

VENTURA COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION 800 South Victoria Avenue, L#1030 Ventura, California 93009-1030

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, JANUARY 9, 2017 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, Bob Purdum, Mark Austin, Harvey Paskowitz

Staff: Ron Van Dyck, Michelle Samsel

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nicholson presides as Chair. Minutes of the April 18, 2016 PAC meeting were approved by a motion made by Purdum, seconded by Kally with two abstentions, Paskowitz and Austin.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Piru Light Permit

Van Dyck stated that the lights are now functional.

B. Saticoy Golf Course

Van Dyck stated that we are moving forward on constructing a new clubhouse. Existing driving range lighting will be replaced with LED lighting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Rent & Fee Schedule Changes

Van Dyck discussed proposed changes to the current Rent & Fee Schedule. The most significant changes include minor camping fee increases. County rates are substantially lower than other local camping parks. In addition, the maximum number of days a camper may stay in any one park during a season is 30 days (summer season: April 1 – October 31; winter season: November 1 – March 31). This will allow more people to use the County parks. Some people will camp in one park for 60 days in one season, which makes it difficult for everyone to obtain a campsite. This is especially true at the beach parks. Rent & Fee Schedule changes were approved by a motion made by Purdum, seconded by Austin. All in favor.

B. Correction to PAC Bylaws - Election Month

Van Dyck stated that the PAC elections will be held in April of each year. The current bylaws were not corrected when the PAC Board approved meetings to be held four times per year in January, April, July and October. *PAC Elections held in April of each year was approved by a motion made by Kally, seconded by Purdum. All in favor.*

7. PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

Van Dyck stated that Foster Park Red Mountain campground is almost finished and will be opening to the public soon with 8 to 10 tent campsites. The Lions Club will donate a shade shelter over the playground at the Oak View Community Center.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

The proposed County smoking ordinance will go to the Board of Supervisors for a second reading January 10, 2017. The ordinance will prohibit smoking in all County buildings and parks. County golf courses are exempt due to potential revenue loss. All forms of smoking and tobacco use will be prohibited including vaping, smoking marijuana, and chewing tobacco. Parks Department can ask for an exemption from the ordinance if complaints are received and/or a drop in revenue is detected.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.