



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

John Wicker, Director

Norma E. Garcia, Chief Deputy Director

County of Los Angeles
Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

April 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
Castaic Sports Complex
at 31230 Castaic Rd, Castaic, CA 91384

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (January 28, 2019)**
- 4. DIRECTOR'S UPDATES**
- 5. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

1. Budget Update – Bob Maycumber (VERBAL REPORT)
2. PAD Update – Katie Dingman (PRESENTATION)
3. Solicitation Updates – Sandra Salazar (PRESENTATION)
 - a. Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park - Recreation Vehicle Campground
 - b. Whittier Narrows Recreation Area - Trap and Skeet Facility
 - c. Chester Washington & Maggie Hathaway Golf Courses

6. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

1. Commission Review Evaluation Questionnaire – Stakeholders (DISCUSSION)

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the opportunity for the members of the public to address the Commission regarding any items that are not listed on the posted agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Speakers are reminded of the three-minute time limit.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, 2019 at a location chosen by the Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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PARKS AFTER DARK

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KATIE DINGMAN, PARKS AFTER DARK COORDINATOR



Productivity and Quality Awards





Growing Success of Parks After Dark (PAD)

- ▶ **2009-** The concept of PAD was developed as a prevention component of the County's Gang Violence Reduction Initiative
- ▶ **2010-** DPR launched PAD at 3 County parks
- ▶ **2012-** PAD expanded to 3 additional parks through DPH's Community Transformation Grant
- ▶ **2015-** Supervisor Solis funded 3 additional parks in the 1st district
- ▶ **2016-** PAD expanded to 12 additional parks through DPH's Trauma Prevention Initiative and Probation Title IV-E Waiver Funds
- ▶ **2017-** PAD expanded to 2 additional parks through Probation Department's Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and Adult Growth funds
- ▶ **2018-** PAD expanded to 10 additional parks and 2 additional seasons through the DMH's Prevention and Early Intervention Funds.

