



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Thursday, August 13, 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. Approval of Minutes for July 9, 2015 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Report	Staff
7. Old Business	
8. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
9. Commission Goals	Commissioners
a. Board Update Letter	

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:	Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Location: 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Modesto, CA 95358
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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
July 9, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Parker, D1
Zachary Keller, D2
Joseph Sanchez, D3
Ron West, D4
AnnaMarie Hallinan, D5
Ed Persike, ALT
Chad Kennedy, ATL

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Jami Aggers
Merry Mayhew
Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS PRESENT:

Olivia Belmares, Manos Unidos
Christine Serrano, Manos Unidos
Manuel Rivera, BHRS/Manos Unidos

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order and those in attendance introduced themselves.

ACTIONS

AnnaMarie Hallinan

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Manuel Rivera, Olivia Belmares and Christine Serrano, Manos Unidos representatives were present to provide an update on Fairview Park improvement efforts and to obtain information on potential resources. Mr. Rivera shared a recent student cleaning event nearing 400 volunteers. The lack of restrooms in the park continues to be a struggle for park patrons, which affects events and practices. John Alvarado is working on portable toilet donations and a fencing option to prevent vandalism. Park patrons have resorted to seeking restroom usage upon agreement with nearby neighbors. The community has reached out to the local law enforcement to assist in a neighborhood watch on vandalism. The community has noticed less unwanted activities such as vandalisms and misuse of the park because of the raised awareness of community involvement. The park community has received a lot of support in shifting toward a family oriented environment, more proactive and responsible culture. Mr. Sanchez believes that with the heightened awareness of community involvement, vandalism should become minimal with a higher chance for the new restroom to last.
2. Manos Unidos have collected \$1,500 in fundraising efforts. The group asked for support from the Department to guide them with each improvement proposal. Staff and Commissioners discussed some of the steps for the project to move forward. A vision is in the works along with a park plan proposal. This will include volunteers and long term maintenance plans. Suggestions were made for this plan to include answers to potential questions that may come up about the renovation project. The group is encouraged to inquire with appropriate agencies and/or licensed contractors and include in the plan solutions to licensing and permit requirements of the project. Once the plan is accepted, it will be reviewed and placed into a formal board agenda item to allow volunteers to work with the Dept. on the proposed plan.
3. Potential grant information was shared for future playground plans of up to \$250,000 by CPRS. No match is required, but simply a letter from the party of interest. The grant is competitive among California parks. The Manos Unidos group and the Department were encouraged to apply for this grant opportunity as well as look into the River Parkway grant under the State of California. Stanislaus

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Olivia Belmares, Christine Serrano, Manuel Rivera

Grant link:

<http://www.cprs.org/user-media/docs/PMLBGrant brochure.pdf>

Foundation was recommended as a resource for fund management.	
C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	ACTIONS
Minutes for the June 11, 2015 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written.	<i>Sanchez, West, unanimous approval</i>
D. STAFF REPORTS	ACTIONS & REPORTER
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Annual Fireworks Celebration was a success at Woodward Reservoir contributing an increase in revenue. The Quagga Mussel grant was received pending implementation of dog inspections at the reservoirs. The Morgan Road worksite staff have moved over to the new worksite location at County Center III (Scenic and Oakdale), and should be fully operational by the end of July. Recruitments and hiring of six Park Maintenance Worker I and one PMW III is underway. The staff report also includes vandalisms and water complaints of misuse. To answer a question raised, the water treatment plant at Frank Raines has been completed about a year ago. Upcoming plans include a back-up generator for the park. 	<i>Merry Mayhew</i>
E. OLD BUSINESS	ACTIONS & REPORTER
A draft letter to the Board is complete and ready for input from the Commissioners.	
F. COMMISSION COMMENTS	ACTIONS & REPORTER
PAL was the 'grand marshall' participating in the city of Modesto's fourth of July parade. Mr. West relayed PAL's appreciation for the support of their programs.	<i>Ron West</i>
G. SPECIAL MEMBER ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY	ACTIONS & REPORTER
Ron West was nominated for Vice Chairperson. Accepted and approved upon motion and second.	<i>Hallinan, Keller, unanimous approval</i>
H. COMMISSION GOALS	ACTIONS & REPORTER
This section was tabled.	
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, August 13, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. , 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto, CA 95358.	<i>Persike, West, unanimous approval</i>

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary

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