

MEETING MINUTES
VENTURA COUNTY
PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC)
Regular Meeting

Hall of Administration, Atlantic Conference Room
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura
Monday, April 11, 2011
4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Proceedings called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Carin Kally, Paul Nicholson, Harvey Paskowitz, Bob Purdum

Staff: Ron Van Dyck, Theresa Lubin, Michelle J. Smith

Guests: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nicholson presides as Chair. Minutes of the January 10, 2011 PAC meeting were approved by a motion made by Purdum, seconded by Paskowitz. All in favor.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Santa Rosa Park and The City of Thousand Oaks

Lubin states that City Council will consider an item on their agenda, possibly in April, to pay for road lanes and 50% of widening on Santa Rosa Road. If City Council passes the item, it will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval. There are MOA language issues; the bridge needs shoring up to carry utility lines. County Counsel is working on this.

B. San Antonio Creek Bridge Project

Lubin states that geology fieldwork has been completed. County received \$75,000 for engineering from NOAA. \$340,000 in grant money is pending. The deadline is March 2012.

C. Paddle Tennis Courts at Soule Park

Lubin states that Soule Park Paddle Club will have a community fundraiser on May 14, 2011 to raise money for material costs. Lions Club will donate the labor for facility construction.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mission Aqueduct

Lubin states that the Parks Department applied for FEMA funds to repair damage from 2005. FEMA agreed to cover some costs and the state will contribute \$126,000. Parks contracted with a historical group to handle plan preparation and construction, and the Scope of Work was submitted to the state. Should begin work sometime this summer.

7. UPDATES

A. Park Construction Projects

Lubin states that many projects are now complete. The grass at Tapo Canyon Park is growing nicely. The individual waste water hook-ups are currently at grade, and water run off is going into the main holding tank. The plan is to raise waste water hook-ups 4 inches.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Paskowitz asks about the status of the land at CSUCI. Van Dyck states that the County no longer has an interest in this property. CSUCI is fulfilling their contract as agreed upon. County would only get involved if CSUCI does not follow the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Purdum mentions that word is getting out about Tapo Canyon Park. There is a lot of use by the archery people. However, horse people are not using the arena. Lubin states that the grade at the arena is a problem according to users. Van Dyck states that arena re-grading is scheduled in 2012.

Kally asks about promoting the County parks via a website, or the Ventura County Fair. Van Dyck states that the Parks Department has a display booth every year at the Fair, and we took 2nd place for the display in 2010. Parks is also marketing a new reservation system and we are now on Facebook. Kally asks if a newspaper reporter could do a monthly article on the Parks Department. Van Dyck mentioned that Alex Wilson of KVTM 1520 interviews him periodically.

Kally asks if Foster Park campground could get another swing set. Van Dyck stated that it is on the Capital Project list, and the cost will be \$60,000-\$80,000 to purchase a new swingset. Costs are high because the Parks Department cannot utilize used equipment for safety reasons, and playground surfaces are very expensive.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm. The next regular meeting of the PAC will be held on July 11, 2011.