



VENTURA COUNTY  
PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**VENTURA COUNTY**  
**PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC)**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Government Center  
Hall of Administration, Atlantic Conference Room  
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA

**MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014**

**4:00 p.m.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Proceedings called to order at 4:03 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Carin Kally, Mark Austin, Bob Purdum

Staff: Ron Van Dyck, Theresa Lubin, Pam Gallo, Michelle Samsel

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kally presides as Chair. Minutes of the January 13, 2014 PAC meeting were approved by motion made by Purdum, seconded by Austin. All in favor.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Toland Park Update

Lubin states that improvements are being performed including road resurfacing, and clearing of dead eucalyptus trees. CA Conservation Corps will assist with grooming old trails. The Ride Heritage Valley organization has not submitted a phasing plan as of yet. Van Dyck states that the Parks Department is working to get this park fully operational.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Officer Elections

Karin Cally was elected as Chair and Mark Austin was elected as Vice Chair.

B. State of the Parks

Due to good weather year round and numerous park improvements, the Parks Department is making positive revenue. End of year budget projections will be exceeded by approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000. Revenue is now available to hire a new full time park ranger. All parks, including Tapo Canyon Park and the rustic Dennison Park are doing very well. At least one camper refused to stay overnight at Faria Beach Park due to no campfire allowed. Foster Park's closed Red Mountain campground needs an ADA variance before moving forward with improvements.

C. Grand Jury Report

Grand Jury investigation of the Parks Department focused on park hosts. There were eight recommendations made and most have been, or are being implemented. Corrective action was taken when warranted.

7. **PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE**

Some parks will be undergoing a lighting retrofit, which is long overdue. This will save the department money in energy costs.

8. **STAFF COMMENTS**

None

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.. The next regular meeting of the PAC will be held on July 14, 2014.