

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
July 6, 2022, 9:00 A.M.
Boardroom, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mohammed A. Hasan, director
Michael Mobley, director
Bruce Dandy (substituting for Director Berger), Board president

Absent

Sheldon G. Berger, chair

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mauricio Guardado, general manager
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager
Clayton Strahan, park ranger
Josh Perez, chief human resources officer
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board

OPEN SESSION 9:00 A.M.

Director Hasan assumed the role of Committee Chair in Director Berger's absence and called the Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were Director Hasan-filling in as Chair, Director Mobley, and President Dandy-filling in for Director Berger.

1. Public Comments

Information Item

Chair Hasan asked if there were any comments or questions from the public for the Committee. None were offered.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Motion to approve the minutes from May 4, 2022, Director Mobley; Second, Director Dandy. Voice vote: two ayes (Hasan, Mobley), one abstain (Dandy). Motion carries unanimously 2/0/1.

3. Monthly Operational Update

Information Item

The Committee received a summary report on the monthly activities of the Parks and Recreation Department for May and June 2022, and a financial overview for the department.

Chief Ranger Clayton Strahan discussed the renovation projects throughout the Recreation Area.

Director Hasan asked if the fish cleaning station was in need of a screen. Chief Strahan said yes and provided an explanation of the process.

Director Hasan asked Chief Strahan if the plumbing that is being replaced has been replaced with PVC piping? Chief Strahan said only 20 feet of plumbing needed to be replaced to restore full functionality and that galvanized piping was used.

Director Hasan asked how the District is advertising the night fishing at Lake Piru. Chief Strahan explained how the website and social media platforms promote events and the lake's amenities.

President Dandy asked about the lake's normal capacity for night fishing. Chief Strahan said 20 boats is typically considered a strong turn out, and while the LPRA has had interest, LPRA staff have tried to limit the number of boats to ensure safety on the water during these nighttime events.

Director Mobley asked if Chief Strahan had any major ideas on what can be offered at the lake to increase visitation. Chief Strahan mentioned more hookup sites and possibly "glamping" or higher end accommodations, would attract more visitors in the future.

Director Mobley asked if the District has the ability to turn on a siren at Lake Piru. Chief Strahan said yes, all rangers and employees can start an evacuation if necessary

Director Mobley asked Chief Strahan if there were any fireworks issues over the long weekend. Chief Strahan said there were no issues with fireworks as visitors did not bring fireworks and were all extremely well behaved.

President Dandy asked about the difference between revenue collected and revenue received. Chief Strahan explained the numbers provided to the Board for review.

Director Hasan asked Chief Strahan if he thought visitors appreciated the Kiosk remodeling. Chief Strahan said yes, as visitors commented on the new look and improved experience.

Director Mobley asked for an update on boat rentals. Chief Strahan explained the struggles Tommy's is currently experiencing with inventory, although he thinks once everything catches up, and Tommy's brings in quality boats and more pontoons, that will lead to increased visitation.

President Dandy asked Chief Strahan to provide an update on his visit to Palmdale Water District (PWD). Chief Strahan said he shared the District's draft facility improvement plan, with five supporting plans and stated PWD staff explained the plans to improve its

facilities. General Manager Mauricio Guardado mentioned the PWD plan and RFP is to remove sediment to help facilitate recreation opportunities. Chief Strahan said yes, lots of sediment needed to be removed from PWD's facility.

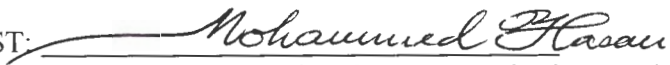
Director Hasan asked if LPRA uses volunteers? Mr. Guardado said yes, we do use volunteers. Chief Strahan explained how the volunteers help out at the LPRA.

Future Agenda Items-None mentioned

ADJOURNMENT: 9:34 a.m.

Director Hasan adjourned the Recreation Committee meeting at 9:34 am

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Recreation Committee meeting of July 6, 2022.

ATTEST: 
Director Mohammed A. Hasan (substituting as Chair)