



Regional Parks

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**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

2.0 ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:

Thurston Smith, First District
Anahi Perez, Second District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Behta Davis
José Cañedo
Heather Placencia

Commission Members Absent:

Louis Gamache, Third District
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Smith
Second: Commissioner Mitchell
Abstain: Commissioner Kreeger
Commissioner Perez

Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRAILS:

The Permit to Enter with Cal State Poly Pomona is executed and should be starting their GIS work at Prado Regional Park in the Spring.

A small inaccessible portion of the SART Phase III trail is completed.

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DEPARTMENT FEE REVIEW:

Mrs. Davis presented the proposed fee changes for the department. These changes will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval to take effect in May 2024. With the new swim facilities at Glen Helen Regional Park, the Glen Helen swim fees will match the Yucaipa swim fees at \$12 daily and \$17 for holidays. The reservation service fees for camping will be raised to \$10.00. A pet deposit fee will be added for cabins, bunk houses, and RV experience rentals. This deposit will help pay for the cleaning and damages.

It is proposed to add additional camping fees to make the fees equal throughout the park system. During the weekdays an additional \$5.00 is proposed and during the weekends an additional \$10.00 is proposed. Cabins at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park are proposed to increase by \$10.00 a night and a holiday two-night minimum added. Commissioner Kreeger expressed that the raised fees are still reasonable.

Commissioner Mitchell expressed his concerns regarding the camping area at Glen Helen Regional Park. Mrs. Davis stated there will be improved maintenance throughout all the parks with the additional staff. This will also assist in increasing park hours starting in July 2024 and Mojave Narrows Regional Park opening seven days a week. There are also discussions on Calico Ghost Town Regional Park being open in the evening on Friday and Saturday nights starting in Fall 2024.

Commissioner Kreeger stated he would like to see the camping area located inside of Glen Helen Regional Park instead of across the street. Ms. Davis stated there is a Master Plan in process for this park. The campground will be assessed as part of this project.

Mrs. Davis will be emailing the Commissioners a summary of the fee changes and asked them to contact her if they have any questions or concerns.

DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Mrs. Davis presented the 60th anniversary patches and diamond stress balls to each Commissioner. The new ranger badge was also presented to the Commission.

Regional Parks is working with ITD to implement a new Point of Sale System. This system will be piloted at Yucaipa Regional Park beginning in the spring of 2024. This system will allow patrons to pay for gate and swim facility prior to arrival, assist in alleviating lines for special events, and improve statistical information.

The Wi-Fi project is in the Request for Proposal process. Regional Parks is awaiting the results. Mrs. Davis will provide an update at the next meeting.

Mrs. Davis went over current projects within Regional Parks. Prado Regional Park's playground should be completed in February 2024 and the splashpad 6 months later. The splashpad and barn and corrals at Mojave Narrows Regional Park are still in the design stages. Mrs. Davis met with the State to discuss the wells at Mojave Narrows Regional Park. The State will be researching the files for historical information. Mrs. Davis will provide an update at the January Commission meeting.

Mrs. Davis provided a Winter Program schedule to the Commissioners. This schedule included S'mores and Madlibs at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park, Candy Cane Hunt at Mojave Narrows Regional Park, Movie Night at Prado Regional Park, Snowflake Painting at Glen Helen Regional Park, and Hot Chocolate and Crafts at Yucaipa Regional Park.

Commissioner Kreeger inquired about the status of the Prado Master Plan. Mrs. Davis stated Regional Parks is working on an update to the Master Plan.

7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Continue Trails Discussion

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Smith expressed his concerns regarding the fencing at Mojave Narrows Regional Park. Mrs. Davis stated Regional Parks will investigate a partnership with Fish and Wildlife and BSNF railroad to address this concern. She will provide an update at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Smith inquired about business cards. Mrs. Placencia will order business cards. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he is grateful for the last 15 years of being on the commission and appreciates Mrs. Davis's leadership which has brought a dynamic difference in the parks over the time she has been here. It has been wonderful being a part of it and he is thankful.

Commissioner Kreeger apologized for missing the previous meeting.

Commissioner Perez stated she was sad she missed the site visit at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vice Chair Espinoza stated she is excited about the new changes within the Regional Parks and is happy that Mrs. Davis is here for the wellbeing of our town and County. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

January 10, 2024

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 P.M.