



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Department of Parks and Recreation
3800 Cornucopia Way
2nd Floor Conference Room
Modesto, CA

Call Meeting to Order:

The *Stanislaus County Parks & Recreation Commission* encourages public participation and welcomes the public's interest.

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Agenda Items:

1.	Call to Order	Chair
2.	Roll Call and Excused Absences	
3.	Introduction(s)	
4.	OHV Grant Preliminary Review	Cathy Gomez
5.	Public Comment(s)	
6.	Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2013 Meeting	Commissioners
7.	Grayson Community Center/Park Programs and Activities	Grayson Community Group
8.	Audubon Society	Sal Salerno
9.	Staff Report	
10.	Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary	
11.	Old Business	
	a. Fairview Park	
	b. Mural Policy	
	c. Empire Pool	
12.	Commission Comment(s)	
13.	Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:	

March 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
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Chad Kennedy, Chair

Adrienne Chaney, Vice Chair

Jami Aggers, Director, Parks and Recreation

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

CARRIED: _____

MINUTES

January 10, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Parker, D1
Ron West, D4
Chad Kennedy, ATL
Adrienne Chaney, D5
Brent Bohlender, D2
Judith Loretelli, ATL

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Mae Song
Jami Aggers

MEMBER ABSENT:

Vacant, D3

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

ACTIONS

Ron West

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was received.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. CORRESPONDENCES

No correspondence was received.

REPORTER

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the November 8, 2012, meeting was approved upon motion and second as written. There was no meeting in December.

ACTIONS

*Loretelli, Bohlender,
unanimous approval*

F. FAIRVIEW PARK

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Chad Kennedy and Adrienne Chaney recently met with the Fairview community and are working with them on a plan to improve Fairview Park. A list was drafted to identify the park's needs. The group discussed the logistics of a park renovation plan and grant opportunities. The Park's Master Plan would be used as a guideline. The community group was instructed to meet with residents in the area for their opinion and support.
2. The Department may have PFF funds earmarked for neighborhood parks, however, a request to use the funds will still need to be submitted to the PFF Committee for approval once a project has been identified. Thereafter, the request will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. A question was asked if the Department can provide a match for community fundraising efforts. The Community would need to provide a well-thought out park improvement plan and be able to prioritize the identified needs. In order for the Department to present a successful proposal for PFF funds, the request must include evidence of growth in the area. The Department will also take into consideration the vandalism rates in the area and the community's commitment to the park.
3. The Department currently is in the process of taking rodent control measures at the park. The Department is also looking into whether the restroom can be demolished. The utility system is currently housed in the same area and would

Ron West

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need to be considered if demolition is the proposition. The restroom was again recently vandalized.

G. LAIRD PARK

ACTIONS & REPORTER

The Board of Supervisors held recognition for volunteers at the December 17th meeting. The Laird Park Renovation Project by volunteers received recognition. Two project recognition signs for Laird Park were purchased to allow for two side view. These signs will be installed at the new shade shelter when the shelter is installed. The park's name sign will be in stone and to be placed at the middle entrance of the park. The Commission concurred but had only one concern in the larger name sign. The concern addressed was whether the County logo would be embedded or be attached separately to the sign; this concern was related to vandalism. The Department will check with the sign coordinator for details.

Jami Aggers

H. MURAL POLICY UPDATE

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The draft Mural Policy was reviewed, which included the discussed changes from the previous meeting. (Refer to draft for changes.) In consulting with the Planning Department on whether a ten percent surface space limit to identify sponsors would be considered as advertisement. This would be at the discretion of the authorizing party on a case by case basis. The goal is to not have any indications of advertisement within the mural.
2. New changes were suggested in the application process. The word "Prior" was suggested to be removed from number six of the application process. The process would give the Park Commission the final authority to approve the mural project. It was suggested that upon approval, the Board is informed of the approved status. Verbiage can be added to the application process that the Commission's approval would be final. A suggestion was made to add a routing slip to the application packet as a check off list and corresponding dates. The Department was asked to follow-up with Planning to see if there may be any legal requirements on notification and appeals.

