



**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**
Thursday, April 28, 2016
**COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chairperson, Deanne Gonzales
Vice Chairperson, Bruce Hilton
Connie O’Henley
Kenny Dahlen
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Pandora-Nash Karner
- STAFF PRESENT:** Nick Franco, Larry Iaquinto, Josh Heptig, Michele Venturini
and Kate Van Dyke

Pledge of Allegiance

1. This is the time that is reserved for the flag salute.

Chairperson Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

2. This is the time set for public comment on items that do not appear on the agenda.

Chairperson Gonzales opens the floor to public comment without response.

Commissioners' Adjustments to Agenda

3. This is the time set for any proposed adjustments to today's agenda.

There are no adjustments to today's agenda.

Commissioners' Comments and Outreach

4. This is the time set for Commissioner remarks on their outreach efforts since the previous meeting.

Commissioner O’Henley spent four days with two hundred and forty students attending a Rotary leadership program in Ojai. She also enjoyed hiking in Carmel and Monterey and noted the area was very beautiful.

Commissioner Dahlen has been busy with baseball/softball seasons. He has just set up camp to get ready for the Wildflower event. He noted the lake level was up a little and although attendance for the Wildflower event is down slightly, it will still be enjoyable.

Commissioner Hilton just finished up a successful basketball season coaching a girls’ YMCA team and 8th grade boys’ team. His son did a fundraiser for Jack’s Helping Hand and participated in a whiffle ball tournament at Nipomo Park. He also attended a Boy Scouts Jamboree at Camp French and noted the ADA bathroom improvements looked good.

Commissioner Gonzales has been very busy and has not gotten out much. She had four events at her tasting room and visited her daughter in Modesto. She noted that Modesto was beautiful this time of the year.

Approve Draft Minutes From Previous Meeting

5. This is the time set for consideration and acceptance of the previous meeting minutes.

Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the February 25, 2016, meeting. A motion was made.

Motion by: Kenny Dahlen

Second by: Connie O'Henley

COMMISSIONERS	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Gonzales, Deanne	x			
Hilton, Bruce			x	
Dahlen, Kenny	x			
O'Henley, Connie	x			

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 25, 2016, MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

Trails Advisory Committee Report

- 6. This is the time set for a report on the latest Trails Advisory Committee meeting. This item is skipped when no meeting has occurred.

There was no meeting to report.

Golf Advisory Committee Report

- 7. This is the time set for a report on the latest Golf Advisory Committee meeting. This item is skipped when no meeting has occurred.

Mr. Josh Heptig, Golf Course Superintendent, reviewed several months of Advisory Committee minutes with the Commissioners, noting revenue and attendance of all three golf courses. He also gave an update on the status of Dairy Creek Golf Course. He informed the Commissioners that water is the primary issue and staff will be going to the Board of Supervisors on May 17th with options on how to proceed with the operations of Dairy Creek.

Staff Reports

- 8. 2015 Commission Report

Mr. Nick Franco, Parks Director, presented the revised 2015 Commission Report and asked for the Commissioners' approval. The Commissioners reviewed and agreed on the revised report and a motion was made to approve it.

Motion by: Connie O'Henley

Second by: Bruce Hilton

COMMISSIONERS	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Gonzales, Deanne	x			
Hilton, Bruce	x			
Dahlen, Kenny	x			
O'Henley, Connie	x			

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE 2015 COMMISSION REPORT AS WRITTEN.

- 9. Mustang Waterpark Improvements Proposal at Lopez Lake Recreation Area

Mr. Larry Iaquinto, Parks Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on the history and recent renovations that have been completed at the waterpark. He noted that the operator of the waterpark has proposed three improvements they would like to do. By implementing these improvements, the operator is hoping to generate revenue year-round, which in turn, would generate additional income for the Parks Department too. The proposed improvements are: 1) human maze feature, 2) extend seating area, 3) bicycle rentals. Mr.

laquinto asked for the Commission to advise the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed improvements for Mustang Waterpark.

It is recommended that the Park and Recreation Commission advise the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed improvements for Mustang Waterpark by the existing concessionaire, Amaezing Waterpark Inc., a California S Corporation, dba Mustang Water Park, within the Lopez Lake Recreation Area (LLRA).

Motion by: Connie O'Henley

Second by: Kenny Dahlen

COMMISSIONERS	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Gonzales, Deanne	X			
Hilton, Bruce	X			
Dahlen, Kenny	X			
O'Henley, Connie	X			

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE PROPOSED MUSTANG WATERPARK IMPROVEMENTS.

10. Vista Lago Adventure Park proposed improvements within the Lopez Lake Recreation Area (LLRA)

Mr. Larry laquinto, Parks Superintendent, explained to the Commission that Vista Lago Adventure Park (VLAP) currently operates four zip lines. He noted that since its opening in 2014, the small 300’ zip line is rarely used and VLAP would like to remove it and add two additional lines (1400’ and 700’). It is believed that these improvements would help generate additional income not only for VLAP, but for the Parks Department as well. Mr. laquinto asked for the Commission to advise the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed VLAP improvements.

It is recommended that the Park and Recreation Commission advise the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed improvements at Vista Lago Adventure Park within the Lopez Lake Recreation Area (LLRA).

Motion by: Kenny Dahlen

Second by: Connie O'Henley

COMMISSIONERS	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Gonzales, Deanne	X			
Hilton, Bruce	X			
Dahlen, Kenny	X			
O'Henley, Connie	X			

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE PROPOSED VISTA LAGO ADVENTURE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Director Report

11. This is the time set for the Director report.

Mr. Nick Franco, Parks Director, spoke on the following:

Public Works will be replacing the Oceano Lagoon Bridge at Airpark Drive. Parks will lose approximately two parking spaces. However, a new wider bridge will allow safer access for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Nipomo Park bandstand is coming along quickly and looks beautiful. Commissioner O’Henley also noted that this was the last week to turn in bricks for the project.

Don Melin, formerly the Supervising Ranger for the Salinas District, has been promoted to the newly reinstated position of Maintenance Parks Superintendent.

The Outdoor Discovery Festival will be held May 7, 2016, at Lopez Lake. Mr. Franco encouraged everyone to come out for the event.

Parks will be assisting the Health Agency with "Bike to Breakfast" on May 19, 2016, to celebrate Bike Month.

The Accreditation Teams have starting working on the standards and are hoping to have fifty nine of the standards completed by this time next year.

The City of Grover Beach is looking to lease a portion of Parks property to expand their train station.

Approve letters of donation

12. This is the time set for the Chairperson to acknowledge and accept any Letters of Donation received.

There were no donations to report.

Adjournment

13. Adjourn Meeting

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.