



# PARKS AND RECREATION

Sonya K. Harrigfeld, Director  
Margarita D. Ramos, Deputy Director  
Ron West, Chairman  
George Sharp, Vice Chairman

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

## STANISLAUS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION July 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Parker  
Ron West  
Warren Brumley  
Patricia Segoviano De Pier

#### PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda Fife  
Cathy Gomez  
Margarita Ramos  
Rob Edmondson

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ismael Saldana  
David Fransen

#### GUESTS PRESENT:

Supervisor Jim DeMartini  
Dustin Logsdon  
Ed Babakhan

#### A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- Chair Ron West called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Those in attendance introduced themselves.
- Roll call: excused absences were received for Ismael Saldana. Patricia Segoviano De Pier will be excused for the August meeting.

#### B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Fire district is giving away a piece of land that already has trees, grass, and a sprinkler system to the City of Modesto. Has recently consulted with County Counsel and Sonya K. Harrigfeld regarding maintenance of the potential park. The land is approximately or a little over a half of an acre and located near the corner of Imperial and Crowslanding, south Modesto. County Counsel will be working on the contract of transferring of the land to the County.

#### ACTIONS & REPORTER

*Jim DeMartini*

#### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for the June 12, 2008 meeting were approved upon motion and second with corrections to sections G-1 and K-2.

#### ACTIONS

\_\_ Brumley, Parker,  
unanimous approval

#### D. CORRESPONDENCE (S)

- The recent Waterfowl event has increased customer awareness of the online system available to them for questions, comments, suggestions, etc.

#### ACTIONS & REPORTER

*Margarita Ramos*

#### E. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- An overview provided by Sterling Ranch Neighborhood Watch (SRNW) members: Their neighborhood consists of approximately 200 homes and another 100 still to be built. Approximately 60 members belong to the SRNW. SRNW has created an internet site at <http://srnw.org>. Their goal is to have a crime alert available 24/7. County ordinances and regulations were discussed.

#### ACTIONS & REPORTER

*Dustin Logsdon*  
*Ed Babakhan*  
\_\_ Post link to  
Neighborhood Watch  
programs on County  
Parks and Rec. webpage.

**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
PARK COMMISSION**

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**F. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATE**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Modesto Reservoir: Fourth of July weekend went well. Water level is currently around 20 ft. Discussed several other areas outside of the park maintained by Modesto Reservoir staff i.e. La Grange areas, Joe Domecq Wilderness area, Kiwanis campground, bridges, and cemeteries.
  
2. Woodward Reservoir: The Fireworks Celebration held at Woodward Reservoir was a success, having over 100,000 people pass through the facility during the holiday weekend. The Department worked with Stanislaus PAL in many recreational activities for youth and children. There were however, many complaints with regards to the availability of camping spaces and restrooms. A suggestion was made to collaborate with Gallo Performing Arts Center to bring the arts to Woodward next year during this holiday weekend and potentially throughout the year. The City of Oakdale may have some interests as well in becoming involved in this holiday weekend.
  
3. Community Parks and County Centers (CC&CP): Hatch Park's demolition project is completed. New Park Supervisor has been hired, Russell West. From November through June of 2008, the graffiti removal cost estimated at a little over \$14,000 for CC&CP. Cost analysis for graffiti and vandalisms are currently being completed by volunteer staff for all divisions and will become standard reporting for the department.

*Margarita Ramos*

*Amanda Fife*

**G. PARKS MASTER PLAN REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Cacklebur Beach has a new parking lot. This area of the reservoir is intended for day use activities. It is a secluded area located near the radio controlled flyers area maintained by RC Flyers Unlimited around the backside of the Reservoir. The beach area is approximately a quarter mile in length with great recreational water play space and fishing opportunities. Unfortunately there has never been a true parking area for vehicles, as they would tend to drive and park wherever. Staff developed a plan to create a parking area that would accommodate approximately forty to fifty vehicles. This entailed moving dirt for grading purposes, aggregate rock (From PFF funding), adding signage, inserting car stops, parking delineation markers and an ensuring the Iron Ranger was in place.

*Margarita Ramos*

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. None

**I. COMMISSION COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Patricia Segoviano De Pier shared background information and the implementation process of a nonprofit youth drug and alcohol prevention and awareness organization in collaboration with the City of Modesto. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, plans are underway for a celebration of the Day of the Child.

*Patricia Segoviano De Pier*

**J. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion and second. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on:

**Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.  
3800 Cornucopia Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Modesto, CA 95358**

Brumley, Parker,  
unanimous approval