Parks After Dark Locations

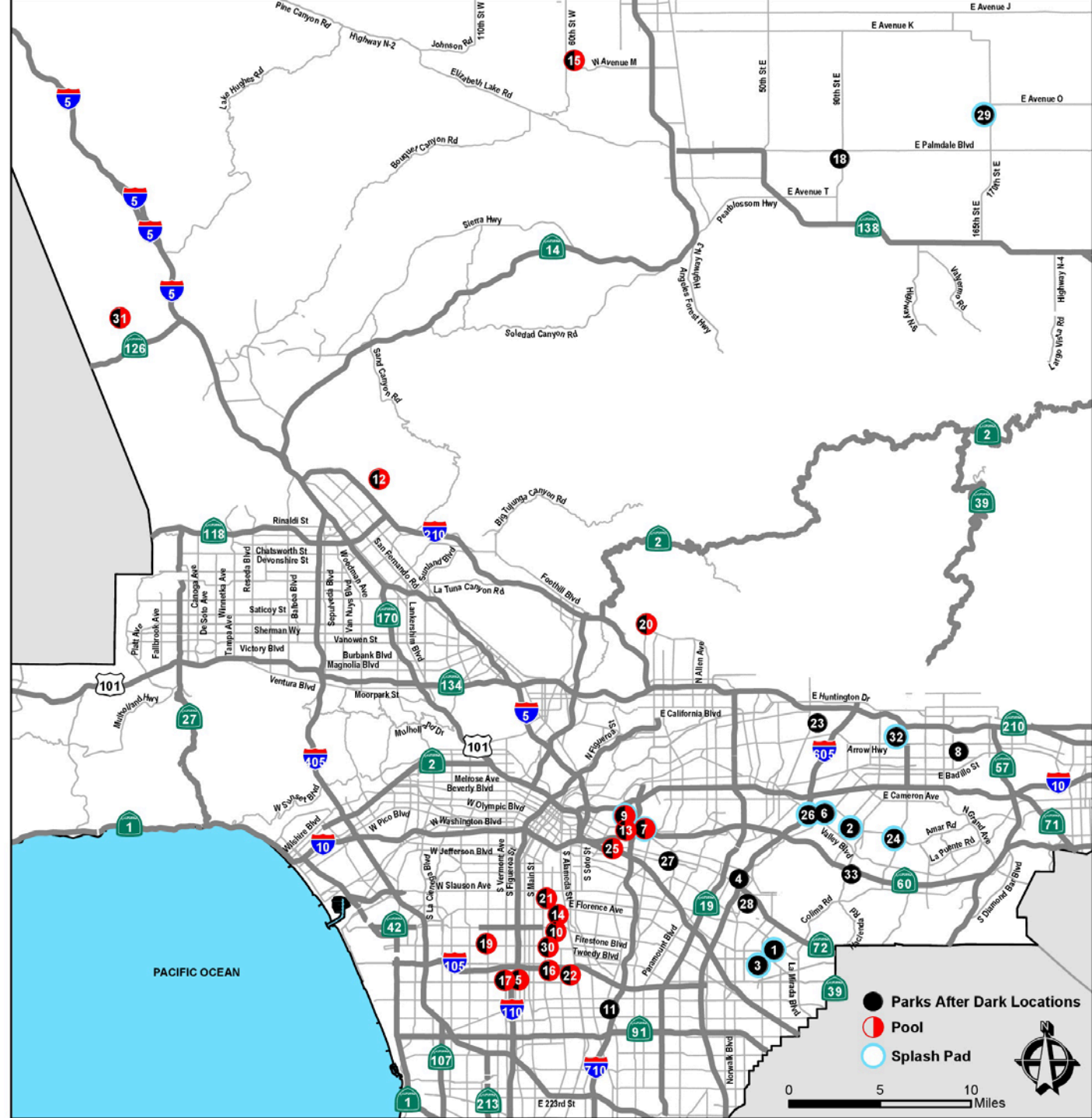
1st Supervisorial District: 10

2nd Supervisorial District: 10

3rd Supervisorial District: 1

4th Supervisorial District: 5

5th Supervisorial District: 7





Parks After Dark (PAD) Model

PAD is a proven model that provides a community-based framework for prevention and intervention

- ▶ **Target Populations** – Communities with high rates of:
 - ▶ Poverty
 - ▶ Crime
 - ▶ Obesity
 - ▶ Systems Involved Youth
- ▶ **PAD extends park operation hours when schools are closed**
 - ▶ Summer – 8 weeks, Thursday-Saturday 6pm-10pm
 - ▶ Winter – 3 weeks, Thursday-Friday 4pm-8pm, Saturday 2pm-6pm
 - ▶ Spring – 1 week, Thursday-Friday 5pm-9pm, Saturday 2pm-6pm



Service Gaps Addressed by PAD

- ▶ Lack of safe spaces for physical activity and social recreation
- ▶ Inequities in physical and mental health
- ▶ Lack of summer programs
- ▶ Limited trust of law enforcement and other government agencies
- ▶ Lack of social cohesion



Parks After Dark (PAD) Offerings

- ▶ **Recreational Programming** – Team sports, fitness/dance classes, walking clubs, aquatics for all ages from young children to aging adults
- ▶ **Restorative Programming** – Yoga, Mediation, Mental Health Workshops, etc.
- ▶ **Entertainment/Cultural Programming** – Concerts, movies, cultural shows
- ▶ **Educational & Career Programming** –
 - ▶ Workshops/Classes – Health and safety, nutritious cooking, self-defense, parenting skills, computer and financial literacy, Juvenile Justice Jeopardy, etc.
 - ▶ Youth Employment and Volunteer Opportunities – At-risk youth assist with PAD program implementation
- ▶ **Resource Fairs** – Collaboration among numerous government and community-based organizations
- ▶ **Sherriff Services** – Patrol and community engagement.



Parks After Dark (PAD) Funding

Funding Partners:

- ▶ Department of Mental Health
- ▶ Probation Department
- ▶ Department of Children and Family Services
- ▶ Department of Public Health
- ▶ Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services

Program Cost for one full year (3 seasons) = \$6,925,000



Winter Parks After Dark (PAD)



Winter Parks After Dark (PAD)





Spring Parks After Dark (PAD)

▶ March 21-23, 2019

- ▶ Loma Alta
- ▶ George Lane
- ▶ Jackie Robinson
- ▶ Stephen Sorensen

▶ March 28-30, 2019

- ▶ Adventure
- ▶ Amigo
- ▶ Amelia Mayberry
- ▶ Pamela
- ▶ Sorensen

▶ April 4-6, 2019

- ▶ Allen Martin
- ▶ Charter Oak
- ▶ Rimgrove
- ▶ William Steinmetz
- ▶ Val Verde
- ▶ Valleydale



Spring Parks After Dark (PAD)

► April 18-20, 2019

- Athens
- Bassett
- Belverdere
- Bethune
- George Washington Carver
- City Terrace
- El Cariso
- Hellen Keller
- East Rancho Dominguez
- Jesse Owens
- Mona
- Eugene Obregon
- Franklin D Roosevelt
- Ruben Salazar
- San Angelo
- Saybrook
- Ted Watkins
- Col. Leon H Washington



Summer Parks After Dark (PAD)

June 13th – August 3rd

Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

6-10pm

* Please note we will not be hosting PAD on July 4th



Parks After Dark (PAD)

Katie Dingman

Parks After Dark Coordinator

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A stylized landscape illustration featuring rolling green hills in the foreground and background. On the left, there is a green tree, a purple flower, and some orange foliage. A small red bird is flying in the sky above the tree. The sky is composed of horizontal bands of blue and white. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Contracts Division

Solicitation Updates

- Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park – Recreational Vehicle Campground
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*Minutes of the January 28, 2019
Jesse Owens Park (Community Room)
9651 S. Western Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90047*

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

John Wicker, Director
Norma E. Garcia, Chief Deputy Director
Malou Rubio, Administrative Deputy
Jane Beesley, Deputy Director
Kevin Regan, Deputy Director
Carl Cooper, Deputy Director
Jon Gargan, Deputy Director
Mercy Santoro, Deputy Director
Robert Maycumber, Regional Operations Manager
Mohammed Al Rawi, IT Manager
Ed P. Reyes, First District Commissioner
Sylia Obagi, Third District commissioner
Melissa Centeno, Fourth District commissioner
Deanne Boubli, Fifth District Commissioner
Faith Parducho, Unincorporated Area Liaison
Mary Ann Morato, Board of Supervisors, Commission Services
Joe Goss, Regional Recreation Director
Leo Barajas, Aquatics
Michelle O'Connor, Departmental Facilities Planner
Zachary Likins, Park Planner
Bob Thurmond, Public Attendee
Tim Tran, IT Technician
Carmen Garrido, Sr. Management Secretary
Elva Espinoza, Executive Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Melissa Centeno called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Melissa Centeno led the Flag Salute.

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Ed Reyes, Melissa Centeno, Sylia Obagi and Deanne Boublis were present and established a quorum. Commissioner Mayisha Akbar was not present.

4. ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS

- Motion made by Commissioner Ed Reyes to nominate Commissioner Melissa Centeno to Chair and second by Commissioner Sylia Obagi. All Commissioners vote in favor.
- Motion made by Commissioner Melissa Centeno to elect Commissioner Sylia Obagi to Vice Chair and second by Commissioner Ed Reyes. All Commissioners vote in favor.
- Motion made by Commissioner Ed Reyes to elect Commissioner Deane Boublis to Secretary and second by Commission Chair Melissa Centeno. All Commissioners vote in favor.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Melissa Centeno to approve the October 15, 2018 Minutes and seconded by Commissioner Ed Reyes. All Commissioners in favor.

6. DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

Director John Wicker (Director) informed the Commission that the Department received three awards:

- The Innovation and Health Award for the Parks After Dark Program from the National Recreation and Park Association.
- The Gold Eagle Award from the Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission.
- The Digital Marketing and Media Campaign Award for the animated video that was use in the Parks After Dark Program by the California Parks and Recreation Society.

Next, Director John Wicker informed the Commission about a Request for Proposal (RFP) for bid for operation of the RV Park at Bonelli Park.

The Director and staff did a Legislative Trip to Sacramento and met with a various representatives to formalize some of the actions on Proposition 68, which is a Statewide Park and Recreation Bond Grant Program.

Commissioner Sylia Obagi asked for a Measure A update and Director Wicker stated that Jane Beesley would be addressing this item. Commissioner Ed Reyes asked about the relation of funds with the Measure W. Director Wicker stated that we have a few projects that we have talked to Public Works in relation to Measure W and are looking for any opportunities that can help Parks.

7. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

A. OLD BUSINESS

Due to a lack of quorum at the October 15, 2018 Meeting, the meeting minutes for July 9, 2018 are being rectified and resubmitted for approval in today's meeting, Commissioner Ed Reyes made motion to approve the July 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes, and Commissioner Melissa Centeno second. All in favor and minutes are approved.

B. NEW BUSINESS

Trails Application –

Michelle O'Connor, Section Head for Trails Planning and Zachary Likins, Park Planner provided an update on the 2014 Trails Website and new website feature; the publishing of the County Trails' on an application (app.)

Zachery provided a preview of the home page and the core of the functionality website. He also summarized the demo video and showed the County Trail Page and the content information with the logo. The Department has trails with four partners; National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, MRT and California State Parks.

Commissioner Ed Reyes asked if there is a way to include the history of the trails in this app., Zachary responded that if this is not a document itself, then this is a great opportunity to add this information in the trails description feature.

Section Head Michelle O'Conner reiterated that this is an opportunity for the comprehensive volunteer program to pull in more people; align priorities and focus on areas that need improvements.

Commissioner Sylia Obagi asked if LA County is going to coordinate all trails volunteers of every agency is going to handle their own? Michelle said it is separate and the County would handle the volunteers for 200 miles of County multi-use trails.

eReservations/ActiveNet Update

IT Manager Mohammed Al Rawi provided an update on eReservations/ActiveNet. The current Los Angeles County Online Registration and Reservation System (LACARRS System) was implemented in 2009 based on a 1999-2000 technology so it is antiquated and not mobile friendly. A survey was done for all Park and Recreation Management Solutions internationally and a system was identified. The new online system is called ActiveNet. Mohammed presented the ActiveNet Recreation Management Software video.

Commissioner Ed Reyes asked if the low-income families that cannot afford the technology and see the apps., how are you going to handle this? Mohammed stated that we already have deployed computers for staff in the front desks and will also be getting credit card machines for walk-ins, so people who do not have access to computers can walk-in to do a reservation. There are computers clubs in about 48 locations and those will be available as well.

Commissioner Sylia Obagi asked about the two biggest challenges the County was facing that this app., is addressing and the flipside for the user side? Director John Wicker stated that there are several things this will help us address. (1) marketing our programs, (2) credit card accessibility and (3) for equity, the people that do not have these resources they can still go to the park and pay with a credit card or other form of payment.

Commissioner Ed Reyes asked how Parks is a source for preventing health issues for the elderly? Director John Wicker stated that we have worked with Public Health and provided them with data, so doctors could write a prescription to work out more or find fitness sessions and they can do a search and our facilities will come up. We got Public Health to pay for some of that system already, our Rx System which we included. This is a good point to get them to pay for ActiveNet or at least we can attach it to this system. Mercy is the representative with Public Health. Mohammed and Mercy have spoken to ActiveNet about our Rx Initiative because this is the largest vendor used across the Country by other recreation services provides.

Open Space District:

Deputy Director Jane Beesley provided an update on the work RPOSD is doing to move forward on the implementation of Measure A and a handout on basic information to help capture Measure A at a glance (see attached) and provided an update on where we are with Measure A.

