



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

Ron West, Chair
Patricia Segoviano De Pier, Vice Chair

MOTION:	<u>CHAD KENNEDY</u>
SECOND:	<u>BETTY PARKER</u>

MINUTES

May 14, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron West
Betty Parker
Ismael Saldana
Chad Kennedy
Patricia Segoviano De Pier

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Gomez
Mae Song
Margarita Ramos
Amanda Fife
Eddie Espinosa

MEMBER ABSENT:

DJ Fransen

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jeff Reed
Dave Landers
Raul Mendez
Jennifer Carlson
Juan Diaz
Domera Bendersas

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- Chair Ron West called the meeting to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves.
- Roll call: Excused absences were received for DJ Fransen.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes for the April 9, 2009 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written.

ACTIONS

*Parker, Kennedy,
Unanimous Approval*

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSISTENCY WITH THE PARKS NAMING POLICY FOR THE RENAMING OF THE KEYES

D. COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Chair Ron West reviewed and discussed the consistency of the renaming of the Keyes Community Center with the Parks Naming Policy. Letters of support from the public Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meetings for the renaming was presented. Dave Landers and Jeff Reed from the Keyes MAC shared background information regarding Eddie Best who they would like to rename the hall in his honor. The new name will be Keyes Community Center/Eddie Best Hall. After reviewing the Park Naming Policy, commissioners felt that the add-on name is consistent with the policy, in that the considerations for renaming has been brought to various boards and public groups for discussion, highlighting historic significance with good evidence in letters of support and group meetings. A dedication ceremony to follow will tentatively be on August 15th which is the anniversary for when Eddie passed away. The Chief Executive Office will be taking on this project to redesign the sign and conduct the dedication ceremony.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

*Segoviano De Pier
motion, Saldana second,
Unanimous Approval*

E. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATE

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Community Parks and County Centers: the current primary focus is the Regional Water Safety Training Center and the Bonita Pool project. One of the center's vehicle was recently involved in an accident. Staff are doing okay but the other party may be in severe condition.
2. Woodward Reservoir is continuing with the regular seasonal mowing, pruning and weeding abatement. The last fish plant was on April 14, 2009. There was a ten-pound bass that was caught today. The Reservation System for all facilities has been put on hold until the system bugs are fixed and can be operated at its optimum. The reservoir has reverted back to a first-come first-serve basis.
3. Modesto Reservoir is finishing up the OHV grant for the La Grange OHV area and seasonal maintenance. They are receiving many graffiti hits near Basso Bridge. The Kiwanis camp is in use and frequently occupied during this summer season.
4. The Department is currently working on compatibility issues, operating concerns, and staff training for the new online reservation system that is currently offline at this time.
5. Graffiti and vandalism cost were at \$3800 for the month of April.
6. Frank Raines Regional Park water project is continuing to progress.
7. The Fireworks Celebration for Stanislaus County is moving forward pending the Board of Supervisors' approval. The Parks Commission's Enhanced Opportunity plans are on hold. The Turlock Chamber of Commerce may be putting on a fireworks display as well. The California State University of Stanislaus has cancelled their fireworks display this year; this may increase attendance at Stanislaus County's Fireworks Celebration.

Amanda Fife

Eddie Espinosa

Margarita Ramos

F. NEW BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Jennifer Carlson, Field Representative of Supervisor Vito Chiesa is putting together an article on the Fireworks Celebration in their quarterly newsletter for District 2 and noted that it is not at taxpayer's expense.

Jennifer Carlson

G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Patricia Segoviano De Pier commended that Margarita and Cathy's recent presentation to the Youth Commission Teenapalooza event was inspiring. She is impressed with the Department's outreach and compassion.
2. The Friends of the Empire Pool Committee is still selling tiles for the Regional Water Safety Training Center.
3. Chad Kennedy shared a new statewide California Model Water Efficiency Landscaping ordinance requirement for public and residential landscaping. The Department of Parks and Recreation is currently aware and will try to work toward meeting requirements for its properties.
4. Members discussed about Prop. 84 funding. The Department is currently reviewing Prop. 84 requirements.

Patricia Segoviano De Pier

Betty Parker

Chad Kennedy

Margarita Ramos/Cathy Gomez

H. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

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

*Kennedy, Parker,
Unanimous Approval*

**Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Modesto, CA**