



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

Held at: General Services Building
Regional Parks/Airports Conference Room
777 E. Rialto Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

1.0 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**
Chairperson Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M.

2.0 **ROLL CALL:**
San Bernardino County
Commission Members Present:
Scott Ryan, First District
Louis Gamache, Third District
Nicole R. Van Winkle, Fifth District
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Staff:
Beahta Davis
Beverly Pickens

Commission Members Absent:
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District

3.0 **GUESTS/MEDIA**
Leroy Bell, Grand Jury
Jeff Chodos, Grand Jury
Marven Norman, IEVA
Jeff Sorenson, Fourth District

4.0 **MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, January 9, 2019**
Motion: Commissioner Ryan
Second: Commissioner Farrell
Minutes approved.

Mrs. Davis went over the changes to the agenda. Chairman Mitchell stated the Commission needs to take a more active role and report back to the Supervisors.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROBERT A. LOVINGOOD
First District

JANICE RUTHERFORD
Second District

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Third District

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Chairman, Fourth District

JOSIE GONZALES
Vice Chair, Fifth District

Gary McBride
Chief Executive Officer

5.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS**

PRADO MASTER PLAN

Mrs. Davis provided the following information to the Commission. The Community Workshop was great event. Over 200 people attended the event; attendees included every age group; families with children; families with no children and singles. All attended the meeting with hopes of improving Prado Regional Park. People brought ideas of what they would like to see in the park. The event included an art contest to help children present their ideas. The winning artwork will be featured on the flyer for the April workshop. A gift basket will also be given to the winning child in each age group. The department was pleased with the turnout. The second Community Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th. There will be food, prizes and activities at the workshop. There will also be another art contest for children. The overall winner of the art contest will have their artwork on the cover of the Prado Master Plan. The department would love to have you there, please bring your family.

The TAC and CAC meetings are scheduled for February 20th at Prado Regional Park in the Multi-Purpose room. Results of the surveys and activities from the Community Workshop will be discussed. Chips and water will be provided at the meetings on February 20th.

Commissioner Van Winkle stated she thought the Workshop was good. It was awesome to see the number of people there. It would have been nice if there were signs on the tables stating what you were to do.

Commissioner Gamache stated he was impressed with the turnout from the other County Departments. It was truly a community meeting. At the activity tables it was not clear what they were supposed to do.

Mrs. Davis stated she definitely wanted to give thanks to Kristie Stevens and Liz Smith. They helped put the activities together. Every month beginning this year a park or group will be picked as the "Park of the Month". January was Prado; February was Kristie and her group. Prado staff received lunch and Kristie's group received breakfast as an acknowledgement of their work. Commissioner Mitchell asked about putting the honor on the park website to highlight the staff. Mrs. Davis stated we can work on that, but would like to wait until our format on the website is improved. Commissioner Van Winkle suggested social media. Mrs. Davis stated that would be easier to implement.

6.0 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

PARK OVERVIEWS

Cucamonga Guasti

Environmental Health is not comfortable with the bladder as a permanent solution for the pool repair. The bladder would be considered a temporary repair by Environmental Health. The department will look at a permanent solution instead.

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Prado

The electrical repair on the transformer will take an additional 4-6 weeks. A temporary power source will be in place until the transformer is repaired.

The Spartan Race went was a success. Chairman Hagman participated in and finished the race. They changed the route a little from last year. They will be coming back to the park for a third year. Mrs. Davis stated she and her daughter will participate next year. Mrs. Davis challenged the commissioners to join them. The Battle for the Ring happened before the Spartan Race. Both the Battle for the Ring staff and Spartan Race staff were on site together. They worked well together. Battle for the Ring will also be returning next year.

Glen Helen

Repairs to the swim facility are being addressed. There are minor leaks in the pool. The Department is working with Special Districts to complete this repair. Waterslide maintenance is scheduled for next month. One slide needs to be replaced. One slide will be open for the season. A quarterly solicitation for the snack bar will be sent out. If a successful proposal is received, the snack bar will be open during swim season. Commissioner Van Winkle asked who the companies were for the slide maintenance. Mrs. Davis responded Whitewater at Glen Helen and Cucamonga Guasti, and Safe Slide at Yucaipa.

Mojave Narrows

Desert Mountain Community School will be using the park two days per week for ten weeks for physical education and school based activities. A meeting was held at Kemper Campbell Ranch with the stakeholders. We have a partnership with the ranch for cattle grazing for certain areas of the park. In addition to the cattle grazing a project with the Conservation District was completed. The project removed a lot of brush. Fish and Wildlife will be coming out soon to do a bird count at the park. Commissioner Ryan asked about water use. Mrs. Davis responded there have been some issues with seepage from Horseshoe Lake. We are investigating some of the information about the use of bentonite clay to address this concern. Staff have been using the weir to monitor the water. We are irrigating sections of the park where irrigation is located. Fish and Wildlife has some suggestions on other ways to irrigate that will help with costs. Commissioner Farrell asked what the stakeholder meeting was. Mrs. Davis responded the participants at the meeting were Fire District, Public Works, Regional Parks, Resource Conservation District and Fish and Wildlife. We usually go over how we can work together.

