



PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 14th, 2021

Members Present	Staff Present	Public Present
Doug Goad, Chair, District 3 Rob Hutsel, Vice-Chair, District 4 Mike McCoy, District 1 Susie Murphy, District 1 Bert Long, District 3 Ed Spaeth, District 2 Susan Hector, District 4 Paul Davis, District 5	Brian Albright, Director <u>Management Division</u> Jason Hemmens, Deputy Director Crystal Benham, Group Program Manager Lizzy Bendrick, Trails Program Manager Blanca Castillo, Administrative Secretary	None

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:30 am
2. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK - None
3. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 9TH, 2021 MINUTES
 - MOTION TO APPROVE – Committee Member Hutsel, 2nd Committee Member Long ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0
4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY’S AGENDA
 - Doug asked Brian if there was a possible assembly of a committee for Valley Center. Brian added that he would report on this in the Department Report. Doug mentioned that Encinitas dedicated a new park called Olympus Park in Leucadia. Doug also mentioned that he came across an article in the newspaper regarding the state changing the guidelines on the use of masks.
 - Rob reported back to the committee on the Mission Trails Task Force meeting that took place on May 4th. He added that there was a discussion on a possible memorial to build a bridge over the river. The CAC ended up supporting the recommendation on moving forward to add a non-vehicular bridge. Rob will keep the committee updated on the status.
 - Paul asked if there was money available for federal trails. Brian added that the County keeps a close eye on the federal funding and there are certain projects being considered. Paul also asked about the Native Americans possibly buying land and asked if that would affect Mission Trails and asked Rob looking for input. Rob responded that the tribal community is represented on the San Diego River Task Force and it’s important to Supervisor Fletcher to include their voice and participation.
 - Mike asked about the opening of the campground at the Tijuana River Valley. Brian was in attendance.

5. PLDO & CSA FUND BALANCE REPORTS

- Reports were distributed prior to the meeting via e-mail.
- Brian reported an error on the dates on the heading of the PLDO report and added that this will be corrected. He also added that the forecast came in for next year and is based on predicted housing stats. The budget forecast beginning July 1st is \$1.1 million dollars in PLDO revenue that will come in.
- Brian reported that DPR will be adding two new CSA's one being Meadowood in Fallbrook and second, Valley Center that was transferred to the County.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Brian Albright, Director

- Brian reported on the opening of TJRV campground and on the Greg Cox Bike Park.
- He also reported with DPR adding Valley Center, there is an advisory committee being created and the County will consider appointing the previous 5 committee members.
- Brian reported that there are two board letters going forward on May 19th DPR will be advertising an award for construction on a new volunteer pad at El Monte and Old Ironsides parks.
- Brian also made the committee aware that on May 26th and 27th Budget hearing will take place and start at 9am.
- Brian announced that Dr. Mike McCoy will be rotating off the Parks Advisory Committee after serving 23 years.

7. REGIONAL TRAILS- Crystal Benham, Group Program Manager, and Lizzy Bendrick, Trails Program Manager presented.

Highlights to include:

- Overview of the San Diego County Regional Trail System.
- Coast to Crest Trail
- San Diego River Trail Park
- Sweetwater River and Loop Trail
- Otay Valley Regional Park Trail
- California Coastal Trail
- Pacific Crest Trail
- California Riding and Hiking Trail
- CRHT to Sloane Canyon Trail
- Trans County Trail

There was a discussion between the committee members and DPR staff on trails.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 9:41 am

- Before the meeting was adjourned Brian added on the Budget hearings and asked that testimonies are welcomed from the committee members and are welcomed to join on May 27th. Link and information will be sent out for the meeting.
- Brian added that there are 13 new positions being allocated to Parks.
- MOTION TO ADJORN AND IN RECOGNITION FOR MIKE MCCOY'S SERVICE ON THE COMMITTEE – Committee Member Hutsel, 2nd Committee Member Davis ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th, 2021.