



Santa Barbara County Park Commission

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Meeting of August 24, 2017

ACTION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Park Commission was called to order by Chair Perkins at 9:30 a.m., at the Planning Commission Hearing Room, 123 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Commissioners Present:

Suzanne Perkins 1st District, Chair
Bonnie Freeman 2nd District
James Mosby 4th District
Bailey Hudson 5th District

Commissioners Absent:

Judith Dale 3rd District

County Staff Present:

Brian Yanez, Deputy Director
Dan Pedersen, North County Operations Manager
Jeff Lindgren, Mid County Operations Manager
Sherman Hansen, South County Operations Manager
Jill Van Wie, Capital Projects Manager
Claude Garciacelay, Park Planner
Jon Menzies, Aquatics Coordinator
Andrew Myung, Business Manager
Ryder Bailey, CSD CFO
Natasha Garduno, Executive Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

- I. HEARING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Chair, Suzanne Perkins
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL:** All present with the exception of Commissioner Dale.
- IV. MINUTES:** The Minutes of June 22, 2017 and July 13, 2017 were considered as follows:
ACTION: **Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Freeman and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the minutes of June 22, 2017.**

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Mosby and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the minutes of July 13, 2017.

Commissioner Mosby requested that future minutes include more summary detail.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

VI. PARK COMMISSIONER'S NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Freeman shared the following with the Park Commission:

- Commissioner Freeman watched the Goleta Beach presentation that was presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting and wanted to thank staff for their hard work and also extended a thank you to staff from Supervisor Wolf.
- Commissioner Freeman has been corresponding via email with Fran Galt, writer and researcher that submitted Rocky Nook Park for historic landmark designation. Commissioner Freeman shared thoughts and individuals that she could contact for her goal of getting the park designated as a historic landmark.
- Attended the first meeting of the Manning Park Ad Hoc committee.
- Met with Sarah York Rubin, Executive Director of the Office of Arts & Culture, at Rocky Nook Park on July 20th and toured the cottage for the possibilities of a future benefit to support the upgrades of the building for future public use as an art and culture art gallery.
- Attended kickoff meeting for San Marcos Preserve design project.

STANDARD AGENDA:

VII. WHITTIER FIRE CACHUMA LAKE RECREATION AREA OPERATION REPORTS- INFORMATIONAL

Jeff Lindgren, Cachuma Lake Operations Manager, provided the Commission with a presentation on the recent Whittier Fire that broke out on July 8, 2017. Mr. Lindgren introduced lifeguard Scout Tommey who was the first staff member to notice the flames on a nearby hill at Cachuma Lake. Scout was quick to get in touch with the Rangers to let them know what she had seen and Cachuma staff began evacuation procedures.

Mr. Lindgren thanked the Lifeguard, Ranger, and Maintenance staffs at Cachuma Lake for all their efforts. He also thanked the administrative staff who handled the processing of refunds and who fielded many phone calls from individuals looking to get information about the status of the park due to the fire.

Mr. Lindgren reported that Cachuma staff did develop a program in order to allow evacuees back into the park to retrieve their items left at the campgrounds due to the emergency evacuation.

The Commission thanked Parks staff and asked Mr. Lindgren to relay to the Rangers their appreciation for all of their hard work during this time.

VIII. OPERATIONS AND FISCAL STATUS REPORTS: The Commission received and filed reports from staff.

North

Dan Pedersen reported that there is a temporary well in what is left of the sleeve at Waller Park and water is being retrieved from that. The park is beginning to green up again and consultant Curtis Hopkins has been hired to do the plans and specifications and establish where the new well is going to be located.

Babe Ruth League has a new President, Bryn Smith, who has taken an interest in making improvements to the fields. Staff has been working with him and recently installed new bleacher wind guards at the fields from wood that Mr. Smith was able to get donated.

Mid

Jeff Lindgren reported that it has been a successful summer at the lake this year. He also shared that the State has granted Cachuma the ability to plant more than the regular 8,000 lbs. of trout annually into the lake for this year.

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South

Sherman Hansen reported that the Goleta Beach Bridge is not fully complete due to unexpected issues. The current timeline has the bridge being completed in mid-October.

Arroyo Burro will be getting some new landscape plantings to replace those that burned off during the record high heat.

Lookout Park Host project is moving along and the anticipated completion date is shortly after Labor Day. There were also some dead trees removed from this area with approximately 8 more that still need to be removed.

Capital

Jill Van Wie reported that the Arroyo Burro Lift Station is in the design phase which is set to be complete this month and the Ranger office and storage area design is about 30% complete at this time.

The Jalama Beach Affordable units and restroom replacement plans are in progress. The Jalama Beach Water Line project has been slightly delayed due to the focus on Goleta Beach but it is being picked back up.

Trails

There will be a bench dedication to former Second District County Supervisor Susan Rose at San Marcos Preserve on October 4th.

Aquatics

Jon Menzies reported Supervisor Wolf attended the Fiesta Competition at East Beach for the Junior Lifeguard Program on July 22nd.

Mr. Menzies also reported on two separate shark attack incidents that occurred at More Mesa and Stearns Wharf on the same day and that no one was injured in these attacks.

The swim buoys were deployed at Miramar after it was discovered that the County had applied for a separate application with the State Lands Commission for this at Miramar Beach only. The current application is still pending approval but will include all locations on one State Lands lease.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING

SUMMARY: Brian Yanez, Deputy Parks Director, thanked the Commissioners and staff for the time that went in to preparing for the Goleta Beach item that recently was heard by the Board of Supervisors. At the meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd the Board of Supervisors voted to retain the revetment and staff will be working with the Coastal Commission to get all of the appropriate material for the application which will need to be submitted before the November 30th deadline. Staff will continue to keep the Board of Supervisors apprised of the status of this item.

Mr. Yanez reported that staff held a kickoff meeting with the consultant for the San Marcos Preserve design project. Staff will be conducting outreach, workshops, and public meetings and will inform the Commission of the dates once scheduled.

The Lookout Park Host project is moving along with relocating the host and possibly having a new location for weddings and group area that can bring in additional revenue for the department.

X. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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XI. ADJOURN

ACTION: Motion made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the meeting of August 24, 2017.

Adjourned at 10:47 AM



Brian Yanez
Deputy Director, Parks Division
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Santa Barbara County