

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

Hall of Administration, Atlantic Conference Room
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura
Monday, January 14, 2013
4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nicholson presides as Chair. *Minutes of the October 8, 2012 PAC meeting were approved by motion made by Paskowitz, seconded by Purdum. All in favor.*

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Aviary Operations Plan

Van Dyck states that the Aviary Operation Plan defines which agency will be responsible for specific tasks, as multiple agencies are involved in the continued upkeep and operation of the aviary. The public was given the opportunity to review the document and comment, and the Board of Supervisors (BOS) must adopt the plan. Speaker Ralph Fernandez, Mayor of the City of Santa Paula made several comments concerning the variety of birds the County will house in the aviary, future communication between the County and City, the possibility of keeping and selling bird eggs for revenue rather than destroying them, and the constraints of the plan overall. Van Dyck stated that County staff from various departments including Animal Regulation and a staff biologist reviewed and provided input on the plan, and all of these concerns were taken into consideration. *The Aviary Operations Plan was approved by motion made by Purdum, seconded by Austin. All in favor.*

B. Rent & Fee Schedule

Van Dyck stated that minor changes to administrative language were made to the 2013 Rent & Fee Schedule. Fees were not increased due to the current state of the economy. There may be some increases in the 2014 Rent & Fee Schedule.

C. Amendment of PAC Bylaws Section C.2. – Election of Officers

Van Dyck states that a minor change was made to the Bylaws in order to clarify the month officer elections will take place annually. *The change of the month of Election of Officers was approved by motion made by Nicholson, seconded by Purdum. All in favor.*

7. **UPDATES**

A. Saticoy Park - Boys & Girls Club New Club Building Status

Lubin states that the project is on time and may be completed in August or September 2013.

B. Park Construction Projects

Lubin states that the Piru Skate Park contract will be awarded on February 5, 2013. The Santa Rosa Equestrian area will include an announcers booth and bleachers. The Steckel Park Aviary project will be completed in mid March. The new grass area at the Soule Park Dog Park is experiencing delays due to rain.

8. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Van Dyck states that any potential lease operation at Toland Park must be passive due to noise constraints. The Parks Department may try a new product at Soule Park that could eventually cut the costs of watering grass areas.

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Nicholson states that Santa Rosa Park is popular with residents after the addition of a new bridge.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.. The next regular meeting of the PAC will be held on April 8, 2013.