

# **Regional Parks**

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Director

# MINUTES SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION 2:30 P.M. Wednesday, March 8, 2023

#### 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:
Rory Shannon, First District
Anahi Perez, Second District
Louis Gamache, Third District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Staff:
Beahta Davis
Heather Placencia

<u>Commission Members Absent:</u> Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

#### 3.0 **GUESTS/MEDIA**

Victoria Jones

# 4.0 **REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger Second: Commissioner Mitchell

Minutes approved

#### 5.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS:

Regional Park staff purchased 55 trail signs for the completed area of the Santa Ana River Trail, for approximately \$3000. Mrs. Davis stated Regional Parks is working on an agreement with Cal Poly Pomona for students to GPS the trails inside the parks, starting with Prado Regional Park. Signage will be posted at Prado Regional Park regarding the concerns of the wild boar recently seen in the area.

## 6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis provided an update on special events occurring throughout Regional Parks. These events included Plant a Flower, Campfire Stories and S'mores, Spring Break

Camp, Environmental Science Camp, No Bake Pie, Glow in the Dark Games, and the Easter. All the parks will have Easter egg hunts and Easter Bunnies to celebrate Easter. Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for May 13, 2023 at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park.

California Days at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park was extremely successful. Fishing with Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. had over 100 children and their families in attendance for the fishing workshop.

Regional Parks Recreation Coordinator has submitted her resignation. The hiring process has started for her replacement.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he saw California Days on three different news channels before the event. Mrs. Davis explained Regional Parks' Communication Officer works closely with the Communication Department to assure the events are publicized.

Mrs. Davis went over the recent Board Agenda Items that were approved by the Board of Supervisors. This consisted of the Lineman's Rodeo for Prado Regional Park and sponsorship donations from mining companies and Raising Canes for California Days. Regional Parks is also working with the mining companies to update the museums at Calico Ghost Town. A Capital Improvement Project was approved for a Wi-Fi Project at Prado Regional Park. The items going before Board of Supervisor approval at the next meeting are a grant application for Coastal Conservancy for Santa Ana River Trail Section 4-A and approval to access funds for Glen Helen Amphitheater repairs.

Commissioner Kreeger inquired about the storm damages inside of the park. Mrs. Davis explained there are some damages at Lake Gregory Regional Park, but the assessments are not complete. Mrs. Davis will update the Commission at the April meeting.

## 7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Victoria Jones welcomed Commissioner Perez to the Advisory Commission. She thanked the Commission and staff. She inquired about the Deputy Director position and Mrs. Davis reported the Department will be continuing the interview process. Mrs. Jones read a document she prepared for the Advisory Commission. Chair Gamache thanked Mrs. Jones for her service.

### 8.0 COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS BY TITLE FOR NEXT MEETING

Continue Trails Discussion
Selection of Commission Vice-Chair

# 9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commission Mitchell thanked Mrs. Jones for serving on the Commission and stated he is looking forward to her visiting more of the Commission meetings.

Commissioner Shannon thanked Mrs. Jones for her service on the Commission.

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Commissioner Espinoza thanked Mrs. Jones for her service and stated she is sure their paths will cross again.

Commissioner Perez is looking forward with working with the Commission and thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

Commissioner Kreeger welcomed Commission Perez to the Commission. He thanked Mrs. Jones for being such a great asset to the Commission.

Chair Gamache thanked Mrs. Jones for her enthusiasm and her input. He looks forward to having more trail discussions. He feels this is a positive direction for the community to increase their awareness of connectivity.

## 10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

April 12, 2023 will commence at Glen Helen Regional Park located at 2555 Glen Helen Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407

Mrs. Davis stated the Glen Helen Regional Park Commission tour will begin at 11:00 am and the meeting will be held at 2:30 pm under the Coyote Shelter. Mrs. Placencia will be contacting the Commissioners for their lunch orders.

#### 11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Perez seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 P.M.