



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

PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
800 South Victoria Avenue, L#5140
Ventura, California 93009-1030

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

April 15, 2024

4:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
Proceedings called to order at 4:00 p.m.
 2. ROLL CALL
Commissioners: Carin Kally, Greg Barnes, Bruce Thomas, Harold Schneider
PAC Staff: Colter Chisum, Jeri Cooper, Dwayne Bozeman, Linda Cruz
 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Kally presides as Chair.
Minutes of the January 22, 2024, PAC meeting were approved by a motion made by Schneider, seconded by Thomas. All in favor.
 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None
 5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Final Rent & Fee Proposed Changes
Changes approved by BOS effective March 1.
 - B. Project Updates
As presented in approved minutes. Nyeland Acres update to be added to today's agenda, item K.
 - C. Park Staffing
 - i. Project Manager
 - ii. Chief Ranger
 - iii. Maintenance Engineer
 - D. Storm Updates
 - E. Use Trends
 6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Introductions
 - i. Greg Barnes, District 3 Commissioner
 - ii. Dwayne Bozeman VCPD Projects
 - B. Pickleball at Soule Park
Chisum announced new land use agreement with the City of Ojai. Low-cost lease of the courts area with authority to make improvements as needed. Construction drawings include six pickle ball and two paddle ball courts expected this summer.

- C. Tree Mortality Update
Chisum described the four parks affected by drought stress and improper spraying of non-glyphosate product, Polaris imazapyr. Initial soil testing has been done. Replanting of 201 trees to begin in the Fall and will include upgraded amenities over the next three years.
- D. Foster Park Reopening
Park is now open for pedestrian access only due to significant damage to parking areas. Redesign plan update to be provided at next PAC meeting.
- E. Stepping Stones Riders Lease
This is a non-profit organization that uses rescue horses to provide lessons to children and adults. They are leasing 1.5 acres of Santa Rosa Park for the program.
- F. Ojai Valley Trail Project
Drawings 90% complete. Work may begin this summer and take approximately four months with construction taking place in sections. Current post and rail will be removed and not reinstalled, giving more space for bikers and pedestrians to maneuver and streamline maintenance.
- G. Warring Park Playground Installation Timeline and Ribbon Cutting
April 29 ground breaking. Mid-June or early July for ribbon cutting.
- H. Steckel Park Access
Landslide on Hwy 150 requiring visitors to access through Ojai. Smaller numbers on Easter at Steckel due to access. No update on reopening highway.
- I. Budget Process FY25
Chisum gave overview of budget process and line by line vendor/staff analysis and revenue projection.
- J. Parks Use of Work Release Program to Address Deficiencies
Collaboration with Probation Agency. Direct report crews as well as crews reporting to Saticoy Yard and transported by Parks Maintenance to various locations for weed abatement, trash pickup, etc.. The program results in approximately 300-400K FTE each year.
- K. Nyeland Acres
Schematic drawings due to us soon. Outdoor basketball, lighted field, parking. 182 surveys were submitted by the community.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

None

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Schneider inquired about Linda Parks Park development status. Cooper discussed plans for demonstration garden and meditation space. Pre-bid construction meeting tomorrow. Thomas commented on condition and safety of play equipment at Oak Park and drainage issue at Happy Camp. Thomas also inquired about private property outside the gate at Oak Park used as dumping zone.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.