



PARKS AND RECREATION

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

MOTION: _____
SECOND: _____

STANISLAUS COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION December 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron West
Patricia Segoviano De Pier
Ismael Saldana
Betty Parker

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Sonya Harrigfeld
Mae Song
Amanda Fife
Cheryl Jackson
Tom Dias
Vicki Jones

MEMBER ABSENT:

David Fransen

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kay Nelson	Juan Jose Diaz	Darin Gharat
Dana Lennemann	Alfredo Guerra	Raul Mendez
Aaron Pipes	Benard Simpica	Jim Atherstone
Kurtis Nelson	Kirk Stockham	Ed Andrade
Ismael Saldana	Jeffrey W. Hunter	Christopher Sequeira
Jim DeMartini	Larry Maxfield	Alex Carrillo
James Scott	Chad Kennedy	Loren Holt

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Vicki Jones presented a \$125 check to the Police Activities League for free swimming lessons for the kids.
- Supervisor DeMartini shared news of the loss of Supervisor Thomas Mayfield who served sixteen years on the board. Supervisor Mayfield passed away on December 9th.

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Vicki Jones

Supervisor DeMartini

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for the September 11th, 2008 meeting were approved upon motion and second.
- Minutes for the November 13th, 2008 meeting were approved upon motion and second.

ACTIONS

__Parker, Segoviano De Pier

__Segoviano De Pier, West

D. SHERIFF AREA OF SERVICE COVERAGE

- There are four deputy sheriffs assigned to assist the reservoirs during the peek season and covering the off-road parks in the spring. The Sheriff and Parks and Recreation department applied for an \$80,000 grant from California Boating and Waterways for a new patrol vessel. An additional \$23,000 was added to meet the

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Darin Gharat

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cost of the new patrol vessel upon approval of the Board of Supervisor from the general fund. Recently awarded an all-terrain vehicle donation from a large corporation for off-road park uses. The current service agreement between the Sheriff and Parks and Recreation is \$517,000 for Sheriff personnel and auxiliary services for Parks and Recreation. The Sheriff department has recently submitted a request for additional funds from Stanislaus County for additional coverage personnel for the recent 9% increase in park visitors.

The Sheriff department is decentralizing into four area commands: West area command headquarters is located in Patterson, the Central Office command is on Hackett Road, North area command is in Riverbank, and the East area command is in Waterford.

The Parks department staff thanked the Sheriff department for their great level of service they continue to provide at the reservoirs.

E. END OF THE YEAR REVIEW

1. Police Activities League (PAL): Chris Sequeira, program supervisor, provides various activities for youth in the parks i.e. parks clean up, recreation, educational field trips, typing on computers, lunch programs, etc. PAL plans to implement the Learn to Swim program at the new Regional Water Safety Training Center in Empire when it opens. PAL has partnered with the City of Modesto nutritional services to help provide lunches for the kids and Mid-Valley Water Ski Club for activities at the reservoirs.

Chris Sequiera

Alfredo Guerra thanked the Department of Parks and Recreation staff for their assistance and support.

Alfredo Guerra

Commissioner Segoviano De Pier commended Mr. Guerra and his team for a great job well done and their efforts to collaborate with other agencies. Sonya Harrigfeld also thanked PAL for all their recreational assistance at many Department events.

2. Loren Holt, Division Manager of City of Modesto and a representative of the Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP) in Joint Power Authority between City of Modesto, Stanislaus County and City of Ceres. TRRP extends from Mitchell Road on the east of Carpenter Road on the west along the Tuolumne River for seven miles approximating at about 500 acres. Last year's developments include picnic areas, restrooms facilities and play areas. West area is less developed. An upcoming development includes creating a floodplain management area to allow for natural habitat recovery. This year's three million dollar project includes developing a meadow for big events; the meadow's capacity is approximately 3500 people. Irrigation was installed and planting was done with the help of 200 kids this fall. This river restoration project help improve the habitat for Salmons. A teleconference is being held tomorrow, December 12th, 2008 to discuss funds from proposition 84, support of river parkways and park developments. Chad Kennedy, Landscape Architect, is currently also helping with the master plan for making Mancini Park a more safer and more user friendly park.

Loren Holt

3. Raul Mendez, Board of Supervisor (BOS) and Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) representative, shared information on both BOS and MACs. There are eight MACs that meet on a monthly basis. Mr. Mendez is Stanislaus County's liaison.

