



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Thursday, April 9, 2015 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. Manos Unidos Community (Fairview Park Volunteering)	
6. Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2015 Meeting	Commissioners
7. Staff Report	Staff
8. Old Business	
9. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
10. Commission Goals	Commissioners
a. Commission Goals	
b. Board Update Letter – Draft	

Due:

Form 700 (Fines begin in April)
Link: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=500>

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on: Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Location: 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Modesto, CA 95358

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
March 12, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
 Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

AnnaMarie Hallinan, D5
 Betty Parker, D1
 Judith Loretelli, ATL
 Ron West, D4
 Joseph Sanchez, D3

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. No excused absence was received. Chad Kennedy and Judy Loretelli arrived later in the meeting.

ACTIONS

Ron West

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comment was received.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the January 8, 2015 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written. (There was no meeting in February.)

ACTIONS

West, Parker, unanimous approval

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Highlights were presented from the monthly staff reports. La Grange OHV Park have had about 1,000 vehicle per event with ongoing events scheduled.
2. Oregon Park has been improved through community volunteers. Dedicated volunteers organized park clean-up events. Sheriff's Office and PAL were also a part of these events. Light refreshments and activities were provided. The Oregon Park playground is scheduled to be filled with wood chips on March 14th with the help of volunteers.

The Empire Park project for a lighted walk path has been completed.
3. Fairview Park portable restrooms were burned down and caused major damage to the closed restrooms.
- 4.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Merry Mayhew



- 5. The Manos Unidos community group would like to work with the Department in repairing the restrooms and was asked to present a proposal at the next meeting.
- 6. The Department was awarded grants for the quagga mussel prevention program. Preliminary grants were submitted for the OHV parks at approximately \$800,000.
- 7. Modesto Reservoir will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt on April 4th. The Department is working with PAL and KHOP for activities and advertisement as a summer kick-off event. A suggestion was made by the Commission to include specific rules for parents, strollers, and egg droppers to help manage a successful event. The Easter Bunny will be visiting the park event.
- 8. The Department is expanding their customer service orientation for new employees as a result of customer surveys. The Commission suggested standardizing across all worksites.

E. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

- 1. The Department consulted with County Counsel regarding regulations related to designated off-leash dog areas. There are legislation regarding exoneration in dog parks, but Counsel advises that this may not pertain to unfenced off-leash dog areas, which can pose liability concerns. A suggestion was made to look at beaches and other unfenced off-leash areas, on how their regulations were established. Some designated areas to look into can be Lodi and Cal-Trans rest stops which contain designated off-leash areas. In order to build fenced-in off-leash areas, the County ordinance will need to be changed. Changes to ordinances will require several steps which includes a public hearing.
- 2. Recommendations were made for the Department to seek resources with the California Parks and Recreation Society and move forward with the process changing the County ordinance to allow designated off-leash dog parks.

Merry Mayhew

*__West, Loretelli,
unanimous approval*

F. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

- 1. The Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP) Advisory Council is organizing a fundraiser event to repair the American Legion Hall in Modesto. The wine-tasting fundraiser event will be held on May 9, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person and also available for purchase through Ron West and the Department. The goal is to raise \$10,000 at this event and the Legionnaires will match the amount of funds raised.

Ron West/Merry Mayhew

Touch of Class

Save the American Legion Hall
1021 S. Santa Cruz Avenue, Modesto, CA 95354
Saturday, May 9, 2015
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wine Tasting & Hors D'oeuvres
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Silent Auction, Music, No Host Bar & Desserts

\$ 35.00 per person



**TUOLUMNE RIVER
REGIONAL PARK**

Live Music
Wine Tasting
Hors D'oeuvres
Silent Auction
Desserts
TRRP Booth

FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR THIS EVENT: \$10,000

The American Legion Hall is in jeopardy of being torn down due to much needed renovations. If this landmark is removed, the City of Modesto will not be able to rebuild a structure in that location again. This building has held many beautiful events in its history and to see it removed would be a tragedy. It really is a diamond on the river. Donations are critical in saving the American Legion Hall. To purchase tickets for our Spring Fundraiser, please contact any member of the Tuolumne River Regional Park Citizen Advisory Committee, Loren Holt with the City of Modesto or Brandy D. Meyer at (209) 988-6166 or kbmeyer7@aol.com.

2. The Empire pool will be opening in late May. Public swimming sessions are operated by PAL. Each session are monitored by lifeguards with time limits and capacity management. The Friends of the Empire Pool will be having a community party sometime in June or July. There are still plenty of swim scholarships for kids swimming lessons.

G. COMMISSION GOALS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The draft letter to the Board of Supervisor is in progress.
2. The Commission asked if their goals can be a part of the marketing plan, to bring on more awareness for public participation and educating the public of the Commission's purpose. A question was asked if funds can be set aside to support administrative needs at the direction of the Commission. Expenditures would be made by recommendation at a Commission meeting. The Department will check into this possibility.

H. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, April 9, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.**, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto, CA 95358.

West, Parker, unanimous approval

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary (209) 525-6723

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