

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

Hall of Administration, Atlantic Conference Room
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura
Monday, April 12, 2010
3:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Proceedings called to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Theresa Lubin, Pam Gallo, Michelle J. Smith

Guests: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paskowitz presides as Chair. Minutes of the January 11, 2010 PAC meeting were approved by motion made by Purdum, seconded by Rockenstein. All in favor.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Rent and Fee Schedule

Lubin reports that the Rent & Fee Schedule has been approved by the Board of Supervisors and became effective on April 1, 2010.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Prop 40 Grant Funds for Tapo Canyon Park

Lubin states that the deadline to use Prop 40 grant funds is Dec 31, 2010. Due to time constraints, the funds will be used to complete existing projects at Tapo Canyon Park.

B. Santa Rosa Park Tree Planting Project

Lubin states that 273 trees have been donated for planting at Santa Rosa Park. The Ventura County Watershed Protection District donated 140 trees, and the rest came from private donations of local growers and members of the public. The irrigation system will be installed prior to the planting of the trees on May 8, 2010.

7. PARK UPDATES

A. Park Construction Projects

Lubin states that the Rincon Parkway was recently damaged by storm surge. The rip rap (rocks) and 20 feet of the parkway were completely washed out in six campsites, and Cal Trans is in the process of repairing the sites.

Applications for Prop 84 grant funds have been submitted for projects at three community centers and the Ojai Valley Trail bridge project. Approximately \$960,000 is needed to complete the projects.

Commissioner Purdum asks about the status of Oak Park, having heard that it was closed to the public. Gallo states that Oak Park is open and is functioning at its normal occupancy rate for the season. This park is fairly quiet during the off season.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Rockenstein comments that County money from the general fund is not available for the Parks Department and it's surprising that the Department can operate at all under these conditions. A stable funding source was never identified for the Parks Department after former Board members split the Harbor and Parks Department into two separate entities. Surprisingly, some Board members actually resisted attempts to locate funding. The current Board must act to find a permanent funding source for the Parks Department.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m. The next meeting of the PAC will be held on July 12, 2010.