



Regional Parks

BEAHTA R. DAVIS

Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

1.0 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Gamache called the meeting to order at 2:31 P.M.

2.0 **ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members Present:

Rory Shannon, First District
Victoria Jones, Second District
Louis Gamache, Third District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District

Staff:

Beahta R. Davis
Heather Placencia

Commission Members Absent:

Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

3.0 **GUESTS/MEDIA**

None

4.0 **REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2022**

Chairman Gamache proposed a change to page 2, paragraph 2 on the Advisory Commission minutes where he called a point of order when two commissioners were speaking concurrently. He proposed an option strike the notation or add clarification to his point of order.

Commissioner Kreeger motioned to strike the point of order from the July 13, 2022 Advisory Commission minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger

Second: Commissioner Jones

Minutes approved with the adoption of above changes.

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5.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS:

Mrs. Davis presented a trails informational binder to the Commission. She stated park staff members worked together in the creation of the binder. The binder contains trail maps, descriptions, and photographs of various sections of trails taken by park staff members. Mrs. Davis stated the trails at Lake Gregory and Big Morongo Preserve were not included in this binder; however, we will provide the information at an upcoming meeting. Commissioner Jones thanked staff for the information. Mrs. Davis suggested the Commissioners review the information and contact Mrs. Placencia with any questions at least two weeks before the next Commission meeting.

Chairman Gamache said the trail information is what the Commission was requesting, and the first step is to quantify the trails inside of parks. Chairman Gamache suggested that the Commissioners provide Mrs. Placencia with the questions as early as possible to assist park staff in providing the answers at the Commission meeting in September.

Commissioner Farrell requested the following information to be provided at the September Commission meeting.

- Identify trails as a multi-use trail or a single-use trail.
- Identify the amount of usage of each trail and/or how remote it is
- Staff recommendations on what individual trails should be focused on first.

6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

The pools are open during the weekend with Labor Day being the last day. During the last four weeks, 30-60 participants have attended each activity held by Regional Parks Staff, with Yucaipa and Mojave Narrows Regional Parks being most populated. Karen Stevenson will be instructing an exercise class called POUND at several of the parks in the fall. Movies in the Park is continuing with a scary movie showing at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park the night before Ghost Haunt. Mrs. Davis stated there has been a rise in participants from different communities attending activities outside of their neighborhood. This is attributed to social media announcements and participants attending activities at different locations. Mrs. Davis also stated the camp host program is in the County's approval process.

Chairman Gamache inquired about the Santa Ana River Trail progress. Mrs. Davis stated Regional Parks is seeking additional funding. Mrs. Davis provided an update on the Friends of Regional Parks and stated they are providing funding for dog waste stations and fishing lines.

7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

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

Continue trails discussion

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Kreeger thanked park staff for the trail information. He particularly liked that staff took the photographs to assist in the process.

Commissioner Jones also thanked the staff for the trail information. Commissioner Jones shared an Inland Empire magazine article about Regional Parks. She thanked Mrs. Davis for the great publication. Mrs. Davis explained Regional Parks advertise in numerous magazines, including some out of the country and will provide a list to the Commissioners at the next meeting. The Commissioners also had positive remarks about the rebranding of Regional Parks.

Commissioner Espinoza thanked Regional Parks for the informational binder.

Commissioner Shannon stated the binders are a good start. He would like to eventually see a map for public use.

Commissioner Farrell inquired about Regional Parks contacting local schools. Mrs. Davis stated Regional Parks is planning Environmental Science Camp from January through May 2023. Teachers will have the option to choose from multiple Regional Park locations.

Commissioner Espinoza inquired about programs Regional Parks offers for special needs. Mrs. Davis stated any special needs child are welcome to participate in any programs that are offered. Mrs. Davis stated if there is a specific request or accommodation regarding a special needs child, they should contact Mrs. Placencia or Ms. Stevenson.

Commissioner Gamache thanked Regional Parks for taking the time to assist the Commission. He looks forward in continuing with the plan for the trails.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**
September 14, 2022

Commissioner Shannon will not be in attendance at the September meeting.

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 P.M.