



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Thursday, November 13, 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 September 11, 2014 Meeting (Members met offsite at Fairview Park in October.)	Commissioners
6.	Staff Report	Staff
	a. Monthly Staff Report	
7.	Old Business	
	a. Thoughts on Fairview Park Tour	
	b. Dog Park "Off-Leash Area" Signs	
8.	Commission Goals	Commissioners
	a. Summary of Accomplishments	
	b. Board Update Letter	
9.	Member Elections and Terms	
	a. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary (2015)	
	b. Term Renewals	
10.	Approval of the 2015 Park Commission Meeting Calendar	
11.	Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
12.	Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:	
	NO MEETING IN DECEMBER 2014	
	Thursday, January 8, 2015	
	Time: 5:00 p.m.	
	Location: 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2 nd Floor Conference Room	
	Modesto, CA 95358	

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
September 11, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
 Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Kennedy, ATL
 AnnaMarie Hallinan, D5
 Ron West, D4
 Brent Bohlender, D2
 Joseph Sanchez, D3

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Merry Mayhew
 Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Betty Parker, D1
 Judith Loretelli, ATL

GUESTS PRESENT:

Manuel Rivera
 Jim DeMartini

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order. Excused absences were received for Judy Loretelli and Betty Parker.

ACTIONS

Chair

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comment was received.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. MANOS UNIDOS PRESENTATION

1. On behalf of the Fairview Park community group, Manuel Rivera, thanked the Commission and Supervisor DeMartini for their efforts, commitment and support. Mr. Rivera also thanked Amanda Fife for her and her team's dedicated park services.
2. A presentation was provided on the history, focus, accomplishments, and current efforts of the Manos Unidas South Modesto Community Group. The group is interested in helping improve Fairview Park with emphasis on sustainability and partnership. The group has collaborated with various partners and participated in grant funded volunteer events, all in an effort to create a clean and safe community. The group's current fundraising efforts for the park is set up under the Center for Human Services. The community's vision plan and priorities are included in the presentation slides. The group is interested in collaborating with the Department through community volunteer efforts. The Commission suggested the Department begin looking at potential grants for these types of park improvements. The California Recycling Grant would be the ideal starting point for the Department to obtain recycled surfacing materials for the park. The Commission advised the community group to look into grants specialized for nonprofits.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Manual Rivera

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the August 14, 2014 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written.

ACTIONS

Bohlender, West, unanimous approval

E. UPCOMING TOURS

Quorum confirmation will be taken in September at the next Park Commission meeting. The park location tour in October is to be determined. Commissioners discussed visiting new or recent park projects.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Chad Kennedy

F. STAFF REPORTS

A question was raised whether the drought may affect the waterfowl hunting activities. Hunting season begins in October. There are currently no concerns

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Merry Mayhew

pertaining to the water levels affecting this year's hunting season. Some dates of the hunting program may have been moved up earlier with anticipation for lower water levels at Woodward Reservoir.

G. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The item on *Dog Park "Off-Leash Area" Signs* was tabled. The County currently has an ordinance which requires dogs be on a leash at all times in parks. Due to this ordinance, dog parks may require designated fenced-in areas prior to consideration of off-leash areas.
2. The Commission was in consensus to meet at Fairview Park in October.

*Hallinan, Bohlender,
unanimous approval*

H. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Clarification was made on how to move forward with the Commission goals.
2. At-a-Glance Accomplishments:
 1. Fairview Park Partnership
 - a. Manos Unidos South Modesto Community Group
 2. Ongoing Community Partnership Efforts
 3. Laird Park Shade Shelter Project
 4. Adoption of Commission Goals
 5. Marketing and Public Relations
3. Community Brunch: the annual PAL fundraiser is set for Sunday, September 21st at the Center Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year's funding will be going to the general PAL programs. This is a collaborative fundraising effort for four different organizations: Society for Handicapped, Salvation Army, Education Foundation of Stanislaus County, and Police Activities League.

Ron West

I. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on:

Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.
Fairview Park (Off-site)
Placer Ave/Val Lane
Modesto, CA 95358

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION 2015 MEETING CALENDAR

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JANUARY
 1 New Year's Day
 8 Park Commission Meeting
 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 22 Fish and Wildlife Meeting

FEBRUARY						
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FEBRUARY
 12 Park Commission Meeting
 16 President's Day

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APRIL
 9 Park Commission Meeting
 23 Fish and Wildlife Meeting

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MAY
 14 Park Commission Meeting
 25 Memorial Day

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 11 Park Commission Meeting

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JULY
 3 Independence Day
 9 Park Commission Meeting
 23 Fish and Wildlife Meeting

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AUGUST
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SEPTEMBER
 7 Labor Day
 10 Park Commission Meeting

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OCTOBER
 8 Park Commission Meeting
 22 Fish and Wildlife Meeting

NOVEMBER						
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NOVEMBER
 11 Veterans Day
 12 Park Commission Meeting
 26 Thanksgiving Day
 27 Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER						
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DECEMBER
 10 Park Commission Meeting
 24 Christmas Eve (1/2 day)
 25 Christmas Day

Holidays
 Fish & Wildlife
 Park Commission

WOODWARD RESERVOIR by Cheryl Jackson:

- Woodward is mainstream in winter maintenance and up keep. Opening day for waterfowl ways 10/18/14 went off with a BANG!!! We are still in the planning stage of the T-Island Muir Pt. campground upgrades. Making great strides with our new project manager Jaime Perez on board. October 24, 2014 Jeff Potter retired as a Park Maintenance Worker III with 22 yrs. service he will be missed. We like to welcome our new PMW II employee Diego Casillas aboard. Diego has been working at WR for a few years now and comes to us with an abundance of knowledge and experience. We have had 2 trout plants this month totaling 800 lbs. and are more are on their way.

