



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Thursday, July 10, 2014 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 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 June 12, 2014 Meeting	Commissioners
6.	Discuss Scheduling Upcoming Tours	
7.	Old Business	
	a. Draft Letter to Board	Ron West/Chad Kennedy
	b. Solicitation and Donations	Staff
8.	Commission Goals	Commissioners
	a. Increase Partnership	
	• Identify List of Current Partners/Community	
	• Write Informational Letter	
9.	Staff Report	
	a. Monthly Staff Report	Staff
10.	Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
11.	Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:	Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Department of Parks and Recreation 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Modesto, CA 95358

Agenda Items for September Agenda: 1. Dog park "off-leash area" signs.

Reminders:

Member(s) due dates for Ethics training:

- Ron West-11/29/2014

Online Course Information Link: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=477> (To take the course, you will find in the middle of the webpage a button labeled "Local Ethics Online Training (FREE)". Please note that you will be required to have an e-mail to take the course online.)

Commission Goals:

1. Enhance Board Communication
2. Increase Partnerships
3. Training and Education for Commissioners
4. Increase Awareness of Parks

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MINUTES

June 12, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judith Loretelli, ATL
AnnaMarie Hallinan, D5
Betty Parker, D1
Ron West, D4
Brent Bohlender, D2

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Merry Mayhew
Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chad Kennedy, ATL

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order. An excused absence was received for Chad Kennedy.

ACTIONS

Vice Chair

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comment was received.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the May 8, 2014 meeting were approved upon motion and second.

ACTIONS

Parker, West, unanimous approval

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. The draft letter to the Board item was tabled.
2. The mural policy has officially passed approval and is now posted on the Department website for public access.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Ron West

Merry Mayhew

E. ATTENDANCE CONFIRMATION

Judy will not be able to attend the Commission meetings for July and August. Contact will be made with Chad to confirm his schedule for a quorum count.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Judy Loretelli

F. COMMISSIONER GOALS

1. Increase Partnership: Members discussed how the Commission can enhance partnership with the community and better make suggestions to staff. Past partnerships included the following: PAL and community members of Fairview Park, Hatch Park, Bonita Pool, Laird Park, Oregon Park, and Empire Pool/Park.
2. Commissioners would like to identify and promote the needs of the community by increasing awareness both ways—acknowledging those who seek assistance and bringing awareness to others. A suggestion was made to invite for speaker presentations of which may fall under the increase partnership and training and education goals.
3. The group discussed a question on soliciting for donations. Staff cannot conduct any solicitations. Further information will be provided at the next meeting.
4. Commissioners discussed writing an informative letter to the community as part of their partnership efforts. A list of surrounding area contacts is to be identified and developed. The letter is intended to communicate the Commission's purpose and advisory capacity.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

__The Commission will be identifying a list of current partners and send out an informational letter to these contacts.

5. Park name signs were suggested to include identification as a County park/facility.

G. STAFF REPORTS**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. The water level for Woodward Reservoir will remain up at recreational levels indefinitely until further notices are given by the Irrigation Districts. Both Modesto and Woodward Reservoirs will remain open past the previously given date of July.
2. Relating to park vandalisms, the Commission considered including in their letter to the community also information to encourage neighborhood watch or community involvement. The Hatch Park and Bonita Ranch Park MAC communities are active and involved in the two parks' security watch. The surrounding neighbors are making efforts to contact Sheriff as needed on park vandalism and suspicious activities.
3. A new technology of self-sufficient underground irrigation was suggested to be considered in any future and new irrigation plans. This layering technology allows watering from underneath the grounds where no sprinkler heads are needed.

*Merry Mayhew***H. COMMISSION COMMENTS****ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Betty Parker and Bob Dittman have resolved concerns relating to the Friends of the Empire Pool and have determined to continue with the organization.
2. PAL has been in partnership with Dan Costa in many fundraising events that supports the Empire pool. Plans are in place to assist with keeping the pool open for the next five years.
3. A suggestion was made to place "off-leash area" signs in open spaces of parks for dog park areas such as Laird Park.

