

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

Hall of Administration, Atlantic Conference Room
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura
Monday, April 9, 2012
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, Pam Gallo, Michelle J. Smith

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kally presides as Chair. Minutes of the January 9, 2012 PAC meeting were approved by a motion made by Paskowitz, seconded by Purdum. All in favor.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Piru - Skate Board Park

Lubin states that this project was managed by the Piru Redevelopment Agency. County CEO has reassigned the management of the project and future operations to GSA - Parks Department. Some CDBG funds are available for the design and construction phases of the project. The Parks Department will submit a Board letter in late July to apply for additional state grant funds. Once funding is secured, the project will move forward.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Park Ordinances

Van Dyck states that staff is moving forward with the creation and implementation of a new park ordinance that will give the department better control and oversight over people who are operating businesses on the Rincon Parkway. The new ordinance will impact the total number of days a camper is allowed to stay on the Rincon and it will give park rangers the ability to ask campers to provide identification and/or registration when requested to do so. A new fine will be imposed upon anyone that violates any section of the new ordinance.

B. PAC Bylaws/Beach Issue

Paskowitz previously asked Parks Department staff why the PAC was not informed about the issue of people running RV rental businesses at the Rincon Parkway. Van Dyck stated that he could not attend the January PAC meeting due to illness and there was some confusion regarding the January PAC agenda during his absence. The Rincon issue was non-controversial at the time of the January PAC meeting, as it did not require any action on the part of the PAC. Per the PAC bylaws, the purpose of the PAC is to advise the Board of Supervisors on certain issues and voting items. Kally requested that Parks staff share general items with the PAC as informational e-mails.

C. Steckel Park – Latter Day Saints Project

Lubin states that the Latter Day Saints have selected Steckel Park as their public service project location. 200 volunteers will pick up trash and perform minor maintenance on April 28, 2012. The Parks Department will supply materials.

D. Budget

Van Dyck states that Parks Department revenue projects are on target and next year's budget is balanced.

E. Rincon Parkway – Dog Fees

Van Dyck states that a new fee will be imposed on campers on the Rincon Parkway that have dogs. The fee is \$1 per dog, per night. The fee could generate approximately \$20,000 in revenue annually that could be use for maintenance.

7. UPDATES

A. Steckel Park - Aviary

The City of Santa Paula and private citizen groups want to stop the closure of the aviary. Officials will meet within the next few weeks to discuss alternatives. Supervisor Long plans to attend the meeting.

B. San Antonio Creek Bridge Presentation

Due to technical difficulties, the presentation will be shown at the next PAC meeting.

C. Happy Camp Park – Thousand Oaks Soaring Society (TOSS)

TOSS members approached Parks staff once again regarding the possibility of using an area located at Happy Camp Park. Staff identified an area on the southern end of the park, above the golf course's maintenance facility. Staff may consider a lease with TOSS if Highlands Golf agrees to give up the identified area.

D. Boys & Girls Club Status

The building permit and zoning clearance are done. The project is moving forward.

E. Park Construction Projects

Santa Rosa Park project is on schedule. Grand opening is scheduled for May 20, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.. The next regular meeting of the PAC will be held on July 9, 2012.