

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

Hall of Administration, Atlantic Conference Room
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura
Monday, January 9, 2012
4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Proceedings called to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nicholson 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. Steckel Park Aviary

Lubin states that County Animal Regulation inspected the aviary and instructed the Parks Department to repair the facility if it is to remain open. Repair costs are extremely high, thus the PAC agreed at a previous meeting that it would be wise to close the aviary. Members of the public want to keep the facility open, so efforts are being made to work with community groups and Supervisor Long's office to obtain the materials and funding necessary to perform needed repairs. If community groups are successful in obtaining funding within the next six to twelve months, the Parks Department will bring birds back to the facility.

B. McGrath State Beach

Lubin states that the state identified funding to repair the facility. \$50,000 will come from the Parks Department budget. The Board of Supervisors will reimburse the department through budget adjustments.

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

Lubin states that members of TOSS approached the PAC one and a half years ago regarding the use of Happy Camp Park for model airplane club activities. TOSS was informed at that time that use of this area would not be compatible with existing equestrian and golf course activities. TOSS approached the County again. Parks staff informed TOSS that if they are successful in locating an appropriate area to fly model airplanes, they must go through the process of obtaining proper use agreements through County Planning Department staff.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of PAC Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)

Carin Kally was nominated and elected for the position of PAC chair.

Paul Nicholson was nominated and elected for the position of PAC vice chair.

7. UPDATES

A. Park Construction Projects

San Antonio Bridge Project is forty-five percent complete. Project is scheduled to be completed by early April 2012. Aqueduct repair project is complete. Santa Rosa Park equestrian project (phase two) is out to bid. The project consists of building two equestrian arenas and one support facility with an announcer's booth and bleachers. Project cost is approximately \$500,000. Two contractors have turned in bids. The successful bidder will have forty days to complete the project.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Kally asks about potential park fee increases. Lubin states that she is unaware of any fee increases.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.. The next regular meeting of the PAC will be held on April 9, 2012.