



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

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

JANUARY 13, 2020

4:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
Proceedings called to order at 4:10 p.m.
 2. ROLL CALL
Commissioners: Paul Nicholson, Ron Merkord
PAC Staff: Ron Van Dyck, Theresa Lubin, Pam Gallo, Linda Cruz
 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Merkord presides as Chair. Due to absence of a quorum, the minutes of the October 21, 2019 PAC meeting were not approved. This meeting is held as informational only.
 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None
 5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Saticoy Golf Course Update
This is a recurring item in the Project Updates section of the PAC meeting documents. Perkins Engineering has been selected for the project. The contract for \$187,000 will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval and award on February 11, 2020.
 - B. Santa Rosa Valley Park Gate Fees
Van Dyck stated that the COSCA agreement will be presented to their board of directors for approval on February 12, 2020. If that agreement is approved, it will then be presented to the County Board of Supervisors on February 25, 2020. It is anticipated that the gate fee requirement will be lifted with the approval of this agreement. COSCA may install signs to reroute traffic from the nearby hillside development toward the Santa Rosa Valley park entrance where free parking will be available.
 6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Rent and Fee Changes
The committee is unable to vote on this item due to absence of quorum. Van Dyck briefed the commission on the proposed changes. The majority of the fee adjustments are under 7% increase and, with a few exceptions, community center rates were not increased. Beach park rates were not increased. Major change recommendations are summarized as follows:
 - 1) Language added to allow Director to authorize increase of camping fees up to 15% above base fee for weekends and holidays.
 - 2) Gate fees will apply to all county-operated parks with controlled access gates.
 - 3) Changes to reservation camping cancellation date windows to benefit customers. Vouchers issued in lieu of use-fee forfeit.

- 4) Fees to be charged to beach park reservations that are created within booking window and then shortened in order to secure prime dates.
- 5) Vehicle fee changed to flat rate regardless of site occupied.
- 6) Increase maximum length of stay to 60 days during winter season max 120 days per year.
- 7) Increase Rincon maximum length of stay from five to seven days.
- 8) Language for third party illegal renting and its consequences was added to clarify rules.
- 9) Annual passes policy clarified regarding availability to Ventura County residents only. Passes are for day-use only and not passes for camping.
- 10) Deleted requirement of physically occupying site for mobile payment.

7. PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

A. Oak Park

Project complete.

B. Toland Park

Nearly 40 dead and/or fallen trees were removed. Most of these were non-native eucalyptus trees. The pathways to the restrooms and overgrown original camping areas will be cleared.

C. Steckel Park

The survey and geotechnical studies have been completed. Schematic design forthcoming.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

A. VanDyck reminded the committee of the glyphosate item to go before the Board on January 14. He summarized his presentation to state that the Parks Department will no longer use glyphosate other than for Arundo control through a regulatory permit. He will be requesting approval from the Board to use non-glyphosate systemic herbicide for weed control.

B. Lubin gave an update on the near completion of the Public Works Watershed project that has had the Ojai Valley Trail closed in Casitas Springs for the past few months. The trail is expected to reopen within the month.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.