



AGENDA

Thursday, June 13, 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.

Members of the public may be heard on any item of the Stanislaus County Parks & Recreation Commission's Agenda. A person addressing the Commission will be limited to five (5) minutes, unless the Chairperson of the commission grants a longer period of time. The Commission will allow comments by members of the public on an agenda item only during consideration of the item.

Agenda Items:

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| 1. Call to Order | Chair |
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| 2. Roll Call and Excused Absences | |
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| 3. Introduction(s) | |
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| 4. Public Comment(s) | |
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| 5. Approval of Minutes for May 9, 2013 Meeting | Commissioners |
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| 6. Staff Report | |
| a. June Park Commission Staff Report | |
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| 7. Old Business | |
| a. CIP Update: Riverdale Park Fishing Access improvement. | |
| b. Fairview Park | |
| i. Board approval to accept donations. | |
| ii. Renovation progress. | |
| c. Mural Policy | |
| d. Empire Pool | |
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| 8. Commission Comment(s) | |
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| 9. Adjournment, the next meeting will be on: | |

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

*Chad Kennedy, Chair
Judy Loretelli, Vice Chair
Jami Aggers, Director, Parks and Recreation*

MINUTES

May 9, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Mae Song
Jami Aggers
Merry Rorabaugh

MEMBER ABSENT:

Brent Bohlender, D2
Vacant, D3

GUESTS PRESENT:

Analisa Freitas

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

1. The meeting was called to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves.
2. An excused absence was received for Brent Bohlender.

ACTIONS

Chad Kennedy

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was received.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST

1. Analisa Freitas, West Modesto Organizer of Tuolumne River Trust, presented information regarding Tuolumne River Trust (TRT)—“The Voice for the River”. TRT is a watershed organization. They have offices stationed in Sonora, Modesto, and San Francisco. The core initiatives of the organization are restoration, education, and advocacy outreach for the riverside and parks. TRT works with the riverside community on improving the environment. A recent project included a collaborative effort of various volunteers and agencies picking up trash along the river from 9th Street to Riverdale Park in the west Modesto region, filling three bins at about 7,000 pounds of trash each. This clean-up event will likely continue again next year.
2. Some concerns were brought up in regards to the lack of restroom available at Riverdale Park. Another concern was addressed with the Riverdale fishing access ramp being too steep. Any improvements to the fishing access may likely involve California Fish and Wildlife. The Commission asked if Riverdale fishing access and other fishing accesses can also be listed in the Capital Improvement Project plans. The Department will consider adding Riverdale Park to the CIP plan.
3. The Commission expressed interest in partnering with the Tuolumne River Trust in related projects and grants.

REPORTER

Analisa Freitas

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the April 11, 2013, meeting was approved upon motion and second as written.

ACTIONS

*West, Chaney,
unanimous approval*

E. STAFF REPORTS

1. The new big Laird Park sign has been installed. The shade shelter is still in progress.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Parks Staff

2. Riverdale Park had a few vandalism incidents occur in the last two months: stolen irrigation valves, wirings, cable chain, and residential dumping, which is common during this time of the year.
3. Frank Raines OHV Park will be closing for the season on June 3rd for fire season. Campgrounds and day use areas will remain open.
4. Jami Aggers presented to Adrienne Chaney a certificate of appreciation for her support as a Commissioner on many Parks projects such as the Fairview Park renovation effort and the Frank Raines playground grand-opening.

F. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. An update of the CIP plan was provided. Two completed projects were removed from the list—Frank Raines and the Salida area. Two new projects were listed—Bonita Pool and Woodward Reservoir camping areas. Several other projects on the plan were updated with current status information. The CIP proposal will be submitted to the Chief Executive Office as recommended for review; the project priority will be categorized based on available funding.
2. At Fairview Park, a second re-leveling of the grounds was completed. This also includes an ongoing effort of rodent control in the park.
3. The Mural Policy was scheduled for review with the Board of Supervisors on April 23rd, but was pulled off the agenda for concerns on maintenance enforcement, staff time and costs. The Department will await further directions from the Board at a meeting set later in the month.
4. A note was made on the maximum occupancy for Empire Pool: 125 for the lap pool and 35 for the kiddy pool. The kiddy play structure may be in need of some repairs soon for rust. The pool will be due for an inspection prior to the summer season’s pool opening. A brief discussion was made on lifeguards for pool rentals. The Department will be partnering with PAL for hiring lifeguards for pool rental events. The pool rentals will be handled through the Department’s event coordinator and through the exclusive use process. The Commission will be inviting PAL for an overall program update at the next meeting.
5. A reminder was given on the special Empire pool fundraiser event on Sunday, June 9th, 2013. Limited tickets are available and on sale through PAL or Betty Parker.

Merry Rorabaugh

G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The Engineering News Record (ENR) published Chad Kennedy of O’Dell Engineering as their top twenty nominated most successful engineering professionals under the age of forty. Congratulations to Chad!
2. Judy Loretelli will not be able to attend next month’s meeting.

Ron West

Judy Loretelli

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:

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June 2013 Park Commission Staff Report

1. The rodent problem at Fairview is pretty much under control. Staff is now trapping when new mounds pop up. They are getting about 3 or 4 per week now as opposed to double digit numbers. We are using castor oil pellets around the perimeter of the park to keep gophers & squirrels from coming in. It seems to be working. We believe the gophers being trapped are some that were not eliminated prior to the pellets being utilized. Staff has been using a drag screen pulled behind a tractor to continue leveling out the area. Once we are able to reseed, it should be a much nicer area. The increased labor in this park is causing staff to fall behind in their other Parks and we hope that we will be able to shift our focus away from Fairview soon before complaints start coming in from other areas.
2. Riverdale Park continues to be hit with vandalism. Recently the backflow for the drinking fountain was damaged in an attempt to steal it. As a result, the drinking fountain has been turned off and the backflow removed to deter the vandals from coming back and stealing it. We have talked to members of the community and made them aware that most of this is happening in broad daylight. We have encouraged them to keep their eyes open and report any unusual activity in the park.
3. One of our concrete picnic tables at Oregon Park was vandalized and broken. There is a 10 year warranty against vandalism on the tables and we are getting a replacement for free.
4. The Empire Pool opened for the season on June 1, 2013. PAL gave us their schedule and they plan to operate through August 2, 2013. They are open Tuesday through Sunday. Monday's are closed for maintenance. They are open from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day with two swim sessions per day.
5. Notified on June 4th, La Grange received \$91,517.00 and Frank Raines received \$225,794 for a total of \$317,311.00. We were in the top 17 agencies who received money for Operations and Maintenance; there were 79 requests. The State had 5 million to offer, and there were 16 million in requests.
6. In partnership with the Department of Boating and Waterways and Sheriffs STARS volunteers, a new Life Jacket Loaner Pilot Program was implemented at Woodward Reservoir. Jackets include adult, youth, and infant sizes; a total of 75 life jackets all together were donated for the program. As of date, the program have been successful with one forgotten return. The borrower however called immediately and returned it soon after.
7. Received the Recycling Grant monies for purchase of 2 Message Boards for Laird Park. One message board will hold the Volunteer Thank You sign and the other sign will be utilized for messages regarding rental of the facility. Cost was approximately \$2,100.00.
8. Additional tables were purchased for Frank Raines day use playground area. This included adding grass and irrigation around the playground. PFF monies were used for this project. Frank Raines Regional Park is also getting a new park flag. (See example attached.) There is already a flag pole on site.
9. Completed the San Joaquin Valley Lawn Garden Program - Received \$9,993.90 in equipment for free. One self-propelled mower, 2 hand held blowers, 1 chain saw, and 3 trimmers.