



# PARKS AND RECREATION

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

MOTION: _____
SECOND: _____

**STANISLAUS COUNTY**  
**PARK COMMISSION**  
September 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Parker  
Ron West  
David Fransen  
Patricia Segoviano De Pier

### PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Margarita D. Ramos  
Cathy Gomez  
Mae Song  
Russell West  
Ron Bache  
Amanda Fife

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ismael Saldana

### GUESTS PRESENT:

Alex Carrillo

### A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- Chair Ron West called the meeting to order.
- Roll call: excused absences were received for Ismael Saldana.

### C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None.

#### ACTIONS & REPORTER

### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes for the August 14, 2008 meeting were approved upon motion and second with correction to remove error Warren Brumley from *Members Present*.

#### ACTIONS

\_\_Parker, Fransen,  
unanimous approval

### E. CORRESPONDENCE (S)

1. Clarified official announcement of the resignation of George Sharp as of June 24, 2008 per Board of Supervisor agenda item No. A-2d. Voting for a new vice president was postponed to the next election upon the consensus of all members.

It was noted; two vacancies exist in district one and a public member at-large.

2. The letter addressed to Ms. Machiko Brumley regarding a Moment of Silence for Warren Brumley at the Park's Commission meeting held on August 14, 2008 was shared.

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Mae Song

### F. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATE

1. Modesto Reservoir's summer season went well. Padlocks were installed at the shop with welded engine bolts to the sprayers to prevent theft. The iron ranger at La Grange OHV Park was again vandalized.
2. Kiwanis Club is setting up a volunteer workday at the youth camp to repair barbecue pits and paint signs. Chair Ron West added that he would like to see more Eagle Scout projects and community volunteers in the parks. The

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Commissioners feel they could play a crucial role in volunteerism within the Parks and Recreation system through connecting with the Greater Yosemite Council about available sites such as the Kiwanis Youth Camp to have the Council's potential scout projects. This would be considered volunteer work where the group would be registered under United Way for volunteering under Stanislaus County. The phone number to United Way is 524-1307.

- 3. Woodward Reservoir has done great this summer. Weekend traffic is still busy however weekdays have slowed down. There were many local visitors enjoying the campgrounds with the ability to return to work nearby. Seasonal maintenance is ongoing. The staff are preparing for the implementation of the new reservation system. The second fish planting is expected to be near November 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.
- 4. Community Parks staff is preparing for the Empire pool, Regional Water Safety Training Center groundbreaking tomorrow at 6:00 p.m at Empire Park. Staff has been working hard on making the place look great. Vandalism has slightly decreased since school sessions resumed. Trees at Bonita Park are scheduled to be pruned. Maintenance repairs were completed on the Mitslin fountain at the Courthouse downtown of Modesto. The Ceres Library is having an irrigation system installed. Regular and frequent raking of leaves for the fall season has begun.

5. In the May through August Sheriff reports, the following statistics were shared:

<b>Issued</b>	<b>Woodward Reservoir</b>	<b>Modesto Reservoir</b>
Evictions	214	151
Warnings	1200	600
Citations	300	200
Felony Arrests	15	8
Misdemeanors	27	36
DUI	7	0
Vessel Collisions	5	2
Drowning	1	1

- 6. Projects update: Frank Raines Filtration System is beginning. Heron Point at Woodward Reservoir project is in progress. The unincorporated area of Keyes including Hatch Park and Bonita Ranch Park is scheduled to begin in January of 2009, estimated time frame of eighteen months. The Reservation System is ongoing and scheduled to go live on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The Salida well and pump project in a park and on a streetscape is to be completed by January of 2009.
- 7. Contracts update: Grover Landscaping contract has been amended for an additional year. Preparations are being made for a bid on the portable restroom services contract. Modesto Reservoir lease agreement is expiring in September 2009—Parks staff will be working with Modesto Irrigation District to secure a new lease.
- 8. Budget update: The Stanislaus County budget was passed with \$5.4 million budgeted for the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 9. Hunter's Point Park is in the process of being accepted. The park is located in the Riopel Estates in Denair. Chair Ron West inquired if there can be a ribbon-cutting event for this park.

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<b>G. PARKS MASTER PLAN REVIEW AND DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussed Law Enforcement and Recreational Programs. Sheriff service areas were discussed. Members would like to invite the Sheriff Department to attend the next meeting.</li> <li>2. Stanislaus County currently does not operate any recreational programs and is currently contracted with PAL to operate recreational programs. PAL is currently servicing eight parks.</li> <li>3. A question was raised regarding park staff training in mediations, methods in helping reduce escalation of potential violence. Staff are receiving customer service trainings, have ongoing discussions with Deputies regarding issues of diffusion and prevention methods. Staff understands County policies and procedures. Concern from park patrons can be phoned in at 1-877-2-ASSIST for issues that can wait for the next day. For 24/7 response service, Parks staff can be notified via online at <a href="http://www.stancounty.com/customercenter">www.stancounty.com/customercenter</a> and selecting Parks and Recreation.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Margarita Ramos</i></p>
<b>H. NEW BUSINESS</b>	<b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Empire Pool Groundbreaking Ceremony is tomorrow, September 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>2. DPR staff will be attending the CPRS District V Central Valley Summit on September 17, 2008.</li> <li>3. DPR staff will be attending a Media Workshop on how to work with the media.</li> <li>4. The Waterfowl Draw recipients will be having a Waterfowl Post-Draw meeting hosted by Parks staff at El Rosal in Ceres at 6:00pm today.</li> <li>5. All management staff will be attending the Ethics workshop on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008.</li> <li>6. The Fish and Wildlife Committee will be held on October 23, 2008 at 4:00pm. (Note: This meeting was cancelled)</li> <li>7. The dedication ceremony for the John Balbach Trailhead sign is on October 25, 2008 during the CORVA event at Frank Raines Regional Park.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Margarita Ramos</i> For more information, contact 525-6750</p>
<b>I. COMMISSION COMMENTS &amp; QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Patricia Segoviano De Pier raised a question on how employees are recognized. She would like to recognize what she had seen on the Parks Tour today, the hard work of County Center employees maintaining all of County facilities within Stanislaus County.  Margarita Ramos said that employees are usually recognized at the Department All Staff Meetings and the Parks Commissioners are welcome to attend. A suggestion was made for the Commission to write a letter describing the excellent work the Parks staff does daily to the Board of Supervisors. This letter can be shared at the Department All Staff Meeting. There was a consensus for Ms. Segoviano De Pier to draft a letter to bring to the next meeting in November for the other commissioners to sign.</li> <li>2. Chair shared an update on behalf of the Police Activities League (PAL): PAL is continuing to do well. They have expanded their programs and staff. The summer program is ending while their school program is just beginning. Some of the</li> </ol>	<p><i>Patricia Segoviano De Pier</i></p> <p><i>Margarita Ramos</i> __Segoviano De Pier will draft a letter and forward to Mae Song. Bring to November for Commissioners to sign.</p> <p><i>Ron West</i></p>

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recent activities involved watching the 49ers practice and going to the Modesto Nuts game. The Stanislaus County PAL has formed a partnership with the City of Modesto PAL due to funding sources.

**J. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on:

**Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.  
3800 Cornucopia Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Modesto, CA 95358**

(**Note:** The Commission will not be meeting in October and instead will be attending the John Balbach Trailhead Dedication Ceremony on October 25, 2008 at Frank Raines Off-Highway Vehicle Park)

Fransen motion,  
Segoviano De Pier  
second, unanimous  
approval