

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 13, 2018

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:33 am
2. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK
3. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA
 - Committee Member Hutsel thanked the County on behalf of John Allen, who won the 2018 Park Champion Award.
 - Committee Member Groenewold introduced Ashley Jaques, whom he is encouraging to apply for his seat. Her family owns the property next to Rancho Guajome.
4. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 8, 2018 MINUTES
MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 8, 2018 MINUTES WITH COMMENTS AND REVIEW –
Chairman Doug
 - Committee Member Groenewold motioned to approve; Committee Member Long seconded.ALL IN FAVOR – 9 – 0 – 0
5. PLDO & CSA FUND BALANCE REPORTS
 - Deputy Director Hemmens expressed DPR's appreciation for PAC's support of PLDO. The first reading was on July 11; the second reading will be on July 25.
 - When asked how much of the sunset spending is coming to its limit, Hemmens informed the PAC that there is flexibility in funding and ensured that we have not had to face the situation in which the time limit on spending ends.
 - When asked if we are aggressively looking for land, Hemmens answered yes. Mary Niez of DPR is focused on all things related to acquisitions.
 - In recalling past access issues that the CA Coastal Commission faced long ago, Dr. McCoy emphasized the importance of acquiring land. Committee Member Groenewold predicts that trails will become more important. Chairman Goad reminded the PAC of how important it is that they promote where we want our city to go in terms of land, parks, and housing.
6. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Deputy Director Jason Hemmens
 - Deputy Director Hemmens reported that there are 18 days left of Parks & Rec month. DPR has continued to host many exciting events at all parks, such as the Summer Movies in the Park series.
 - The Parks & Recreation Champion Awards Ceremony took place July 12th and was a great success.

7. SAN LUIS REY RIVER PARK (SLRRP) – Marcus Lubich

- Deputy Director Hemmens took the opportunity before the SLRRP presentation to appreciate Committee Member Groenewold for everything he's done with District 5, which includes SLRRP.
- DPR Staff Member Marcus Lubich gave an overview of SLRRP, sharing a map of the park and explaining DPR's partnering with Caltrans on the plan for SR-76 and the San Luis Rey river corridor (a partnership since the 1960s). DPR is nearing 70% acquisition of the planned 1,600 acres for the river park.
- Lubich reported on receiving the funding for design and development of both Moosa and Dulin Road, two active recreation sites at SLRRP. Committee Member McCoy asked if the active rec sites would be in the flood zone, and Lubich assured they would not be in the flood plain.
- Lubich also gave an overview of the SLRRP Trail system. DPR is currently working on permits to finalize some trail alignments. Committee Member Davis asked how long the trail system is; Lubich answered that the south trail is 6.5 miles long, and the north trail is comprised of shorter segments. The entire trail system can be done in one day. Lubich added that the Old Bonsall Bridge will be a trail segment alignment. Public Member Murphy added that there is a group from the Bonsall area, there involved with the City of Temecula with a vision, coalition received a grant to create a conceptual plan.
- Committee Member Spaeth contributed that trail loops are very attractive and utilized more, especially with horses.
- Deputy Director Hemmens added that 200 acres of the SLRRP were burned from Lilac Fire. DPR Ops staff helped with vegetation and restoration. The vegetation management done prior to the Lilac Fire helped save homes nearby.
- Committee Member Groenewold predicts that SLRRP may become a cyclist trail, so a staging area would be good. Once the Rail Trail reaches Rancho Guajome, it will need a connection into SLRRP.
- Committee Member Hutsel asked if the idea of using non-profits to manage the park is being considered by the County. Hemmens affirmed that DPR is always looking for partnerships that assist and save County resources.

8. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Public Member Murphy commented that SDMBA is partnering with the County to create a "Trails Etiquette" video to educate every group at every level.
- Committee Member Hutsel posed the question of how coordination between multiple public agencies could be improved for the greater good of the county. Hemmens answered that collaboration is key, and it takes a lot of communication over a long period of time. The PAC can assist by providing contacts with key stakeholders that they know of, and DPR would reach out to them to ensure greater communication is taking place.
- Committee Member Utt mentioned they will be groundbreaking the new park ranger facilities at the equestrian trail on Mast Blvd on July 19.
- Committee Member Groenewold brought up concerns with transient activity throughout the county, and wanted to ensure this topic is discussed at this meeting in the future.
- The meeting ended with a unified, profound appreciation for Committee Member Groenewold and all he's done for the PAC.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:38 A.M.

ATTENDEES:

Doug Goad, Chair District 3

Mike McCoy, District 1

Ron Gaines, District 2

Ed Spaeth, District 2

Bert Long, District 3

Rob Hutsel, District 4

Roger Utt, District 4

Paul Davis, District 5

Rod Groenewold, District 5

Susie Murphy, Member of the Public

Kamala Slight, Member of the Public

Ashley Jaques, Member of the Public

Jason Hemmens, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Marcus Lubich, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Joanne Emerick, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation