

ATTACHMENT 1

Santa Barbara County Park Commission

610 Mission Canyon Road Santa Barbara, California 93105 (805) 568-2461

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION Special Meeting of July 26, 2012

APPROVED MINUTES

The special hearing of the Santa Barbara County Park Commission was called to order by Chair Judith Dale at 9:30AM., at the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 105 E. Anapamu Street, 4th Floor, Santa Barbara, CA.

Commissioners Present:

Suzanne Perkins 1st District
Judith Dale 3rd District, Chair
Gene Petersen 4th District,
Bailey Hudson 5th District, Vice Chair

Commissioners Absent:

Vacant 2nd District

County Staff Present:

Herman Parker, Director
Brian Roney, Deputy Director, Parks Division
Sue Spencer, South County Operations Manager, Parks Division
Mitch Medeiros, North County Operations Manager, Parks Division
Kerry Bierman, Chief Financial Officer
Ryder Bailey, Cost Analysis
Jon Menzies, Aquatics Coordinator
Jessica Rauch, Administrative Professional

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

- I. **HEARING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Chair, Judith Dale.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL:** All Commissioners were present. Second District seat vacant.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

STANDARD AGENDA:

1. Beach Parking Fees – For Information and Discussion

Recommendation: That the Park Commission receive a presentation on parking fees at 7 beach access points and other County park facilities, hear and consider all public comment, and discuss the following: a) Should the County consider parking fees at all County parks or only the seven beach locations? b) Should the County consider tiered parking fees or a flat rate? c) What should the parking fees be? d) How much should be charged for citations?

ACTION: The Park Commission received a presentation on proposed beach parking fees and listened to public testimony.

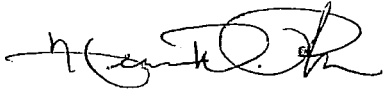
PUBLIC COMMENT:

Andy Seyboll was concerned that if a fee was imposed Alan Road parking for the neighborhood would get worse. The County should work with the City to create a plan that limits parking in the neighborhood or requires a resident parking pass. Robert Rodd was opposed to paid parking at the beaches. Shelby Sim, representing the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce was opposed to beach parking fees. Jeff Melnik was opposed to beach parking fees at Lookout Park in Summerland. Due to the Lily Avenue improvements, Summerland will be losing parking spaces. Skona Brittain said many people cannot afford to do quick beach visits and asked if an annual pass would be considered. Gilbert Loustalot was opposed to beach parking fees. Alan Howard was opposed to beach parking fees. He suggested including park maintenance in concession contracts and using volunteers. Tim Mahoney, representing Southern California Gas Company, was opposed to beach parking fees. He asked if utility or service trucks would be exempt from paying a fee when coming to work at a park. He asked to consider an annual pass. Richard Rojas asked if staff was being proactive with the California Coastal Commission. He also asked if there would be special passes for seniors and special needs citizens. Ted Quackenbush was opposed to beach parking fees. Beach access is limited and decreasing. The surrounding neighborhoods would be impacted greatly. Everett Lipman, representing Surfrider, was strongly opposed to beach parking fees. Scott Bull, representing Surfrider, was opposed to beach parking fees and is concerned with the negative impacts it will have on the surrounding neighborhoods. Adam White, owner of the Boathouse Restaurant at Arroyo Burro Beach, was concerned about the impact beach parking fees would have on his business. Tony de Groot was opposed to beach parking fees, especially at Lookout Park and Rincon Beach Park. Charlie Kelly was opposed to beach parking fees. Christine Fancher was opposed to beach parking fees and expressed that having these fees imposed would hurt low income families. Ed de la Torre, representing the Friends of Goleta Beach, was opposed to beach parking fees and expressed his concern for special needs access. David Hardy, owner of the Beachside Bar and Café at Goleta Beach, was opposed to beach parking fees and expressed his concern for his business. Jim Brinson was opposed to parking fees and expressed his concern for the restaurants.

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Commissioner Perkins moved, seconded by Commissioner Petersen and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the July 26, 2012 Park Commission meeting.

Adjourned at 10:37AM



Herman D. Parker
Director of Community Services

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION Special Meeting of August 16, 2012

APPROVED MINUTES

The special hearing of the Santa Barbara County Park Commission was called to order by Chair Judith Dale at 5:30PM., at the Planning Commission Hearing Room, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA.

Commissioners Present:

Suzanne Perkins 1st District
Fran Farina 2nd District
Judith Dale 3rd District, Chair
Gene Petersen 4th District,

Commissioners Absent:

Bailey Hudson 5th District, Vice Chair

County Staff Present:

Herman Parker, Director
Jeff Bozarth, Interim South County Operations Manager, Parks Division
Mitch Medeiros, North County Operations Manager, Parks Division
Ryder Bailey, Cost Analyst
Jon Menzies, Aquatics Coordinator
Jill Van Wie, Capital Projects Manager
Jessica Rauch, Administrative Professional

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

- I. **HEARING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Chair, Judith Dale.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Hudson was absent.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

STANDARD AGENDA:

1. Beach Parking Fees – For Information and Discussion

Recommendation: That the Park Commission receive a presentation on parking fees at 7 beach access points and other County park facilities, hear and consider all public comment, and discuss the following: a) Should the County consider parking fees at all County parks or only the seven beach locations? b) Should the County consider tiered parking fees or a flat rate? c) What should the parking fees be? d) How much should be charged for citations?

ACTION: The Park Commission received a presentation on proposed beach parking fees and listened to public testimony.

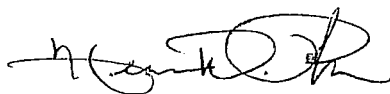
PUBLIC COMMENT: There were approximately 60 public speakers, whom were all opposed to parking fees at County beaches and parks. The main concerns were:

- Low income families
- Families in general
- Impact on the surrounding neighborhoods
- Coastal access
- Will discourage tourists
- There is money, just mismanaged
- Only free activities for children, teens and seniors
- Short time visitors (exercisers/dog walkers)

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Commissioner Farina moved, seconded by Commissioner Perkins and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Hudson absent) to adjourn the August 16, 2012 Park Commission meeting.

Adjourned at 7:58PM



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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Meeting of August 23, 2012

MINUTES

The regular hearing of the Santa Barbara County Park Commission was called to order by Chair Judith Dale at 9:30AM., at the Santa Maria Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA.

Commissioners Present:

Suzanne Perkins	1 st District
Fran Farina	2 nd District
Judith Dale	3 rd District, Chair
Gene Petersen	4 th District
Bailey Hudson	5 th District, Vice Chair

Commissioners Absent: None.

County Staff Present:

Herman Parker, Director
Jeff Bozarth, Interim South County Operations Manager, Parks Division
Mitch Medeiros, North County Operations Manager, Parks Division
Kerry Bierman, CFO
Jessica Rauch, Administrative Professional

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

- I. **HEARING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Chair, Judith Dale.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL:** All Commissioners were present.
- IV. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of June 28, 2012, July 26, 2012 and August 16, 2012 will be considered.

ACTION: Commissioner Perkins moved, seconded by Commissioner Hudson and carried by a vote of 3-0-2 (Petersen/Farina abstained) to approve the minutes of June 28, 2012 with the following revision:

“MOTION TO ADJOURN: Commissioner Perkins moved, second by Commissioner ~~Petersen~~ Hudson and carried by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the May 24, 2012 Park Commission meeting.”

ACTION: Commissioner Perkins moved, seconded by Commissioner Petersen and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Farina abstained) to approve the minutes of July 26, 2012.

ACTION: Commissioner Perkins moved, seconded by Commissioner Farina and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Hudson abstained) to approve the minutes of August 16, 2012.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

STANDARD AGENDA:

1. Beach Parking Fees – For Action

Recommendation: That the Park Commission receive a presentation on parking fees at 7 beach access points and other County park facilities, hear and consider all public comment, and consider recommending the following: a) Should the County consider parking fees at all County parks or only the seven beach locations? b) Should the County consider tiered parking fees or a flat rate? c) What should the parking fees be? d) How much should be charged for citations?

a) Should the County consider parking fees at the seven beach locations?

ACTION: Commissioner Perkins moved, seconded by Commissioner Farina and carried by a vote of 5-0 to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that no parking fees be imposed on the seven County beach locations due to the following impacts expressed by the public:

- Low income families cannot afford
- Families in general cannot afford
- Impact on the surrounding neighborhoods
- Coastal access
- Will discourage tourists
- Only free activities for children, teens and seniors
- Short time visitors (exercisers/dog walkers)
- Impact on our beach restaurants

b) Should the County consider parking fees at all County parks?

ACTION: Commissioner Perkins moved, seconded by Commissioner Farina and carried by a vote of 5-0 to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that there be no parking fees charged at the remaining County parks.

c) Should the County considered tiered parking fees or a flat rate? d) What should the parking fees be? e) How much should be charged for citations?

ACTION: Commissioner Perkins moved, seconded by Commissioner Farina and carried by a vote of 5-0 to recommend that the Board of Supervisors forward these items for consideration to the Park Commission after their decision has been made.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tyler Tomblin was opposed to beach parking fees. Low income families and the underprivileged would not be able to afford to go to the beach. Michael Morse feels the beach is public land and is part of the Santa Barbara Community experience. Jeff Parker frequents Guadalupe Dunes and a fee would stop him from visiting his favorite beach. Josh Rosenkrantz was concerned about the impacts to low income people, double taxation, surrounding neighborhoods, and Santa Barbara as a special place. Gusto Christopher represented the youth of Santa Barbara and was against parking fees. Stacy Christopher believed this is an unfair taxation and asked where will families get the money to go to the beach. The County needs to find another solution. Tony de Groot was concerned about struggling families. Gill Kaufman was opposed to parking fees.

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Commissioner Perkins moved, seconded by Commissioner Farina and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the August 23, 2012 Park Commission meeting.

Adjourned at 10:21AM

Herman D. Parker
Director of Community Services