



Regional Parks

BEAHTA R. DAVIS

Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, April 13, 2022**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Called the meeting to order at 2:32 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
Louis Gamache, Third District
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Staff:
Beahta Davis
Michael Jimenez
Mary Sheehan

Commission Members Absent:
Doug Robertson, First District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Jane Hunt-Ruble

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – March 9, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger
Second: Commissioner Jones
Minutes approved – With 1 Abstention Commissioner Farrell

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5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GUIDELINES– Commissioner Farrell, expressed he has no additional comments to add, and is good with the discussion from last meeting.

The resignation letter from Doug Roberson was read by Mrs. Davis. The new Commissioner for the First District should be approved by the next meeting.

6.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Mrs. Davis provided an overview of the Department's FY22-23 budget request. Included in the overview were the following new programs, software program that will enable staff to address maintenance concerns in real time, specialized watercraft to be used for weed abatement, and new pilot kayak rental program at Mojave Narrows.

A new landscaping contract has been approved. In May, the Mariposa Company will take over the landscaping at our regional parks. We expect that this company will be able to better address landscaping concerns at our facilities. The Department has also implemented additional security to assist with after hour night fishing and other security concerns reported by campers. Mr. Farrell inquired about safety concerns with the kayak program. Mrs. Davis responded that there will be a boat patrol and life vests will be required. Mr. Farrell also inquired about the equipment to implement the software program. Mrs. Davis responded that cell phones were approved for program implementation.

Mrs. Davis went over current C.I.P projects. The following projects are completed: Calico Pizza Garden, Cucamonga Guasti Fishing Dock, Swim Facility Entry at Yucaipa, Asphalt-Phase I, and Access Path to Mallard Shelter at Prado. The following projects are still in progress: Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park office renovations, Asphalt-Phase II, Waterslide, Splash Pad, Restroom and picnic shelter renovations at Glen Helen, and new entry gate/monument, RV campground infrastructure upgrades, new restrooms/showers at Prado. Commissioner Farrell stated the report looks great, lots of great projects. Commissioner Gamache asked about the past fishing issue at Guasti and Mrs. Davis stated that has been resolved and there have been no further issues.

Mrs. Davis passed out new maps for our parks to be passed out at the front gates. The Department partnered with I.S.D to create new maps of all parks.

Mrs. Davis stated that the Top Golf opening was a successful and that the Commissioners who could attend enjoyed it.

Mrs. Davis gave an update on the wagon refurbishing questions from the last meeting. The Department continues to explore options to repair and encase the wagons to protect them from the weather. There is a high cost to ship wagons to the vendor who is able to repair them. Commissioner Gamache stated he would be interested to see if there is a

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way to seek public donations or outside support. Mrs. Davis reported that staff will research possible fund-raising efforts and report back to the Commission.

There are no additional updates on the Yorba Slaughter Adobe House at this time. Mrs. Davis stated Regional Parks is working with the Museums and will provide an update in the future. Commissioner Mitchell stated he is concerned about the items located inside the Adobe House.

Mrs. Davis provided a staffing update. The new Executive Secretary will start on 4/25/22 and will be introduced at the next meeting. The new Recreation Coordinator has started in her new position and has already been doing a great job. Park Ranger positions at Glen Helen and Yucaipa and Park Superintendent opening at Prado have opened and are in the process of being filled. The new Assistant Park Superintendent has started his position at Prado Regional Park. The Deputy Director position remains open. Interviews are scheduled in May.

During the Hiring event held on April 9, 2022 multiple Park Service Worker and Lifeguard positions were filled. Lifeguard hiring is currently in process and the Department continues to work with Human Resources using an expedited process that allows candidates to be processed faster. Commissioner Mitchell asked Mrs. Davis about seniors being hired or if there has been any feedback. Mrs. Davis said that we continue to be open to seniors coming on board, but we have not had any candidates in this age group.

Mrs. Davis stated the parks are ready for Easter and that at each park the patrons will be greeted by the Easter bunny at the front gates from 8 – 11 am.

Mrs. Davis will give an update on the Swim Facilities during the next meeting. At this time inspections are in process and pool prep and maintenance concerns are being addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

One speaker spoke about Lytle Creek and the habitat in the area.

7.0 COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mitchell addressed the Top Golf facility and discussed the possibility of a walkway connecting the Guasti Park to Top Golf which is now fenced off and closed to foot traffic. Commissioner Gamache requested this discussion be moved to the next meeting during the Director's report for clarification.

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Commissioner Farrell asked if we have cameras at the parks facilities to help with security, Mrs. Davis responded yes, and in-person security will be an additional enforcement deterring any unauthorized activity after hours.

Commissioner Espinoza stated the C.I.P projects were great.

Commissioner Jones requested the Administration moving update. Mrs. Davis stated we were on course to move in July. She thanked Mrs. Davis for the Top Golf grand opening event and would be interested in finding out about accessibility between Guasti Park and Top Gold as well. She has visited the Prado Park and had a great experience with staff there and enjoyed the Tour by Interim Park Superintendent Jaime Munoz. She spoke to park patrons, and they had good things to say to her as well. Mrs. Davis reported that Prado Park is April's Park of the Month.

Commissioner Kreeger stated that Top Golf is a great facility. He sees the benefit of keeping access to the park from there closed off due to safety concerns. He does not see the two connecting being feasible at this time. He also thanked Mrs. Davis for the Budget overview.

Commissioner Gamache stated he is also glad to see the under Mrs. Davis's leadership that employee's enthusiasm increased.

NEXT MEETING:

May 11, 2022

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.