Raul Mendez

4. Ed Andrade shared information regarding the Yahi Bowmen Archery Club, in business since 1964. Previously located in Riverbank for many years until the property was unavailable. Thereafter the club moved on to the Modesto Reservoir range in August of 2004. The club currently has 37 members. They have 10 Saturday shootings and various other events/sessions throughout the year; all

Ed Andrade

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open to the public. They are able to participate in nationwide competitions. The range is open 7 days a week. There is a sign-in box onsite. There is also a youth archery range available. More information can be found online at: www.yahibowmenmodesto.com.

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| <p>5. Jeff Potter, President of Modesto Radio Control Club, provides education to youth and adults for people to learn the future of aviation. Members include a retired helicopter pilot with the Army who started off at seven years old. Another member started off at around the same age at Beyer High School when the club was located there, he now teaches flying lessons at the Stockton airport. In 1998, the club approached Stanislaus County for a potential location and the club is now located at Modesto Reservoir.</p> | <i>Jeff Potter</i> |
| <p>6. Curtis Nelson, President of Mid-Valley Water Ski Club (MVWSC), and his wife Kay Nelson, Secretary of Mid-Valley Water Ski Club, has been with the club since 2001. The club has been incorporated since 1974. The club conducts a Polar Bear day every January 1st of each year, rain or shine, as a fundraiser for the club; this has been happening since the 1950's. The site is in the back dam area at Modesto Reservoir. They have a Junior Development Team (JDT), ages 8 through 17 years of age to teach kids to ski or join a competitive water ski team. JDT runs for eight weeks, starts in June and ends in early August. Fire pits are available. Food and drinks are served. MVWSC has worked with various agencies such as PAL and the Society for the Handicapped. They also have a scholarship program to help cover entry fees and travel expenses if the skier qualifies for the nationals. More information can be found at http://midvalleywaterskiclub.com.</p> | <i>Curtis Nelson</i> |
| <p>7. Dana Lennemann and Aaron Pipes, California Motorcycle Association, is on year one of a five-year agreement at La Grange OHV Park. They also run other races at various other OHV parks. Events average about 500 spectators on a race day. Potential facility improvements could be adding a 10,000-gallon water tank and some camping sites. The race events attract the whole family. More information can be found online at www.cmaracing.com.</p> | <i>Dana Lennemann</i> |
| <p>8. A question was raised regarding the difference between the two reservoirs: Modesto Irrigation District was able to obtain a legislative exemption, however when it ended three years ago, MID returned to the Legislature thereafter to continue to allow for water-to-body-contact even though it's a water drinking facility per state law. For SSJID at Woodward Reservoir, the 'no-water-to-body' restriction is due to the inlet irrigation pipe in the middle of the reservoir and usually enacted during the low water winter season.</p> | <i>Sonya Harrigfeld</i> |
| <p>9. 350 pounds of 1.5-pound bass were planted at each reservoir. Bass of 15 inches to 18 inches were reported caught.</p> | <i>Cheryl Jackson</i> |
| <p>10. Jim Scott, club President of Woodward's Radio Control Flyers Unlimited are having a Toys-for-Tots event on Sunday with a barbeque and various other types of events coming up. More information can be found at http://www.rcflyersunlimited.com/. Plans to have some upgrades done onsite in the 2009 year. Sixteen Ray Wood trees were planted. They have an 800 foot runway. Members are very considerate with the duck hunters during the Waterfowl season.</p> | <i>Jim Scott</i> |
| <p>11. The John Balbach Trailhead Dedication went very well. Amanda Fife shared pictures from the event.</p> | <i>Amanda Fife</i> |

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F. 2009 OFFICER ELECTION	ACTIONS & REPORTER
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patricia Segoviano De Pier nominated Ron West to be Chair, Betty Parker second with unanimous approval. 2. Betty Parker nominated Patricia Segoviano De Pier for Vice Chair, Ismael Saldana second with unanimous approval. 3. Betty Parker nominated Mae Song for Secretary, Ron West second with unanimous approval. 	<i>Commissioners</i>
PARKS MASTER PLAN PREVIEW FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH	
G. AND MARCH	ACTIONS & REPORTER
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tabled to next meeting 	
H. NEW BUSINESS	ACTIONS & REPORTER
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None. 	
I. COMMISSION COMMENTS & QUESTIONS	ACTIONS & REPORTER
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Those interested in applying for the vacant positions with the Parks Commission can contact the Board of Supervisor if they are interested. 	<i>Sonya Harrigfeld</i>
J. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING	
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Modesto, CA 95358</p>	