

Santa Barbara County Park Commission

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Meeting of January 25, 2018

ACTION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Park Commission was called to order by Chair Mosby 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
Bonnie Freeman 2nd District
Meighan Deitenhofer 3rd District
James Mosby 4th District
Bailey Hudson 5th District

County Staff Present:

George Chapjian, Director
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, James Mosby
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL:** All present.
- IV. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of December 7, 2017 were considered as follows:
ACTION: Commissioner Freeman moved, seconded by Commissioner Diitenhofer and carried by a vote of 4-0 with one abstention to approve the minutes of December 7, 2017 with the following corrections:
 - a correction to the adjournment date
 - in the Park Commissioner's Non-Agenda items, revise the sentence regarding the Baron Trail tour to reflect that a tour was discussed rather than scheduled.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following members of the public spoke under public comment in regards to supporting the designation of Rocky Nook as a Historic Landmark :
 - Roseanne Crawford

- Francesca Galt

VI. PARK COMMISSIONER'S NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Freeman shared the following with the Park Commission:

- Commissioner Freeman appealed to the County Planning Commission on the final cannabis ordinance to include all parks for consideration under the same sensitive receptor protections such as schools and daycare centers, and to increase the buffer from a 600 to a 1,000 ft. distance from where cannabis businesses can operate.
- Commissioner Freeman attended the 2nd District's Annual Breakfast on December 8th.
- Contacted Natasha Garduno to help prepare an interested parties list for the potential late March or early April (Saturday) trip to see the spring blooms from the restoration project along the Baron Trail.

STANDARD AGENDA:

VII. SAN MARCOS FOOTHILL PARK MASTER PLAN- ACTION

Claude Garciacelay, Park Planner presented a brief presentation that addressed the concerns that had been heard at the December 7, 2017 meeting in which this item was first brought to the Commission.

Mr. Garciacelay reported that there is one minor change to the original plan which had identified a portable restroom. The portable restroom has been deleted from the plan notes and a future regular restroom site will be made pending the ability to connect utilities.

In addressing the question that the Commission had in regards to the cost of the project, Mr. Garciacelay reported that the total preliminary cost of the entire project site is in the range of \$850k dollars for implementation. The estimated cost per parcel is the following: Parcel 21 (proposal for a future dog park) is approximately \$370k dollars, Parcel 20 (passive site with overlooks, gathering areas, and interpretive location, without a restroom at this time) is approximately \$210k dollars, and Parcel 17 which will require the most extensive trail work will cost approximately \$285k dollars. The discussion also referenced the possibility that, since the park consists of three distinct parcels, it would be possible to phase the construction since improvements on each parcel are not dependent on development of the other parcels.

ACTION: Motion made by Commissioner Perkins and seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to recommend approval of the preliminary master plan design to the Board of Supervisors with the addition of having the restroom qualified as interim portable.

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

North

- Mission Hills Open Space- New solar powered overhead light was installed at the bottom of the staircase
- Orcutt Community Park- Components were received to upgrade the irrigation for water conservation measures
- Guadalupe Dunes Preserve- New Assistant Naturalist has been hired and will begin work on January 29th.
- Jalama Beach Park- Maintenance staff has utilized cabin closures to make improvements to the cabin through repairs and upgrades.

Mid

- The next trout plant of 8,000 lbs. will take place prior to the President’s Day weekend (February 15th) and will be advertised to the public through a press release, website information, and social media.
- Some of the restrooms at the park have been renovated as one of the most important things expressed by campers is having clean and functional restrooms.
- Verizon Wireless in regards to interest in placing a cell tower at Live Oak.
- The Parks Dept. had to refund approximately \$26,000 in reservation revenue during the Thomas Fire for the 12 day period that CalFire had setup camp at Cachuma Lake. The campground also received some damage during this time which staff submitted for reimbursement along with the lost reservation revenue. The reimbursement from CalFire through a land use agreement is approximately \$46,000.

South

- Thomas Fire/ Mudslides- None of the parks sustained any damage. Toro Canyon park remains closed due to there not being any public access to this location.
- Mud and debris from the mudslide is being dumped at Goleta Beach.

Capital

- All projects are on track.
- Arroyo Burro Lift Station- The contract was awarded on December 12th. The work is in progress in the submittal phase and the work is expected to be complete at the beginning of May.
- Goleta Beach Emergency Revetment- Staff has been meeting with Coastal Commission staff, coastal engineers, and coastal consultants on the information that is being requested in order to complete the application.

Trails

- Some of the County Trails were closed during the Thomas fire and sustained major damage during the mudslides and will remain closed.

Aquatics

- Jalama Beach: A surfer was rescued after falling into shallow water and fracturing two vertebrae and being knocked unconscious.
- A new location is underway for beach lifeguard guard tryouts which was supposed to be held at Goleta Beach in February.
- A meeting was held yesterday in regards to short term and long term plans for the pools at Cachuma Lake.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING SUMMARY:


Brian Yanez complimented parks staff and thanked them for being accommodating with requests that were being received during the Thomas Fire and mudslides.

X. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

XI. ADJOURN

The meeting of January 25, 2018 was adjourned at 10:59 A.M.



Brian Yanez
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