



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

Ron West, Chair
Patricia Segoviano De Pier, Vice Chair

MOTION: CHAD KENNEDY
SECOND: BETTY PARKER

MINUTES

September 10, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron West
Betty Parker
Chad Kennedy

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Margarita Ramos
Mae Song
Amanda Fife
Tom Dias

MEMBER ABSENT:

Patricia Segoviano De Pier
Ismael Saldana
DJ Fransen

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- Chair Ron West called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. Those in attendance introduced themselves.
- Roll call: An excused absence was received for Commissioner Patricia Segoviano De Pier.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes for the August 13th, 2009 meeting were tabled for the next meeting; quorum was not established.

ACTIONS

No action, tabled.

C. CORRESPONDENCES

None.

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D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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E. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATE

1. Modesto Reservoir is working with seasonal staff at reduced hours. Labor Day weekend was moderate in attendance due to the cooler weather. An abandoned trailer was reported at Basso Bridge, tagged and monitored for the 72-hour period and was towed away thereafter. Staff are preparing for the upcoming waterfowl season. A link to calculate GPS coordinates for Waterfowl hunters has been posted on the Department's website at www.stancounty.com/parks.
2. Community Parks is at their first week after the Reduction in Force with a few staff absent due to illness. All restroom facilities were closed this week. Garbage and litter coverage may be scheduled for once a week. Community Parks will be focusing on ensuring legal and contractual obligations are met.
3. Woodward Reservoir currently has Cheryl Jackson, Park Manager, to cover today; therefore, Cheryl was not able to be present at this meeting. Woodward Reservoir currently has five staff with Modesto Reservoir at four. All extra-help staff has been released for the season to meet budget goals.
4. Revenue has shown an increase at both reservoirs this year. Discussed water level regulations and water level mandates from Irrigation Districts. The

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Department is continuously looking at the budget for cost of doing business at each facility.

5. Volunteer information will be posted on the Department's website soon. Discussed the potential opportunities for prospective volunteers that are currently in transition.
6. Some ongoing administrative projects at this time are identifying addresses and mapping out all facilities and parks. Public Works is working on the bridge at Shiloh Fishing Access. A report has been submitted to the Board to adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Plan and Negative Declaration. Cathy Gomez has returned and will be assisting with the Volunteer Program and tracking contracts. The OHV grant is almost ready to be submitted to the Board with matches identified. A contract negotiation with the Radio Control Flyers is in progress. A number of exclusive use requests were received and approved. The Frank Raines water distribution system is currently under the Requests for Proposals (RFP) process.

__Provide update on volunteer progress.

F. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

1. Chad Kennedy shared community concerns regarding customer service. Many were confused about the pool schedule and fees at the Regional Water Safety Training Center. He suggested a sign to help customers with information and a friendlier customer service approach toward keeping the customers informed.
2. A second concern was raised in regards to pest control at Woodward Reservoir. A wedding event was disappointed with pests in the restrooms during their event. A clarification was made that reservation of picnic areas cannot guarantee the pest control schedule to be near the event time.
3. Mancini Park design by Chad Kennedy: A few citizens showed interest in continuing with informational support meetings at the recently past citizen's meeting. The project is also looking forward to potentially applying for funding from Proposition 84. The design focus is to build a universally accessible park with educational components.
4. An update was announced that the Planning Department would be taking care of meeting the requirements for the California Model Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance that becomes effective January 1, 2010.
5. The Empire Women's Country Club that began in 1912 recently had their summer picnic at the Regional Water Safety Training Center and was impressed.

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H. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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I. 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, October 8th, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Modesto, CA