



## Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

**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

Staff:

Casey McPheron  
Michael Jimenez  
Tammy Gann  
Beverly Pickens

Commission Members Absent:

Doug Robertson, First District  
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

**3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA**

Jeff Sorenson, 4<sup>th</sup> District Board of Supervisors  
Jane Hunt-Ruble, San Bernardino County resident

**4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger  
Second: Commissioner Jones  
Minutes approved.

**5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. McPheron provided the number of participants for the month-long catfish derby. There was a total of 243 participants: Cucamonga Guasti 89, Glen Helen 71, and Mojave Narrows 83. The derby was well received, and participants were happy.

Mrs. McPheron distributed the event list to the commission and went over the events listed. Regional Parks participated in Supervisor Hagman's open house. The department participated in Spooky Science with the Museum. The video is available on the website. Calico Days was a big success and well attended. Ghost Haunt is coming up at Calico the last two weekends in October. Holiday Fest is coming up in November at Calico. There are a couple of dog shows coming up at Cucamonga Guasti. Commissioner Mitchell asked if Calico was decorated the entire month of October. Mrs. McPheron responded we are currently working on decorating the town. There should be some decorations up already. Commissioner Mitchell stated in the past the shops decorated and there was a competition. Will this happen this year? Mrs. McPheron stated this is not happening this year based on feedback from the concessionaires. Commissioner Mitchell asked if we could ask the concessionaires to step up to the plate for next year for the decorating competition. Do we have the right to ask? Mrs. McPheron responded yes. Some concessionaires are decorating this year. We just didn't implement the competition this year. Regional Parks developed a partnership with one of the concessionaires to assist with decorating the town this year. Mrs. McPheron stated we are trying to bring back the haunt experience.

Mrs. McPheron distributed the flyer for Ghost Haunt to the commission.

Commissioner Mitchell asked about the Sheriff's Rodeo at Glen Helen and if the event happened, the commission didn't receive information about it in advance. Mrs. McPheron stated the rodeo was the weekend of September 24<sup>th</sup>. Normally we receive a flyer for the event but didn't receive one this year. It is an annual event, and the last contract was for three years. The grounds are on park land and we lease the area to the rodeo.

Chair Gamache asked about the algae bloom at Yucaipa. Mrs. McPheron responded it is at a caution level which allows the pedal boats to be rented and fishing.

Commissioner Mitchell asked about the Southwest Bluegrass Association event at Mojave Narrows that was listed on the event list. Mrs. McPheron responded it is an association camping event, not a bluegrass event.

Commissioner Kreeger asked about the status of Top Golf. Mrs. McPheron stated a walkthrough of the site was held yesterday. Construction should be completed in February 2022 with opening scheduled in March 2022. They are making a lot of progress. Commissioner Mitchell asked if the commission could have a flyer with the architectural design. Mrs. McPheron stated that there is a coming soon sign posted in front of the construction site. Commissioner Kreeger stated there was a rendering at the State of the County showing the site. Mrs. McPheron stated they were videoing at the walkthrough yesterday, once that is released on the County website, we can pull the information and share the video with the commission.

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

Commissioner Jones requested water usage/rates charged for water and contingency plan for restrictions on usage be included on the next agenda.

Chair Gamache requested an update on staffing and recruitment.

Chair Gamache requested on behalf of Commissioners Mitchell and Kreeger including possible co-marketing partnerships.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jane Hunt-Ruble stated she likes attending these meetings. Ms. Hunt-Ruble asked who runs the amphitheater at Glen Helen. Mrs. McPheron responded we have a lease with Live Nation. Ms. Hunt-Ruble shared the 1990 expanded Open Space and Trail element of the San Bernardino County General Plan. Ms. Hunt-Ruble shared an Open Space Plan Map with the commission.

Jeff Sorenson stated Top Golf looks fantastic. They will be publishing photos. They are looking at a March opening. Looking good for usage. They will be opening a Top Golf in El Segundo shortly after ours opens. Chair Gamache asked Mr. Sorenson for an update on FOR Parks. Mr. Sorenson stated they are on a hiatus. FOR Parks is really hurting for members. Currently the members are retired and current San Bernardino County employees. FOR Parks does fundraising events to help the parks. FOR Parks is a listed charity on the County's combined giving.

Greg Stone, Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club – We are still on target for our Toys for Kids fun fly and collection event scheduled for Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We will also collect toys during the week before the event. We want to extend an invitation to everyone to visit if you are in the area to see firsthand what we do. We notified the college engineering programs design, build, fly activities that the flying field is open and available for them to test their aircraft when ready. AIAA has issued the build and flight parameters for this year's competition, so the colleges are starting to assemble their teams. We appreciate everyone's support and continue to do our part to support educational activities.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Jones thanked staff for doing a great job and carrying the load. Thank you.

Commissioner Kreeger stated he was happy to be here and is so happy things are opening up. Commissioner Kreeger stated he had to cancel his reservation for camping at Yucaipa. Looking forward to getting back out to the parks to camp and see what is going on. There is a line for fishing in the morning at Prado. He is looking forward to Top Golf opening.

Commissioner Espinoza stated staff does a wonderful job. It is nice to see a room full of commissioners.

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Commissioner Mitchell stated it is nice to see Commissioner Kreeger in person with us. Everyone was missed. Grateful to see we are on task to get back to regular events that we missed out on over the last year and a half.

Chair Gamache stated he echoed his fellow commissioners' comments. The pandemic seems to have gone from an emergency to more of a nuisance. Looking forward to more events.

Chair Gamache asked the commissioners to please communicate to Beverly if you cannot attend the meeting. Please be respectful of fellow commissioners and staff time.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**  
November 10, 2021

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**  
Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kreeger seconded by Commissioner Espinoza. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.