



# AGENDA

**Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

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

**Call Meeting to Order:**

The Stanislaus County Park Commission encourages public participation and welcomes the public's interest.

Members of the public may be heard on any item of the Stanislaus County Park 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:**

- |  |               |
|--|---------------|
| 1. Call to Order   | Chair         |
| 2. Roll Call and Excused Absences  |               |
| 3. Introduction(s)   |               |
| 4. Public Comment(s)   |               |
| 5. Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2013 Meeting<br>(December Meeting was Cancelled)   | Commissioners |
| 6. Staff Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Monthly Staff Report</li> <li>b. Department Fees</li> </ul>  |               |
| 7. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fairview Park</li> <li>b. Laird Park</li> <li>c. Mural Policy</li> <li>d. Department Marketing Plan</li> </ul> |               |
| 8. Commission Comment(s)   |               |
| 9. Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:   |               |

Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
3800 Cornucopia Way  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Modesto, CA

Please notify the Department of Parks and Recreation at 525-6723 to let us know if you **will** be attending this meeting and/or require special accommodation for access or transportation to the meeting.

Agendas can also be found online at <http://www.stancounty.com/er/parks/parks-recreation-commission.shtm> subject to staff's ability to post prior to the meeting. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the main office of the Department of Parks and Recreation, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto, CA 95358.



**PARK COMMISSION**  
*Chad Kennedy, Chair*  
*Judy Loretelli, Vice Chair*  
*Jami Aggers, Director, Parks and Recreation*  
*Merry Rorabaugh, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation*

---

**MINUTES**  
**November 14, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.**

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
Modesto, CA 95358

---

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chad Kennedy, ATL  
Brent Bohlender, D2  
Betty Parker, D1

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Jami Aggers  
Merry Rorabaugh  
Mae Song

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

Judith Loretelli, ATL  
Ron West, D4

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Supervisor Jim DeMartini  
Edgar Navarro  
Manuel Rivera  
Joseph Sanchez  
Ricardo Maravilla  
Dennis Nutter  
Dalton Nutter

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**ACTIONS**

*Chad Kennedy*

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. The Fairview community group, Manuel Rivera stated that the group has been continuing ongoing conversations about providing support for Fairview Park's improvements and restoration goals. The group is planning to form a neighborhood watch group and looks forward to utilizing the park once the grounds are leveled and complete. Mr. Rivera thanked Jim DeMartini on behalf of the community for his contributions to the renovation project.
2. Dennis and Dalton Nutter had questions regarding the concessions at the reservoirs. The father and son business had expressed interest in the past on providing their company jet-ski rentals and safety training programs out at the reservoirs. The recent RFPs were for a smaller food vending business rather than jet ski rentals. The Department is however in the process of reviewing fees for the year 2014, which will include looking at vendor fees. The process will be handled through the exclusive use process with select available dates for vendors to participate in. This approach is expected to bring in various vending opportunities at a lower rate. Plans are in place to open up vending services to various types of services other than just food sales. A preferred chosen provider through a more competitive RFP process may be plans for further down the road.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Manuel Rivera*

*Dennis Nutter*

*Jami Aggers*

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the September 12, 2013, meeting were approved upon motion and second with a correction to add Supervisor Jim DeMartini to the Guest Present section at the September meeting. There was no meeting in October.

**ACTIONS**

*Bohlender, Kennedy,  
unanimous approval*

**D. STAFF REPORTS**

The November Park Commission Staff Report was reviewed. Photos were shared of the recent Symbiosis event at Woodward Reservoir.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

**E. OLD BUSINESS****ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Fairview Park's renovation progress is coming along well. Photos show a few brown spots from the holes in the ground but the rodent control is doing well. The Department welcomed the community to continue to be a part of the planning concept process for the park's recreational needs. Mr. Rivera reminded the group about the desire and need for a hybrid park containing a softball field and a soccer field. This will not only benefit the community but also the nearby schools which lack the facility and space for children to practice. The community wants to continue to assist the Department with maintaining the park. Several fundraising events have already occurred as a contribution to Fairview Park. Another priority concern on the list from the community is to build a restroom in the park and paint a mural on its surfaces to help prevent vandalism. Supervisor DeMartini is willing to continue to contribute to a sustainable plan. The Department does have a priority list of what's next for improvement. Once the ground leveling completes, the Department intends to continue to work with the community on a priority list in accordance to cost. The priority must be self-sustaining with no additional labor required. Supervisor DeMartini mentioned a need to fix the fencing and driveway of the park entrance. The community is interested in volunteering their maintenance service to meet the labor demands of the park. The community has expressed interest in taking part in being an ongoing part of keeping the neighborhood park clean and safe.
2. A question was asked if the Department has looked at the upcoming Land and Water Conservation grant. The information will be passed along to the Department grant writer.
3. The Department is in the process of contracting with Never Boring firm in Modesto on a marketing plan. The plan includes concession concepts and plans. The review phase for best practices and providing the best experiences on concessions may not be ready until May 2014. In the interim, the Department has begun a pilot program for vendor services through the exclusive use process. A more permanent building structure will be considered along with a future RFP vendor process. As a part of the marketing plan, the Department is interested in promoting special events in the parks. The Commission is interested in hearing more about the marketing plan and asked where their roles as advisors are in this plan. The Department plans to consult with Park Managers once the plan is complete. Afterward, it will be shared with the Commission for comments if the timeframe permits.
4. A new shade shelter is in the process of being installed and completed by the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. The Department will be holding a public ground-breaking dedication on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Laird Park. Hot-dogs will be served utilizing the new barbeque pits that will also be installed along with the new shade shelter.
5. Mural Policy: The group reviewed the most up-to-date version of the draft mural policy. The Commission's vote to support this item as presented will finalize the document. Minor additional changes were noted since the last version as follows:
  - Clarification was made in the beginning paragraph to clarify the main purpose of this mural policy, which pertained mainly to community neighborhood parks.
  - Clarification of the size of the mural was made in item 3, item 6, and the application.
  - Supervisor Monteith suggested excluding the word "heritage" in item 9 and where applicable, to encourage all participants and to eliminate any unintentional unwelcoming environment.
  - A clarification was made to address questions on item 8: attachments is defined as a canvas surface of which additional surface materials may be used to overlay the wall prior to beginning the artist's design work.
  - The Commission suggested removing the word "altering" and agrees with replacing the word "appropriate" with "30 days" in item 12.
  - "Project manager" was dropped, while "artist" remained in item 14.
  - All changes mentioned were also made in the application where

