



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

October 21, 2024

4:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Proceedings called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Carin Kally, Bruce Thomas, Harold Schneider

PAC Staff: Colter Chisum, Jeri Cooper, Chad Bowie, Linda Cruz

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kally presides as Chair. Minutes of the July 15, 2024, PAC meeting were approved by a motion made by Thomas, seconded by Schneider. All in favor.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

PAC received public comments from ten Ojai residents regarding the Soule Park Revisioning Project. Public comment audio file will be made available to anyone by request.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **July was Recreation and Parks Month in Ventura County**

BOS presentation focused on grants received and upcoming projects

B. **Introduction to Capacity Improvement Projects:**

a) Punta Gorda RV Lot Conversion

RV parking planned to help with beach camping saturation

b) Soule Park RV Camping and Park Amenity Improvements

Chisum described initial proposal and revenue challenge

c) Oak Park Prop 68 Park Improvements

Thomas asked that consideration be taken regarding adjacent industrial park development and maps created by Santa Monica Conservancy

C. **Park Utilization**

Chisum stated camping nights down due to Rincon closure. Collaboration with data tracking company for foot traffic monitoring of day use.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Ojai Valley Trail Repaving – Construction started 10/14/24**

Phase I has begun from Foster Park to Santa Ana Rd, tree maintenance and pulverization of existing asphalt. First phase to be completed by the end of November.

B. **Emma Wood Bridge Construction and Emma Wood State Beach Access**

CalTrans project might affect our day use trends and concessionaires. Closure to last a couple of years.

C. **Nyeland Acres Community Center and Park Improvements**

7200 sq ft community center and park improvement. Approx 2.5 years to completion.

D. Soule Park Pickleball – City of Ojai Partnership – Grand opening was held on 9/20/24
City manages the area containing the courts. Popular feedback. Annual pass sales have increased. Hours are extended to 7:30 to dusk.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

2025 Meetings: January 13, April 21, July 21, October 20

County Parks recognized by CPRS Dist 8 for replacement project for Waring Park playground and collaboration with Probation Agency for expanded work release program.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Schneider appreciated the input received at today's meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.