



# 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**  
~ **SPECIAL MEETING** ~  
February 19, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Gomez  
Cheryl Jackson  
Margarita Ramos  
Mae Song

### MEMBER ABSENT:

Ismael Saldana  
Chad Kennedy

### GUESTS PRESENT:

Christopher Sequeira

### A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- Chair Ron West called the meeting to order.
- Roll call: excused absences received for Chad Kennedy.

### B. FIREWORKS CELEBRATION AT WOOWARD RESERVOIR

#### ACTIONS

1. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss opportunities of partnering with other organizations to raise monies during the Fireworks Celebration at Woodward Reservoir.
2. Margarita Ramos and Cheryl Jackson shared a brief history of the Fireworks Celebration at Woodward Reservoir. The Fireworks Celebration used to be called the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event but was changed to Fireworks Celebration should Independence Day not land on the day celebrated.
3. Potential areas the Commission can use for their event were discussed.
4. Donation policy and procedures were discussed for the County should there be any donations to the event. DJ suggested a company who can print posters and/or banners as a sponsor. A caterer company was suggested along with local businesses to initiate regional exposure to the event.
5. City of Oakdale's Parks Commission has expressed interest in partnering with the Commission during the County's largest event in celebration of Independence Day. The event is comprised of an estimated 60,000 visitors.

\_\_\_Fransen motion,  
Segoviano De Pier  
second with unanimous  
approval to move forward  
in pursuing this exclusive  
event opportunity.

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6. The Commission discussed how the event might look. A few ideas were discussed.
7. Partnering with the City of Oakdale can be defined in detail in their next meeting together. A site tour of Woodward Reservoir can be scheduled for the Parks Commissions from both Stanislaus County and the City of Oakdale to identify area and plan the event together. A special meeting can be called to include City of Oakdale's Parks Commission to further plan the steps necessary and visit Woodward Reservoir.
8. The Commission suggested other members to send additional ideas to the Commission's secretary or the Chair.
9. The special bus services, parking conveniences, and other event coordination was discussed.
10. It was suggested a theme be decided upon e.g. beach party, Hawaiian party.
11. PAL can look at additional options to assist the Commission with this event.
12. Commissioners present agreed that if this enhanced opportunity was held they would support the operations and maintenance of the Regional Water Safety Training Center.

**C. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next *regular* meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on:

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**3800 Cornucopia Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**Modesto, CA 95358**

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