The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Park Commission was called to order by Commissioner Mosby at 9:40 a.m., at the Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building, 100 E. Locust Ave., Lompoc, CA 93436

Commissioners Present:
District 1 - Suzanne Perkins
District 2 - Kyle Begley
District 3 - Frances Romero
District 4, Chair - James Mosby
District 5 - (Vacant)

Parks County Staff Present:
George Chapjian, Director
Dan Pedersen, North County Operations Manager
Jeff Lindgren, Mid County Operations Manager
Billy Mann, South County Operations Manager
Sherman Hansen, Business Manager
Jon Menzies, Aquatics
Jill Van Wie, Capital Projects Manager
Todd Stepien, Cachuma Lake Recreation Area Operations Manager
Eva Camarena, Executive Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

1) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Commissioner James Mosby.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) ROLL CALL: By Secretary (all present)

4) MINUTES: The Minutes of December 5, 2019, were considered as follows:

ACTION: Commissioner Perkins motioned, seconded by Commissioner Romero and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the minutes of December 5, 2019.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

6) PARK COMMISSIONER’S NON-AGENDA ITEMS:
Commissioner Begley proposed the Kellogg School third grade class raise funds to plant trees by the Kellogg tennis court. Jeff Lindgren recommended to share the proposal with the Santa Barbara Park Foundation and include it in the Arbor Day Program.
Commissioner Begley brought up a safety concern regarding students crossing Kellogg Road. CSD Director George Chapjian recommended to notify Public Works about addressing options for a crosswalk.

Commissioner Perkins requested an update on the Padero Lane Cal-Trans bridge proposal. County Public Works will address the transition from the bridge to make space for horses and pedestrians. Public Works is redesigning the original plans with the recommendations form the horse community members that attended public meetings. Commissioner Perkins requested to be notified if new meeting is scheduled.

Commissioner Romero requested information on the Guadalupe Beach access for dogs and horses. No updates on Guadalupe Beach. George Chapjian proposed to bring a report for updates to the next Park Commission meeting.

Jeff reported that there are no changes on the Nojoqui trail. It has been closed for three years due to the rocky formation slowly crumbling down.

Commissioner Mosby asked for an update on Ocean Park. Parks is working with Vandenberg and Fish and Wildlife to allow non-motorized boating at Ocean Park.

STANDARD AGENDA:

7) OPERATIONS AND FISCAL STATUS REPORTS: The Commission received and filed reports from Parks Division staff. The following items were notable highlights:

Dan Pedersen - North County
- The sitting group area in Miguelito Park was remodeled and reduced to accommodate 75 people. The large sitting area was not rented often and the parking does not accommodate 300 visitors. The starting price to rent the park is $500.
- All cabins at Jamala Beach Park have been closed for two weeks due to maintenance and upgrades. Upgrades include new flooring, fresh paint, new fencing along the bluff edge in front of the cabins, installing decomposed granite in front of the cabins and around the fire pits and tables.

Todd Stepien - Cachuma Lake Recreation Area
- The Marina Café decking project should be completed by April 1st. The interior upgrades include a bar area.

Billy Mann – South County Park
- Staff is working on getting quotes to resurface the tennis court at Manning Park. So far, only one quote has been received for $20,000.

Jill Van Wie – Capital Projects Report
- CBDG Capital Loan committee approved funding for ADA ramp and access in the Cachuma Lake Marina Restroom. The request will go to the Board in May.
- A grant application was submitted for a Planning and Usability Study for Guadalupe Dunes as part of the Rec Master Plan for camping.

Sherman Hansen - Finance Report
- The $675,000 revenue was incorporated in next year’s budget. Three positions were requested in the budget, one ranger, one maintenance worker, and one assistant naturalist.
• The park reservation system was upgraded in January, however, issues with the system have prevented staff from posting the approved discounted rates online. Sherman Hansen recognized the call center staff for their great customer service when resolving booking issues.

Jon Menzies – Aquatics Program Report
• The 2020 lifeguard recruitment will fill 20 vacancies. The pre-employment physical is no longer a requirement. For this recruitment, candidates will complete a State Park Medical Waiver.
• The Multi-Agency Open Water Rescue training was on February 10 at Goleta Beach in cooperation with SB County Fire, SB City Fire, Carp Summerland Fire, Vandenberg Fire, State Lifeguards, and SB City Harbor Patrol.
• A non-profit group in Lompoc is interested to build a trail through their property near Lookout Point. County Parks was invited to their next committee meeting. No other updates.

8) DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING SUMMARY:

George Chapjian, Director of Community Services
• Eva Camarena, CSD new Executive Assistant, was introduced to the Park Commission.
• The County Parks budget is coming out in April. There are six expansion requests in the budget this year.
• The Shell settlement is $3 million. At least two properties will be purchased with this settlement. Discussions and decisions will be made during Board closed sessions.
• Ocean Park update from Jeff Lindgren – County Parks is working with environmental and security staff from Vandenberg Air force Base, and Fish and Wildlife to tentatively allow non-motorized boating in the estuary for a part of the year during the non-nesting season of the Western Snowy Plover. A multi-agency commitment to enforcement may help open the estuary year-round and provide beach access to Lompoc Valley residents. Vandenberg is interested in building a foot path that will run around the edge by this summer.

9) FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS
No items were requested.

10) ADJOURN
Commissioner moved, seconded by Commissioner and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the meeting of February 27, 2020 at 11:03 a.m.