The steering committee last summer finished its work and we put their recommendations and report to the Board.

RPOSD has developed a grants administration manual and policies for Measure A for adoption by the BOS, scheduled for February 5, 2019.

RPSOD completed the RFP process and the contract will go to the Board for a Tax Consultant, so RPOSD can do the tax calculations accurately.

- RPSOD is currently testing the electronic grants management system web portal.
- Measure A was litigated, RPOSD won the first round and the case went to the Appeal's Court and the hearing was held, but there is no decision yet.

Discussion with Commissioners:

There was a discussion on the Measure A litigation. Commissioner Sylia Obagi asked who is the individual causing this? Jane said it was Mr. Dondlinger suing about it not being a uniform tax. Jane said that we need to go through the process. County Counsel is very supportive and found the appeals hearing to be favorable from their point of view, in the kind of questions that were asked.

Commissioner Ed Reyes asked if this is considered a frivolous lawsuit? Jane said she does not think it is a frivolous lawsuit, but County Counsel doesn't think it has much merit. There was discussion about ongoing community engagement about parks and park projects. There was discussion on the Department's plans to move forward on projects utilizing Measure A funds once the litigation is completed.

Discussion on RPOSD's Technical Assistance Program is being developed.

Budget Update

Finance Manager Robert Maycumber provided a Budget Update for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 (presentation attached). He mentioned that we had a potential 15 million problem that we were dealing with and since then made some good progress. Some of the things that are causing this potential 15 million problem (Claims Investigation Cost and Legal Payments \$8.8, Unfunded Health Benefit Cost - \$3.3; Water Cost \$1.6 and the New Alhambra Headquarters \$1.3). Therefore, we have an internal hiring freeze, savings from holding permanent vacancies. Part of our 15 million are some lawsuits, we have 1.9 million that CEO has committed to help fund, so that one should not be an issue, but we are also having 4 million worth of settlements that we are working with the CEO to defer to next fiscal year.

Robert Maycumber stated the following solutions:

- An Initiative to Reduce Water Use for the period of January 1, 2019 through April 15, 2019 and this is in hopes that we achieve a 25% reduction in water use.
- Services and Supplies Savings from the sweep in May, where purchase money is taken away if it does not get spent by the agencies.
- The Southern California Edison change in peak time and the affects to solar users, but there may be an effect to those that do not use solar. We just don't know the effect yet.

Robert Maycumber moved to discuss FY 2019-2020, and stated we have several cost of living adjustments that were approved by the Board and other funding that will be provided by CEO.

New and additional revenue – this will be used to fund, a roll over budget which means CEO is not requiring any curtailments. However, with a roll over budget there is still certain costs the Department must absorb such as workers comp and water cost, long-term disability, retirement health insurance, and unemployment insurance which are not centrally funded. The departments are required to find funding for these increases, so fortunately we had some revenue that we expect to come in and solve some of these problems.

Funding Request – one of the issues is water cost increases, currently the Department is on a government rate – Schedule F Irrigation Rate – but it is going to be ending in Fiscal Year 19-20 and the rate is going to go up significantly.

Anticipated significant legal payments – currently working with CEO to try to cover the potential 4 million in anticipated costs.

Modernizing Technology Infrastructure – new eReservation System coming on board and kiosks for walk-ins/in person reservations.

Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation – Whittier Narrows Recreation Area – we have a requirement from the State Water Board to monitor our trash in water bodies in the lakes around Whittier Narrows and so the California State Water Board has now required that we have the same plan for four more facilities: Whittier Narrows Golf Course, Santa Anita Golf Course, Crescenta Valley Park, and Pamela Park.

Free Wi-fi Access – currently of 182 facilities 30 sites have free wi-fi access and the \$580,000 is to cover 60 additional sites.

