



Regional Parks

BEAHTA R. DAVIS

Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Kreeger called the meeting to order at 2:30 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

Staff:
Beahta Davis
Michael Jimenez
Mary Sheehan

Commission Members Absent:
Doug Robertson, First District
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – February 9, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger
Second: Commissioner Jones
Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trails –

Mrs. Davis shared with the commissioners the Open Space Plan poster. Commissioners agreed to review the information and bring back for discussion at the next meeting. Mrs.

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Davis provided a Trails Presentation. An overview of Regional Parks trails was provided during the presentation. All commissioners will receive a copy of the presentation.

Guidelines –

Commissioner Gamache opened discussion. Commission Kreeger stated that the Commission wants to be able to offer advice prior to some decisions being made. Commissioner Gamache reiterated, the role of the commission is to observe and make suggestions. He suggests Commissioners make an effort to visit parks at least once per year, and bring back feedback to the Commission on those visits. No changes need to be made to the current guidelines. The discussion will be left on the agenda for the next meeting for further statements if needed by absent Commissioners at this meeting.

American Rescue Plan Act Funds –

Mrs. Davis reported that the following projects have been recommended for funding. Renovate one existing restroom and install up to two new restrooms at Lake Gregory Regional Park and assess infrastructure needs for development at Camp Switzerland

Camp Switzerland –

Mrs. Davis reported that this project is currently in the planning and design phase. Commissioner Kreeger asked about possible time frame. Mrs. Davis reported that a definitive timeline has not been established. Mrs. Davis will share plans with the Commission once they have been submitted. Mrs. Davis reported that the concessioner has been doing very well. They have had weddings and other events with good turnouts.

6.0 **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mrs. Davis recommended that future site visits and tours of the parks by the Commission be scaled down to one or two sites at a time. This would allow more time for the group to conduct a more thorough review of current and completed projects. On Friday March 11, 2022, Top Golf officially opens to the public. The Commissioners who can attend will be able to tour the facility. Mrs. Davis provided an update on the following upcoming Events, Easter at Calico (April 17, 2022), Bluegrass Festival at Calico (May 7-9, 2022), Fishing with Supervisor Baca, Jr. at Glen Helen Regional Park, (May 14, 2022), and the Fish and Wildlife Festival at Prado Regional Park (June 18, 2022). Mrs. Davis stated any Commissioners interested in attending events should let her know.

The California Days Event Summary Memo was provided to the Commissioners. The Event was held on February 18-21, 2022. Five mining companies sponsored the event. Educational booths, exhibits, and activities were very successful. There was a great turnout, and the mining companies are looking forward to next year's event. California Days was a first-time event that drew a diverse crowd. We are looking forward to this becoming an annual event.

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An overview of the Department's budget request will be provided at the April Commission meeting.

Mrs. Davis reported that after the last stocking at Cucamonga-Guasti Park, many fish died. The department is working with the County Agriculture Department and Fish and Wildlife to rectify the situation. The Department believes that the cause may be due to low oxygen levels in the lake, as the water there was lowered to accommodate a current maintenance project to install a new fishing dock on the small lake.

Staffing updates were also provided. Mrs. Davis also announced that the Department's Administrative Office will be moving this summer to 268 W. Hospitality Lane in San Bernardino. County Airports and Library will also be moving to this location.

7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

8.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell would like additional information provided at the next meeting regarding the carriage restoration project at Calico. Mrs. Davis was able to provide an update. FOR Parks coordinated a one-day project for some of the wagons at the park. The restoration of the carriage and remainder of the wagons was not completed due to the costs associated with this work. Commissioner Gamache would like to know if there is a historical connection to them. Mrs. Davis will have more information at the next meeting. Commissioner Jones congratulated the Department on a successful California Days Event. Commissioner Gamache reported being glad to have the mining sponsorship element at the event. Commissioners discussed the future of The Yorba Slaughter Adobe Home. Commissioner Gamache requested that Mrs. Davis provide an update at the next meeting in the Director's Report.

9.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

April 13, 2022

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 4: 10 p.m.