



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Gamache called the meeting to order at 2:34 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

Staff:
Ryan Isom
Heather Placencia

Commission Members Absent:
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – May 11, 2022

Commissioner Farrell requested page 2 of 4, item 7.0, paragraph 8 to read “Mrs. Davis confirmed that it was a last-minute decision”.

Commissioner Gamache requested the following modifications to the minutes:

- Page 2 of 4, item 7.0, paragraph 2, to read “Commissioner Gamache’s request on behalf of Commissioner Kreeger”.
- Page 3 of 4, item 7.0, paragraph 1, to strike “and that the Commission’s attention should be on listening to Mrs. Davis”.
- Page 3 or 4, item 10.0, paragraph 8, to strike “documentation” and “no objection”.

Motion: Commissioner Farrell

Second: Commissioner Victoria

Minutes approved with the adoption of above changes.

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5.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS:

During the May 11, 2022, meeting, Commissioners agreed to continue this agenda item until the July 13, 2022, meeting.

Commissioner Jones stated that Volunteerism at Regional Parks, was not listed as an agenda item for today's meeting as previously requested. Commissioner Gamache stated this item will be agendized for the July 13, 2022, meeting.

6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis was representing Regional Parks at the International Pow Wow Conference; therefore, Park Operations Chief Ryan Isom was present for the Advisory Commission meeting. The Bluegrass Festival Event Report was provided to the Commission.

Mr. Isom presented a brief overview of the swim facilities. The pool at Guasti Park is currently closed and being repaired. However, their splash pads are open, and the slides have been re-gel coated. Yucaipa Park is closed and being repaired. The pool at Glen Helen Park has been open since Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Isom provided information on the events at the parks for June and July. The Commission requested to receive emails of events. Commissioner Kreeger inquired about the event and park closure at Prado Park over the past weekend and expressed the concern of the excessive number of vehicles. Mr. Isom confirmed there was 14,000 people at the yearly event and that staff will work with the event to address this concern before their next event.

Mr. Isom provided a staffing update. Second interviews for Park Superintendent, General Service Workers, and Lifeguard interviews are being conducted. There are Park Ranger II openings at Glen Helen, Mojave Narrows, and Yucaipa Regional Parks.

Commissioner Farrell inquired about campers. Mr. Isom explained that Yucaipa Regional Park and Mojave Narrows Park are typically sold out every weekend. Glen Helen Regional Park is booking two weeks in advance.

Commissioner Shannon requested to meet the employees at Mojave Narrows and Mojave River Forks. Commissioner Gamache stated for him to contact Heather Placencia and she will set up the meeting. Commissioner Gamache stated Mrs. Davis will bring the improvements list to the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Jones inquired about the new lawn service. Mr. Isom stated it is going well and are already treating the gopher issues. Mr. Isom stated they are also at Mojave Narrows Park three times a week, instead of just once.

Commissioner Jones brought up her concerns about the new California laws. Commissioner Gamache stated that she should speak with Mrs. Davis regarding her concerns, but if she wanted to further discuss this, then it could be agendized for a future discussion.

Commissioner Farrell would like the Advisory Commission to hold field meetings for citizen outreach. Commissioner Gamache stated if the Commission would like to entertain this

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idea, then the Commission could set it up at a local park. He also stated this would allow the Commission to monitor the parks and get a sense on upgrades and accomplishments.

Commissioner Farrell asked if there was going to be a groundbreaking ceremony for the Santa Ana River Trail Phase III in June. Heather Placencia stated she will seek the answer and inform the Commission.

Commissioner Kreeger asked if the parks had public WiFi. Mr. Isom stated the only park that currently has WiFi is Yucaipa Park.

7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

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

Volunteerism at Regional Parks

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Kreeger thanked Mr. Isom for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Jones thanked Mr. Isom for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Shannon thanked Mr. Isom for attending the meeting and thanked the Commission for their patience.

Commissioner Farrell thanked Mr. Isom for attending the meeting. He also gave an update on Lake Gregory park's newly laid sod.

Commissioner Gamache thanked Mr. Isom for attending the meeting and said he was pleased that the parks are doing well. He would also like to thank the staff for their hard work.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

July 13, 2022

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 P.M.