Yucaipa

The electrical repairs are not complete yet. The youth fishing derby was last week at the small lake. The first place fish weighed 3 pounds. The all ages trout derby is February 23rd. The event gate will be used for the first time. The gate will open at 6 a.m. The department is working with Public Works for signs for the event to prevent people from lining up on Oak Glen Road. The weigh station will be at the new pavilion by the new playground. At the next board meeting an item will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval for a new concession at Yucaipa. The concession is

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for the snack bar and pedal boats. Commissioner Farrell asked if the concession stand needed repairs. Mrs. Davis responded yes, the concessionaire has agreed to make those repairs. Commissioner Mitchell asked if the electrical repair was in the RV area. Mrs. Davis responded it will improve the electrical coverage in that side of the park. Park staff are repairing irrigation leaks in the area as well.

Mojave River Forks

No report.

Moabi

No report.

Calico

Calico's park office project is still being completed. A final walk through is scheduled for this Friday for Phase I of the roof project. The Civil War event is this weekend. The event will have a new group of re-enactors. The previous group was unable to continue. Mrs. Davis invited the Commissioners to come up for the event.

Big Morongo Preserve

No report.

Lake Gregory

We are reaching the end of the dam project. There are approximately ten working days remaining on the project. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for April 26th in the morning. The Commission will be receiving an invitation to the ribbon cutting, if you plan on coming to the event please RSVP. The Department is working with Special Districts and Tetra Tech to update the emergency operations plan. We are also working on a lake management and dredging plan. Environmental Health has approved the use of the second swim beach for the season. This is the beach that was used last summer. This will give us time to prepare the actual swim beach for the 2020 swim season. Commissioner Farrell stated he would not be able to attend the ribbon cutting on April 26th. Commissioner Farrell stated with the rain the lake is filling up. The area has received 35" of rain this year.

Santa Ana River Trail

Phase III is in design. Phase IV- Reaches A, B, and C are still in design. Construction of Phase III is tentatively scheduled to begin after nesting season.

Mrs. Davis distributed the event list to the commissioners.

Workflow Overview

Mrs. Davis stated the workflow was first implemented at Calico and Mojave Narrows. The workflow program has now been implemented at all of the parks. The Park Lead gives detailed assignments to staff. The staff member documents what they were able to complete as well as any challenges. The completed form is sent to the administrative office for review. The workflow program will help the Department determine the needs for each park. Commissioner Van Winkle asked is it project management software or

an excel sheet. Mrs. Davis responded excel sheet. Commissioner Mitchell stated it is an excellent opportunity for management to know what is needed at the park. Mrs. Davis stated the workflow was in process before she started. The workflow also helps train new park staff.

7.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

Goals and Communications with the Board of Supervisors

Commissioner Mitchell started he wanted to discuss commission goals and communications with the Board of Supervisors. It will be each Commissioner's responsibility to come back to the table with recommendations from the Supervisor. Commissioner Ryan stated timing is critical. The budget season is now. Plans for CIP's for next year and having the commission buy into and put in writing from the commission to the Board. Right now is the time in my opinion. Commissioner Gamache stated he would like to temper that with the amount of staff time required. Key issues at the right time not monthly, perhaps annually or on a situational basis. Commissioner Mitchell stated be more attentive and supportive of our positions to the Board of Supervisors. Take stronger actions than we have in the past. Commissioner Farrell stated the key to that is getting the information in advance not after the fact. It is so much better now. Commissioner Van Winkle asked if there would be any issue regarding approving the CIP for the pool replacement. Mrs. Davis responded she did not anticipate any issues.

Barbara Wormser - Stage

Commissioner Mitchell stated he received Barbara's bio from her son. Commissioner Mitchell stated he participated in the Redlands Christmas parade on the pickle ball float. There was a photographer taking pictures. Commissioner Mitchell got a card from the photographer. The photographer was Steve Wormser. Commissioner Mitchell distributed the bio he received and asked Mrs. Davis if this was enough information to move forward with obtaining approval to name the stage. Mrs. Davis stated the department would submit the request to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Mitchell stated he spoke with Orange County and plaques in brass or that look like brass are being stolen from the parks. Mrs. Davis stated the department will look into some options for the plaque and provide the information back to the commission.

Commission Tour

Due to the availability of Commissioners, Mrs. Davis stated that the Park Tour will be scheduled on Friday, February 22, 2019. The group will visit Calico Ghost Town, Mojave Narrows, and Mojave River Forks Regional Parks. A revised tour itinerary will be sent out.

A future visit to Big Morongo Preserve and Moabi Regional Park will be scheduled.

Commissioner Mitchel asked what the process is to get items on the agenda for new business. Mrs. Davis stated the commission members should send the items to the Chairperson. The Chairperson will send the items to the secretary. Items should be submitted a minimum of three weeks prior to the meeting.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Norman stated getting closer to a date for the Santa Ana River Trail is good to hear.

Mr. Sorenson asked how parking was at the Spartan Race. Mrs. Davis responded they parked on the Orange County property and shuttled people in. Some people walked from the property to the park. We are going to look at some other options for parking. Since the course has changed a couple of lots in the park have opened up. The department will continue working with Spartan.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell stated he visited two of the parks. Yucaipa everything looked good. At Prado in the RV area several of the covers were off the electrical outlets (70-74). Mrs. Davis responded there has been a lot of electrical work in the area over the last two weeks. Commissioner Mitchell stated there was a person picking up flags. Mrs. Davis stated they are cleaning up from the Spartan Race. Commissioner Mitchell stated the park sparkles. It was nice to see that and staff was nice when he came into the park.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.