Operating Cost for New and Refurbished Facilities –

- Need on-going budget to continue to expand facilities. We have about 10 sites that we expect to have up and running in FY 19-20, and about 30 positions we are asking for.
- The SCE use rates and not having a number for it.
- Plan to set up digital lockers. We have 30 pools, so we are looking at doing a pilot in three of our pools, primarily at our three major aquatic centers: San Fernando, Belvedere, and Castaic. We are also looking at possible cost savings from this, by implementing this, we expect to reduce the number of locker room attendants needed.
- Piloting of automated Vehicle Entrance Fee Collection System in three facilities: Eaton Canyon Natural Area, Schabarum and Santa Fe Dam.

Commissioner Sylia Obagi stated that this brings us back to eReservations Systems and wondering if that is going to help bring more money and not dilute money since it is cash? Director Wicker stated this will tie everything together, through the automation it could reduce the number of cashier clerks and speed up the overall ability to get into a facility as well.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Deanne Boubliis stated that this has been overwhelming and appreciates the information but is curious about what kind of outreach we do towards the schools and scouts and those types of things because I don't remember ever seeing County Parks information coming home when her children were little? Director Wicker stated that we do quite a bit of outreach with schools, for example here at Jesse Owens Park we have a school next door, so we provide flyers to be distributed at the schools. We work with the schools, so they do some of their events in our parks. In fact, while we were doing the flag

salute, you may have noticed earlier there were some kids out there, and I think it was one of their PE Classes using our Park. We do work very close with the schools and we talked to them about the best way to reach out to them. Most of it is our after-school programs are popular with schools, especially when we are adjacent to them. We use Social media as well, such as Facebook and Twitter.

Director John Wicker stated that with the Boys and Girls Scouts, we do a lot of outreach there. We use our park staff to build the relationship. We have done well with the Boys' Scouts, we have lots of Eagle Scout projects in our parks, where they build trails and have done improvements to picnic areas. We have variety of camporees and campouts in some of our areas, we have some great large camp sites that they can use; Schabarum Park is a popular area for the Boys Scots.

Commissioner Sylia Obagi said she missed the last meeting, and received the meeting minutes but is wondering if there is way to keep the Commissioners up-to-date on things that are going on between Commission Meetings? Director Wicker stated he will work on that and get back to the Commission because communication has been one of those things we have been wanting to improve. Commissioner Deanne Boubliis asked if they need to sign up to receive the P&R Magazine? Director Wicker stated the P&R Magazine is on the website right now, if you go to our website there is a link to the online P&R Magazine. Also, Elva will continue to send out the online P&R Magazine to the Commission.

Mary Ann Morato, Board of Supervisors, stated she was the person in charge of conducting the oversight of the Commissions and there have been some challenges in getting information, as she relies heavily on the internet to gather meeting minutes. She is aware of the 72-hour posting and gets to see a glance of the agenda at HOA. The challenges thus far have been commission quorums, so when you have a quorum you can approve the minutes and issue them without any problems. But often a lot of the Commissions have issues with quorums, and the challenge is how do we improve attendance for the commissioners and, at the same time, the communication aspect and dissemination of information? Mary was quite excited about all these changes. She would like to see the information disseminate not just to the Commissioners, but also the public.

As she does the Sunset Review of the Commissions and if there is lack of information, there are three issues, 1. Are we going to support the extension of the Commission? 2. Are we going to dissolve the Commission? or 3. Are we going to repurpose the Commission? Mary relies heavily on the meeting minutes and if she does not have them it is hard for her to gage. Secondly, she is excited about the eReservation System, because she utilizes Santa Fe Dam. The plan to have kiosks to pay with the credit card is great, but what if the system breaks down? Director Wicker stated that we are still looking at a variety of systems and have not selected one yet. However, we will need some cashiers, always, and will not completely be automated. If the system breaks down, we will be able to do manual collection. To some extent, the cashiers do provide other services, like hand out maps and information about what is going on in the park.

Director Wicker stated Elva will meet with you to discuss meeting minutes, we just approved July and October 2018 today.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Park and Recreation Commission Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at Castaic Sports Complex.

10. ADJOURMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Executive Secretary Elva Espinoza