I. 2013 CALENDAR APPROVAL

ACTIONS & REPORTER

The 2013 meeting calendar was approved to include December as well. Should the Committee decide to cancel near the end of the year, they will provide notification.

*Chaney, Loretelli,
unanimous approval*

J. EMPIRE POOL

ACTIONS & REPORTER

The pool committee is in progress of working on a plan for the summer. There are new members to the committee. More details will be provided at a later date. Swim lesson scholarships are still available.

Betty Parker

K. STAFF REPORTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

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1. The California Development Block Grant (CDBG) application deadline is generally in November. April would be when the grant money would be rewarded. The next opportunity for this grant would be in 2015. The next consolidation plan cycle would be in 2014. CDBG receives monies for the county; ten percent of the monies are set aside for public service for nonprofit agencies within six cities of the county. A requirement for the grant begins with the community identifying the project a priority. The process follows through with a mandatory technical workshop where the applicant's proposal is heard before a panel. A suggestion was made for the Fairview community group to be watchful of these types of grant opportunities. Establishing partnership with other agencies and neighbors was also another suggestion for the community group, i.e. Salvation Army, local soccer organizations, schools, youth groups/councils, Tuolumne River Regional Park Commission, etc.
2. The security system upgrades is almost complete for both reservoirs. The staff offices are now installed at both reservoirs. Modesto Reservoir is just waiting for connection set-up.
3. Woodward Reservoir completed their shoreline project through self-harvested materials using dump trucks to move them. Areas improved were at Office Point, Fischer Point, T-Island, Hackberry, and the little tulles point near the picnic shelter. Their next project is to lay road-base material in the dry storage area.
4. The new Frank Raines Regional Park playground broke ground on the 8th of January. The CORVA event in October was a success. The OHV park was slow at the start of the season due to dry conditions, but it is now bustling due to other OHV park closures. Plans are in progress to replace the current restrooms.
5. The California Department Fish and Game is now officially California Department of Fish and Wildlife. They will be conducting a vegetation study near Basso Bridge in La Grange in the upcoming year.
6. The California Motorcycle Association (CMA) will not be renewing their contract with the Department due to economy and participation. Staff will be working on fence repair and erosion control at the La Grange OHV Park.
7. Waterfowl season is going well.
8. The Department currently has three to five volunteers per park facility. Scout volunteers have assisted with trail clearance in the Joe Domecq Wilderness area. An article regarding the Yahvi Bowmen Archery Club was shared.
9. Under the Cordless Zero Emissions Lawn and Garden Equipment Demonstration Program, the Department has received a mower to test. Due to weather conditions, the uses of the mower have been limited.
10. The Department is working with Public Works on putting in walking paths and lighting at Empire and Bonita Ranch Park. Public Works will be preparing a board agenda item to request permission to go to bid on the project. The anticipated completion date will be in Spring 2014.
11. Plans for Bonita Pool are in progress. Staff will be meeting to discuss options or refurbishing the pool or replacing it with a spray park. The Hatch Park improvement project will be placed on hold until the pool project is complete.

L. COMMISSION COMMENTS**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Judy Loretelli will not be able to attend the meeting in February.
2. Elections will be on the agenda in February. A vacancy currently exists on the Commission in district 3. The Board has a post up for those who are interested to applying on the County's website. A suggestion was made to schedule elections regularly in November.
3. A question was asked how the Concessionaire proposals are going. Two

requests for proposals were received on the second Request for Proposal (RFP) process. One proposal may be approved contingent upon some modifications. The second proposal did not meet minimum criteria.

M. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

1. Potential items to be added to the next meeting agenda: Grayson Community Park/Center, Audubon Society, Fairview Park. CIP, Staff and Commission goals, Board updates will be added to the agenda in March.
2. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on:

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