



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

April 21, 2025

4:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Carin Kally, Greg Barnes, Bruce Thomas, Harold Schneider

PAC Staff: Jeri Cooper, Chad Bowie, Linda Cruz

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kally presides as Chair. Minutes of the January 13, 2025, PAC meeting were approved by a motion made by Thomas, seconded by Schneider. All in favor.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Soule Park Revisioning Update** – RV's not being considered further at this time
Conceptual plans remain for future consideration

B. **Dennison and Tapo canyon** – Campground Improvement Projects
Potential 21 full hook-up addition to Tapo utilizing unused equestrian arena. Possible start by year end. Beginning stages of design for possible hook-up additions to Dennison.

C. **Punta Gorda Lot** – Agreement with Caltrans to allow County to manage lot for RV camping
Currently in review by County Counsel. Will go to Board for approval to enter into maintenance agreement with CalTrans.

D. **Foster Park Storm Recovery** – Phase III Update
Final stage of concept design for rebuild. Will present to PAC at July 21 meeting.

E. **Final Rent and Fee**
Approved by Board of Supervisors and implemented.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Soule Park Mural and Tree Planting Phase I**
Mural installed on restroom as part of dedication to park beautification similar to installations at Rincon and Faria Beach. Phase IA tree planting of 21 trees beginning this week. Twenty-nine trees to be installed after completion of Phase IA and completion of new irrigation and will include larger boxed trees. Phase I totals 100 trees.

B. **Linda Parks Park Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting 4/15**
Park designed as healing/meditation space. Approx 65 people in attendance.
Cooper gave additional description of park and surrounding properties.

C. **Ojai Valley Trail Nearing Completion**
Phases I and II are complete. Phase III asphalt and striping complete. Fencing paused at City's request due to Ojai tennis tournament. Anticipate completion by mid-May.

D. Exploring RV Camping Expansion at Tapo Canyon

Discussed in Old Business.

E. Oak Park Camping and Amenity Improvements

Initial conceptual design to be complete mid-May. Additional surveys required for drainage. Additional of \$177,952 funding received from Bell Canyon Prop 68 per capita transfer. Total received from State for project is \$1,576,192.

F. Recreation and Parks Month – July

Proclamation in front of Board of Supervisors scheduled for June 24.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

None

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Kally asked about summer preparation for beach sites and tree maintenance in all parks.

Bowie confirmed rangers are ready. Per Cooper, arborist is notified of trees that are identified as hazardous by Parks team.

Kally inquired about PAC elections – will be held on July 21 meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.