



# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

Ron West, Chair  
Patricia Segoviano De Pier, Vice Chair

MOTION:	_____
SECOND:	_____

## MINUTES

### June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ron West  
Betty Parker  
Chad Kennedy  
Patricia Segoviano De Pier

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Mae Song  
Margarita Ramos  
Rob Edmondson

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

DJ Fransen  
Ismael Saldana

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**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 and Ismael Saldana.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes for the April 9, 2009 meeting were approved upon motion and second with correction to section D1: take out the word "in" as suggested; section G3, add "public and" to the first sentence before "...residential landscaping"; add discussion item on Prop. 84 funding in section G3.

**ACTIONS**

*Kennedy, Parker,  
Unanimous Approval*

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

**D. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATE**

1. The Grand-Opening for the Regional Water Safety Training Center (Empire pool) is tomorrow, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
2. Modesto Reservoir: Yahi Bowmen had two events in the month of May; there was a PAL event on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and a club tournament shoot on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Seasonal routine weeding, maintenance and picnic areas. Staff has been on top of ensuring information regarding Quagga/Zebra mussels are handed out at the entrance stations to help educate the public on boat inspections and mussel infestation prevention. The water level is at 20.8; it's about a foot higher from last year around this time.
3. Woodward Reservoir is continuing seasonal maintenance and routine tree pruning. The Heron Point Project is still progressing. Visitation is up with an increase in revenue.
4. Community Parks/County Centers: trees were just planted at the Regional Water Safety Training Center at Empire.
5. Administration: Fireworks Celebration flyers were given to the Commissioners to help distribute. This year's fireworks show will be in Oakdale at Woodward

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Sonya Harrigfeld*

*Rob Edmondson*

*Mae Song*

*Margarita Ramos*

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Reservoir on Saturday, July 4, 2009. Cathy Gomez will be out on medical leave for approximately four weeks. There was an increase in warnings issued at the reservoirs due to the fluctuations of the reservation system. The Department is also finding vandalism to campsites as they attempt to honor existing reservations. The potential of Parks irrigation system be replaced by battery operated irrigation system was discussed; there may be a switch due to the frequent vandalism incidents. The Department is also looking at ways to save in utilities in the CSA-10 area. Staff is continuing to work on a more efficient reservation system offline. Law enforcement did a great job assisting the Department in enforcing reservations made.

The Parks and Recreation budget reflects a reduction in staffing of four positions. Margarita Ramos shared that the budget reduction may impact several areas e.g. restrooms, fishing accesses, wildlife areas, neighborhood parks, general funded buildings, and potentially Frank Raines Regional Park. The Department is still looking at Prop. 84 to see how they may apply for or meet fund requirements.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Ron West shared his concern about staff reductions. The parks system and upkeep is an important aspect; a clean recreational area is a strong prevention tool to keeping kids active in recreational activities. He would like to see more volunteers in the Department to keep parks maintained and a priority. He presented the possibility of using volunteers by mention of the TRRP's youth volunteers project.
2. The Department's current priority has been looking at ways to save money to be able to provide the basic needs in maintaining parks such as utilities of water and electricity, trash maintenance, restroom clean-ups. Parks and Recreation has been working on the footprints of bridging with the County volunteer system to get volunteers but has put the project on hold at the moment to ensure mandated and priorities are attended to timely. Future marketing of specific volunteer tasks and job description were discussed. The Commission would like to invite speakers to talk about the County's volunteer process.
3. The group discussed a few ideas to add to the Fireworks Celebration event at Woodward for next year.

*Ron West  
\_\_Invite Gallo and TRRP to speak about their volunteer system.*

*Margarita Ramos  
\_\_Invite Brandi Welsh, Volunteer of United Way and one who can help contribute to developing a volunteer system for the Dept.*

*Margarita Ramos*

**F. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Tiles are still available for sale. There will be tile painting also at the event. Pictures were shared of the Empire pool.
2. Ron West asked if a group of youth volunteers could help assist the Department with anything. The Department is open to the suggestion however may not be able to contribute the time to train and supervise additional workers during the summer peak season.
3. Patricia Segoviano De Pier came from a conference by a development action committee of the Regional Water Authority regarding the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and stated that they were discussing water concerns and the lack of Stanislaus County's involvement. Ms. Segoviano De Pier was asked to forward the information packet to the Department for review

*Betty Parker*

*Ron West*

*Patricia Segoviano De Pier*

**G. 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, June 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.  
3800 Cornucopia Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Modesto, CA**

*Segoviano De Pier,  
Kennedy, Unanimous  
Approval*

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