



PARKS AND RECREATION

Sonya K. Harrigfeld, Director
Margarita D. Ramos, Deputy Director

Ron West, Chair
Patricia Segoviano De Pier, Vice Chair

MOTION: _____
SECOND: _____

STANISLAUS COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION February 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron West
Betty Parker
David (DJ) Fransen
Patricia Segoviano De Pier
Chad Kennedy

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Gomez
Mae Song
Margarita Ramos
Amanda Fife
Cheryl Jackson

MEMBER ABSENT:

Ismael Saldana

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- Chair Ron West called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and introduced Chad Kennedy as the new Parks Commissioner.
- Roll call: no excused absences received.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTIONS

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| 1. Minutes for the December 11 th , 2008 meeting were approved upon motion and second with clarification to section E-2: the 200 youth volunteer group was not a one-time event but an example; Mancini Park is a part of the TRRP Master Plan; Page 3, Item 10, "Raywood" Ash tree is one word. | Parker, Segoviano De Pier, Unanimous Approval |
| 2. Minutes for the January 8 th , 2008 meeting were approved upon motion and second with an addition to section B-1, "...in turn the Commission thanked Mr. Balbach for his dedication and service." | Fransen, Segoviano De Pier, Unanimous Approval |

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

- None.

D. CORRESPONDENCE(s)

ACTIONS & REPORTER

- Mae Song distributed the California State Form 700 to Commissioners to complete and return by the Special Meeting in one week. Questions regarding the form can be directed to Mae or Margarita Ramos. This Form 700 will pertain to the year 2008. A Form 700 is required for each agency.

**STANISLAUS COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

February 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

E. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Community Parks/County Centers is currently working with reinforcing screen doors for the pool in Empire and is preparing for spring. Last Saturday was the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Keyes Improvement Project at Bonita Ranch Park in Keyes. Frank Raines office had a recent theft incident last Friday where the upper garage area was broken into; approximately \$2000 was estimated for damages of two vehicles including a vehicle gas tank, gas (75 gallons), and one ATV.
2. Woodward Reservoir: Regular pruning and maintenance continues. Heron Point project is on task. The well No.2 is a new project currently underway. Parks will be working with Alliance Worknet, a program of the Community Service Agency.
3. Modesto Reservoir: Tree pruning projects are priority at this time. Other projects include the Shady Point campground, weed abatement, and grass management program. Kiwanis Camp in La Grange is reserved for two weekends in February. La Grange OHV iron ranger has been repaired and is now more durable to withstand vandalism. Motorcross races are planned for the first and third weekend in March by the California Motorcycle Association.
4. Parks Administration: The \$1.5 million grant from the State of California Boating and Waterway for the Heron Point project is secure and ongoing. The Department is working with Public Works as project management. Three contractors are on board at this time for project compliance issues. A boat ramp is scheduled to be completed by next winter as part of the project. The Department will be sharing the landscape plans with the Commission once obtained.

Amanda Fife

Cheryl Jackson

Margarita Ramos

Margarita Ramos/Cathy Gomez

Preliminary OHV grants for both Frank Raines and La Grange are due on March 3rd. The final grant submittal will be due the 2nd week of May while simultaneously managing projects from the 2007/2008 OHV grants.

A new campground reservation system is in the design process to go live on May 1st of this year; the system will encourage the public to make reservations. An equipment asset management reporting system is in place to track equipment depreciation cost allowing for more effective budget projections. A new graffiti and vandalism reporting system is also in the works to efficiently track cost that will also aid in the budget planning process.

Graffiti and vandalism cost for January has been estimated at \$8780.00. The County does have a reward program for the public to make reports of such illegal activities. A few graffiti cases have been sent to the court for restitution. A suggestion was raised to collaborate with other agencies for ideas in graffiti abatement, preferably lead by a youth group.

Frank Raines is actively working on a water pilot project to bring potable water to the facility. Water conservation projects will be in progress in the County Service Area 10 (CSA-10), Salida area. The project will include non-potable wells in parks. Currently under construction is the Country Stone Park non-potable well. The Regional Water Safety Training Center at Empire Park will have a non-potable well to help save on water cost. The Department's goal is to reduce all utility cost by 10% for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. The Department's current utility bill for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 is \$176,000.

PARKS MASTER PLAN PREVIEW FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH

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ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Future plans are to discuss the history of the Parks and Recreation Department.

___ Provide Chad Kennedy with a copy of the Parks Master Plan.

G. NEW BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The Commission was asked to consider partnering with another agency for enhanced opportunities in the Fireworks Celebration at Woodward Reservoir. Ideas and a brief history of the event were discussed. There was a consensus among the Commissioners to call for a Special Meeting to further discuss what members can do to assist in the Fireworks Celebration. A site visit to Woodward Reservoir was suggested to visualize potential plans.

___ Bring maps of Woodward Reservoir to the next meeting.

H. COMMISSION COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. There is still one vacancy in the Parks Commission.
2. The 2009-year parks tour was briefly discussed to include the pool in Empire, Hunters Pointe Park, and a reservoir.
3. The CPRS Annual Parks Conference begins March 3rd, 2009 to March 6th, 2009 in Santa Clara this year. Commissioners may attend and/or volunteer at the event.
4. The Empire Pool committee is being reorganized. The new chairman is Bob Dittman, former principal of Empire School for eight years.

Mae Song

Margarita Ramos

Betty Parker

I. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. A special meeting was called for: **February 19th, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.** located at **3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Modesto, CA 95358**

West, Parker, Unanimous Approval

The next regular meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on: **Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.** **3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Modesto, CA 95358**