



PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 9th, 2021

Members Present	Staff Present	Public Present
Doug Goad, Chair, District 3 Rob Hutsel, Vice-Chair, District 4 Javier Alvarado, District 1 Susie Murphy, District 1 Ed Spaeth, District 2 Susan Hector, District 4 Sam Nejabat, District 4 Paul Davis, District 5	Brian Albright, Director <u>Management Division</u> Renee Hilton, Assistant Director Jason Hemmens, Deputy Director James Inglis, Budget Manager Blanca Castillo, Administrative Secretary	None

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:39 am
 - Brian Albright welcomed new District 4 appointed member, Sam Nejabat.
 - Members introduced themselves.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK - None

3. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11TH, 2021 MINUTES
 - MOTION TO APPROVE – Committee Member Davis, 2nd Committee Member HUTSEL
ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY’S AGENDA
 - Doug Goad shared on an article he came across on the Escondido advocate newspaper on what the city is doing.
 - Susan Hector reported on the Old Town Museums, after being closed for some time, they are back opened and looking forward to having more events in 2022. She also mentioned that the international cottages are now opened as of July 3rd with no mask requirements.

5. PLDO & CSA FUND BALANCE REPORTS
 - Reports were distributed prior to the meeting via e-mail.
 - Brian also gave an overview on the Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) and County Service Areas (CSA) Fund Balance reports for the new members on the committee. These reports reflect the park impact fees that are collected in 24 different planning areas. These revenues are collected and used to build parks in these specific communities. The CSA report is a reflection of the current status of the county service areas, which are mainly maintenance districts.
 - Brian reported that there were no major adjustments on the reports. He mentioned that the annual plan for the PLDO expenditures and projects which is anticipated to move forward using PLDO funding to the Board of Supervisors sometime in the fiscal

year 2021-2022. DPR will give an overview of the annual plan in September.

- Paul Davis asked if the reports can be sorted by District. Brian responded that this will be adjusted by the next meeting.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Brian Albright, Director

- Brian reported that there are no items moving forward to the Board of Supervisors for July. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 18th with four items going forward.
- DPR will be accepting a donation of approximately 2,000 trees from SDG&E as part of a program that's in place that provides trees valued at \$300,000. Also moving forward is approval for contract authority for the Otay Lakes Sewer project that will connect to the Otay lakes park currently on septic to the Chula Vista sewer. Brian added that DPR has a second hearing on two acquisitions in the north county. The first acquisition is 419 acres on Paradise Mountain in Valley Center near Hell Hole canyon and the second acquisition is 248 acres in the Hidden Meadows area off the I-15 corridor.
- Brian reminded the members that the committee goes dark in August. The committee will resume on September 10th.

7. FY 2021-22 BUDGET OVERVIEW- Jason Hemmens, Deputy Director, James Inglis, Budget Manager presented.

Brian reported that the County approved its largest budget in history over 7 billion dollars and added approximately 1,000 employees to this new fiscal year.

Highlights to include:

- Parks and Recreation department overview, mission, and vision
- Accomplishments
- Looking forward and future outlook
- Parks Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Projects
- General fund expenditures summary
- Non- general funds expenditures summary
- Fiscal Year 2021-2023 key performance measure
- James Inglis added that the budget has been approved as of July 30rd, 2021. The adopted final document will be available online in August.

Committee had a discussion on the budget presentation

Susie Murphy mentioned that she was involved in the budget public meeting that was held by Supervisor Vargas and thanked staff for their involvement. Susie also expressed her concerns about funds that are available, and the County not having ample time to develop plans and allocating the funds.

Rob Hutsel made a comment to support Susie's concern and would like to see more projects being done and be able to support the project in the future within the operation budget.

Ed Spaeth also supported Rob's concern and would like to see more meaningful projects.

Brian added that specific regards to the Tijuana Valley there is potentially hundreds of millions of dollars that are coming in this year from the federal government. Negotiations are underway to determine which projects that were studied are the highest priority. Brian

mentioned that on the County's end that we excepted a 10-million-dollar state grant to do a county infrastructure project on county owed land.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 9:27 am

- Before the meeting was adjourned, Brian reminded the committee that the Committee goes dark in August and will resume back in September.
- MOTION TO ADJORN AND IN RECOGNITION FOR BERT LONG'S SERVICE ON THE COMMITTEE – Committee Member Spaeth, 2nd Committee Member Hector ALL IN FAVOR –8-0-0
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2021.