*Merry Rorabaugh/Jami Aggers*

*Bohlender, Parker, unanimous approval*

applicable.

- The box containing “Applicant appeal to the Board” of the flow chart was changed to, “To contest a Park Commission recommendation-submit a letter to BOS.”

The Commission moved to support the current mural policy changes as presented.

#### **F. APPROVAL OF 2014 MEETING CALENDAR**

The meeting calendar for year 2014 was approved upon motion and second. A confirmation was made as noted on the approved 2013 meeting calendar that there would be no Park Commission meeting in December 2013.

#### **ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Parker, Bohlender,  
unanimous approval*

#### **G. ELECTIONS**

A written notice was received from Judy Loretelli to nominate Chad Kennedy for chair. One nomination was also received for Judy Loretelli as vice-chairperson. A motion and second was made for the currently occupied positions of chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary to continue in their role as is through the year 2014. The 2014 year elections were as follows: Chad Kennedy - chairperson; Judy Loretelli - vice chairperson; Mae Song - secretary.

#### **ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Bohlender, Parker,  
unanimous approval*

#### **H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

A report was made to the Department of graffiti near the Library in Empire.

#### **ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Betty Parker*

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

1. **The December 12, 2013 meeting will resume cancelled.**
2. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on:

**Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.**  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
Modesto, CA 95358

**PREPARED BY:** *Mae Song, Confidential Assistant III* (209) 525-6723

Agendas can also be found online at <http://www.stancounty.com/parks/parks-recreation-commission.shtm> subject to staff's ability to post prior to the meeting. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the main office of the Department of Parks and Recreation, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto, CA 95358.

**COMMUNITY PARKS/COUNTY CENTERS by Amanda Fife:**

1. **Fairview Park:** The first mowing has been done and the public is able to access the park. We are keeping temporary fencing along the north end until we can determine a way to keep vehicle traffic out.
2. **Laird Park:** The new picnic shelter has been completed and is now available for public use. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Dec. 12, 2013. There have already been inquiries regarding reserving the shelter.
3. **Frank Raines OHV:**  
Visitation has been about a little light so far this season. OHV use drops off in dry conditions and picks up in the rainy seasons. So far this season the rainfall amounts have been low.  
The Deer Creek Campground water treatment facility is well under construction and we hope to have it up and running soon. Once all requirements set forth by the California Department of Public Health have been met, we will be able to remove the Boil Water notice for the park.

**MODESTO RESERVOIR by Tom Dias:**

1. We are working on pruning trees and picking up leaves in the campgrounds and day use areas.
2. Waterfowl hunting season is going smooth so far.
3. Fish and Game is planting trout at the reservoir.
4. The Yahi Bowmen archery club is considering an offer to join another archery club located in the foothills near Lake McClure.
5. Bert Andrews, our campground host has been helping us install mirrors in the showers at A-Loop campground. He has done a great job!

**LA GRANGE REGIONAL PARK by Tom Dias:**

1. TID is now allowing bee hives to be stored at the Historic Dredge Site during the winter.
2. Someone drove through the barbed wire gate at the Kiwanis youth camp. Staff has repaired it.
3. Vandals broke the sink in the women's restroom in La Grange.

**LA GRANGE OHV by Tom Dias:**

1. Current projects include fence repair and trail maintenance.
2. Vandals destroyed two portable toilets, which have been replaced.

**ADMINISTRATION by Cathy Gomez:**

1. Laird Park Opening on December 12, 2013 was very successful.
2. Beginning the Hatch Park Baseball field.
3. OHV grants are coming due again.
4. L&W Cons. Grant is being reviewed, but currently no assigned project.

**WOODWARD RESERVOIR by Cheryl Jackson:**

1. California Fish & Wildlife continues to plant trout about every two weeks. Duck hunting season is in full swing. We are also receiving four more vaulted restrooms possibly to be installed in the Spring.
2. Winter Maintenance includes:
  - Shoreline Erosion Repair
  - Tree Planting
  - General Repairs to Campsites, Restrooms, ect....
  - Weed Abatement
  - Tree Pruning



LAIRD RIBBON CUTTING EVENT ON 12/12/2013 (above)

FAIRVIEW PARK AS OF 12/18/2013 (below)

