

Commissioner Mitchell asked about Camp Switzerland and if an update could be included at the next meeting. Mrs. McPheron responded it is part of the lease area with the concessionaire to develop plans for the area. Mr. Jimenez stated we are in the process of getting quotes for infrastructure improvements. We can bring back a full report at the next meeting. Mrs. McPheron stated most of the buildings have been demolished and the area has been leveled off.

Commissioner Farrell stated one of the biggest projects for the community is the ballfield. Commissioner Mitchell asked about tree growth on the dam, have the trees been put on the dam. Commissioner Farrell stated there is a project in the community to create restrooms, one was a request to put one on the dam, there was strong resistance from the Division of Safety and Dams. Commissioner Farrell stated the concessionaire had a successful year and the community is happy.

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

Co-marketing partnerships
American Rescue Plan Act Funds
Lake Gregory/Camp Switzerland update

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Jones apologized for not being at the last couple of meetings. Commissioner Jones thanked Beverly Pickens for her work and wished her a wonderful retirement.

Commissioner Espinoza stated it was nice to see Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Espinosa wished Beverly Pickens lots of luck, enjoy it and have fun for all of us.

Commissioner Farrell stated it was good to see everyone.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he had Beverly Pickens check his appointment dates for the commissions. Commissioner Mitchell stated he has been on the Advisory Commission for 12 years and before the commission 7 years on the Trails Commission. He has worked with Beverly Pickens for 19 years. She has seen a lot of changes in staff and been there through the storms. She has had information when requested or responded in a

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reasonable amount of time. Due diligence to her job and her position to the County. I am going to miss her.

Vice Chair Kreeger thanked Beverly Pickens as well and wished her the absolute best. Vice Chair Kreeger thanked Mrs. McPheron.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

March 9, 2022

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.