MODESTO RESERVOIR by Tom Dias:

- The shade structures at Lake View day use area have been repaired and painted.
- Staff added soil around the picnic table pads in the campground and are doing routing maintenance..

LaGrange OHV:

- The restroom at LaGrange OHV Park has been repainted.
- Staff are working on fence repair at the park.

COMMUNITY PARKS/COUNTY CENTERS by Amanda Fife:

- **Fairview Park:** Recently vandals removed about six of the wooden railroad ties on the north side of the park. These railroad ties have served as bollards to keep vehicles out of the park. It appears that some of them were burned in the BBQ grills.
- **Hatch Park:** One of the foot railings on the new bleachers was removed by vandals. We believe they intended to turn it in for scrap metal recycling. They left the railing behind and staff will attempt to repair it. The volunteers who are supposed to be maintaining the ball field have not yet taken care of the weeds on the infield. The department purchased the items they requested to perform but staff is unaware of any scheduled work days. It was stressed to them prior to the start of the renovation that Parks staff would not be able to take on the extra work.
- **Grayson United Community Park:** The Cornerstone Theater Group based out of Los Angeles held a series of performances for the Grayson Community. A stage was set up on the west end of the park near the basketball court and ran for several nights. The group's website states in part "Cornerstone was founded in 1986 as a traveling ensemble, which adapted classic works to tell the stories of both rural and urban communities. We settled in Los Angeles in 1992 to focus on urban collaborations, and launched a series of multi-year play cycles. ". Along with their professional staff, they encourage and rely on the youth of the community to participate in a play that was written to identify with social and economic issues relevant to the communities they perform in. Information about the theater group can be found at www.cornerstonetheater.org
- **Frank Raines:** Nor-Cal will be holding their annual races at the OHV Park October 18 & 19. This is an exclusive use event and is held during the time that the OHV Park is still closed to the public. The OHV Park will re-open for its regular season on Monday October 20, 2014. CORVA will be holding its annual Jamboree the weekend of October 25th & 26th.
- The ground water table in the cistern has been dropping due the drought conditions. So far the new Water Treatment Plant has been able to produce potable water to the park throughout the off season, but non treated water used to irrigate the turf at the day use area was shut down in order to conserve. The ability to produce potable water to the campgrounds and facilities could be greatly impacted depending upon the amount of rainfall the park receives in the upcoming winter months.
- **Empire Park:** The pathway and lighting project is under way. The project should be completed by the end of the month. The pathway will be a continuation of the walkway that currently ends behind the baseball backstop. It will loop over and around the berm on the south east side of the park. There are many people who walk the park daily and have had to walk through grass in this unpaved area. The new pathway will provide an even surface for them and will be ADA accessible. The new pathway lighting will help to illuminate that portion of the park and allow both the public and law enforcement to have a better view of any unwanted night time activities.

WOODWARD RESERVOIR by Cheryl Jackson:

- Woodward is currently in a NO body to water contact and have been since 9/8/14. With the temperature still being very warm we are continually, turn jet skiers, swimmers, and campers that have the intent to swim away and recommending them to recreate at Mod Res. Our water fowl season (early hunt) will be starting 10/4/14 and we will not have a late hunt season this year due to water levels being low. SSJID has a screen project that will need the reservoir to be at a level of 191' by February for the repairs. In the Month of October, WR will be saying good-bye to Jeff Potter a 22-year employee which will be retiring and we are filling his position soon. Normal fall maintenance is happening as well. We are still in the planning stage of the T-Island Muir Point campsite upgrades.

MODESTO RESERVOIR by Tom Dias:

- Modesto Reservoir allowed early season goose hunting this year to help reduce the number of local geese at the reservoir. The goose hunt was October 4th - October 8th. The regular waterfowl-hunting season begins October 18th.
- The store at the reservoir is now closed for the season.
- Fish and Game should begin planting trout at the end of October.
- We are working on our routine maintenance in A –Loop campground.
- Yahi Bowmen Archery Club will be holding an archery tournament on 10/26/14 at the Modesto Reservoir archery range.

La Grange:

- The Kiwanis Youth Camp is reserved every week end in October.

La Grange OHV:

- The entrance station at the LaGrange OHV Park will be open on weekends starting 10/13/14.

ADMINISTRATION by Cathy Gomez:

- Working on Grant for Quagga Mussels from the Department of Boating and Waterways
- Looking into the grant for rubberized sidewalks
- Completed an audit for an RZH grant – Work was completed on Woodward Reservoir – Audit went great!
- Completed a visual audit for Frank Raines Water Project – State was happy with the deliverables