*Betty Parker**Ron West**Judy Loretelli***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:

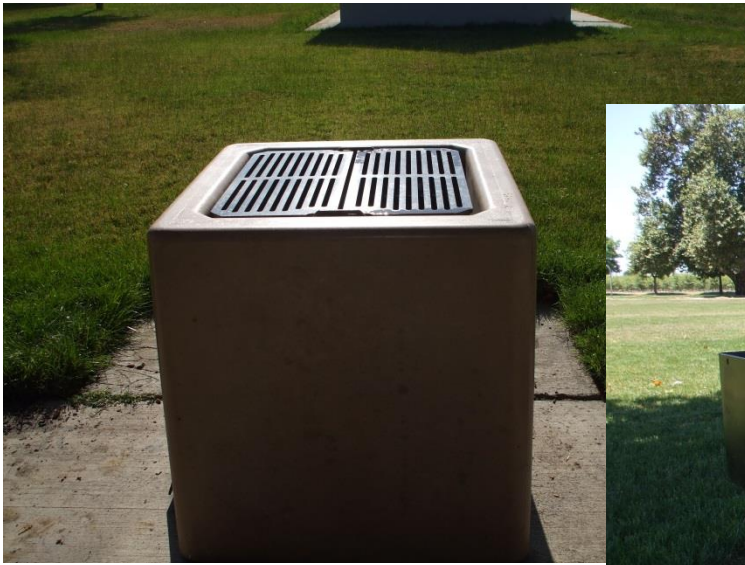
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COMMUNITY PARKS/COUNTY CENTERS by Amanda Fife:

1. **Fairview Park:** All of the tables and grills have been placed at the park. (Photos attached.) This completes this phase of the project for the funding that was available. We were contacted by a member of the citizens group, expressing an interest in repairing the chain link fencing on either side of the backstop. Volunteer forms were emailed and attempts to call were made. No response has been received from them yet.



COMMUNITY PARKS/COUNTY CENTERS by Amanda Fife (CONTINUED):

2. The family style BBQ that was placed at the picnic shelter was slightly damaged the first night it was in place. Damage was to the access door where the ash is emptied. Staff was able to repair it. The last owl box that was installed was vandalized and completely destroyed the same night. There were no signs that owls had ever inhabited the boxes and they will most likely not be replaced.
3. **Bonita Ranch Park:** Vandalism to the irrigation system continues to be a problem however it has not been on a daily basis as it was last month. Staff has been finding one or two damaged sprinklers each week but on occasion they discovered five in one day.
4. **Frank Raines OHV:** The OHV Park was closed for fire season on 6/20/2014. The campground and Rec. Hall remain open.
5. **Parklawn:** The poured in place playground surface was damaged in two spots. It appears that someone dug out large portions of the material. Repair kits can be purchased and we will be looking into the cost of getting it fixed. It does not pose a safety issue at this time. This is the first vandalism incident to the surfacing material since it was installed in 2008.

MODESTO RESERVOIR by Tom Dias:

1. On 6/22/14, forty-nine vessels were inspected for Quagga Mussels by Debbie DeShaun and her trained dog. None were detected.
2. Park staff sold 34 bags of ice and 19 bundles of firewood last week.
3. The contractor has started installing the new vaulted toilets.
4. The water level is now around 21 feet.

LaGrange:

1. The Kiwanis Youth Camp was reserved two times in June.

WOODWARD RESERVOIR by Cheryl Jackson:

- No report

ADMINISTRATION by Cathy Gomez:

Hatch Park Baseball Field Opening Day (Pictures below are the progress of the project)

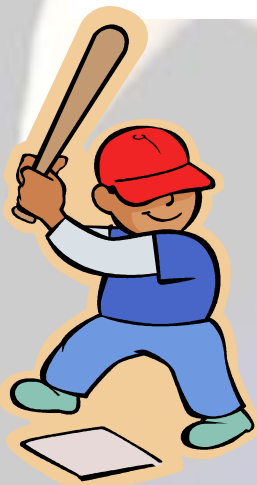


HATCH BASEBALL FIELD

Opening Day



July 19th, 2014
9:00 a.m.



Join us at Hatch Park
5506 Jennie Ave
Keyes, CA 95328

Come see the newly renovated baseball field. Stay for the opening-day baseball games and martial arts demonstration. Take a tour of the newly renovated community center.

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