



## PARK COMMISSION

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## AGENDA

**Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Please NOTE special meeting location:**

Laird Park  
8224 W. Grayson Road  
Modesto, CA 95358

**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.	Introduction(s)	
3.	Public Comment(s)	
4.	Laird Park	
5.	Adjournment, the next regular meeting will be held on:	Thursday, October 8, 2015 Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room Modesto, CA 95358

Regular meetings are held at 5 p.m. in the following location:

Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation  
Stanislaus Building, (upstairs conference room)  
3800 Cornucopia Way  
Modesto, CA 95358

If you have an item that you wish to be considered for a regular meeting agenda, please contact the Commission Secretary at (209) 525-6723 at least three (3) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

**Commission Goals:**

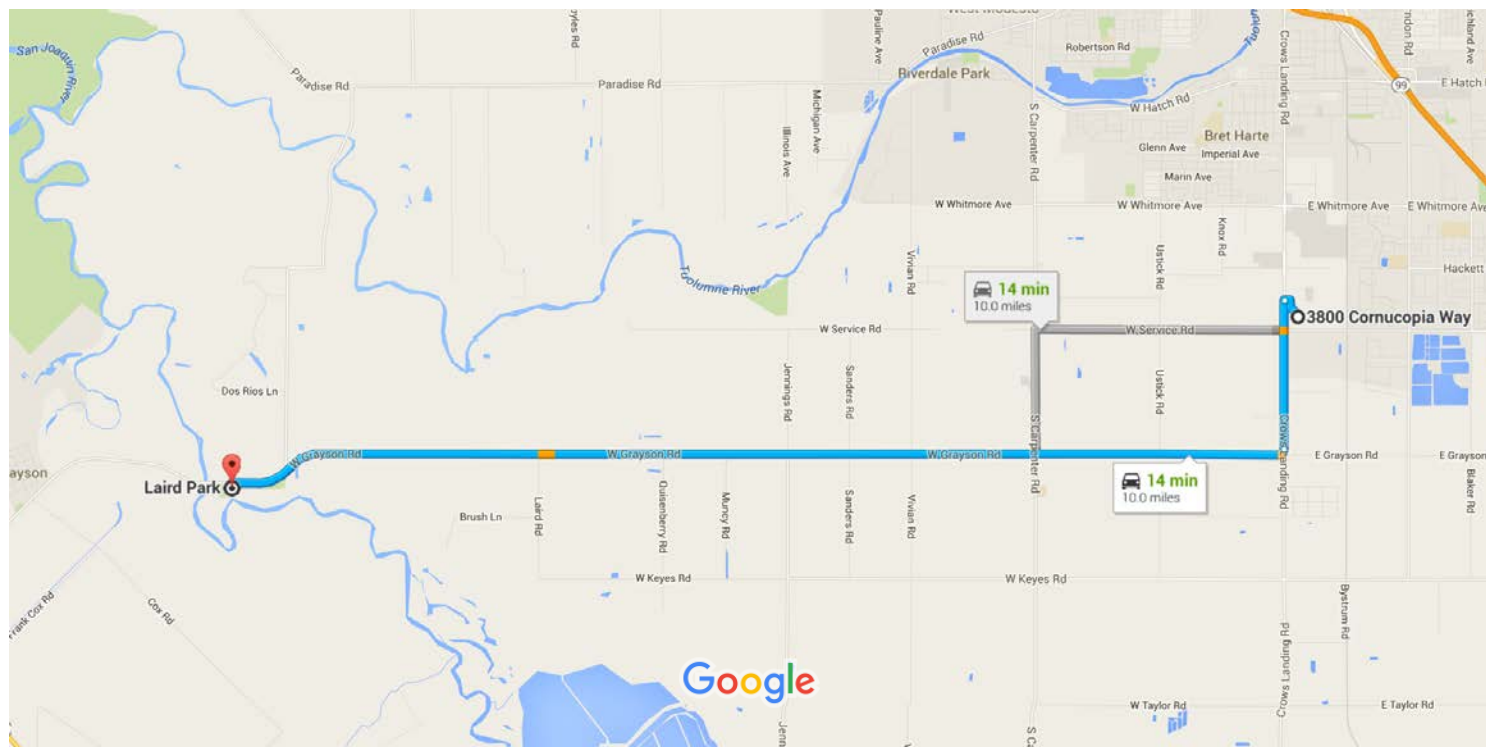
1. Enhance Board Communication
2. Increase Partnerships
3. Training and Education for Commissioners
4. Increase Awareness of Parks

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.



3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358 to Laird Park Drive 10.0 miles, 14 min


PARK COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE AT THE PICNIC SHELTER AREA



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3800 Cornucopia Way

Modesto, CA 95358

1. Head northwest on Cornucopia Way toward Crows Landing Rd  
0.2 mi
  2. Turn left onto Crows Landing Rd  
1.2 mi
  3. Turn right onto W Grayson Rd  
8.6 mi  
 Destination will be on the left

# Laird Park

Modesto, CA 95358

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# BEFORE PICTURES



**CHANGES in 2012:** Old Eucalyptus/Sycamore trees have been removed. The trees were grinded and hauled out. An irrigation system with a sixty horsepower submersible pump will be installed. Irrigation will also be extended in the Honor Farm area. Once the trenched area for irrigation settles in, native Bermuda grass will be sprayed in three times. The Bermuda grass is known to hold up well under more trafficked areas, flood resistant, and great for the climate.

## **July 29, 2010 – Article in the Patterson Irrigator**

“Situated on the bank of the San Joaquin River near Grayson, Laird Park was a pleasantly landscaped respite for locals on the West Side for more than two decades. In not quite two years, all that changed.”

As County funds for upkeep ran dry and inmates from the nearby Honor Farm were pulled from performing routine maintenance duties, the park’s once-maintained lawns turned into an overgrown jungle of brown weeds and brush – its all-but abandoned appearance a visual depiction of how the county’s deep budget cuts began to hit home.

**The Parks Department took over managing Laird Regional Park in 2009**, but budget cuts prevented anything but the bare minimum from being done. On July 25, 2011, a proposal was submitted to the Board of Supervisors to accept a donation of volunteer services for renovation of 30 acres of the Park.

**The volunteer renovation project was approved by the Board on October 4, 2011.** The completion of this renovation project was made possible through the efforts of many donations of services, supplies and rental equipment to perform the work. The volunteers are: Jim DeMartini, Phil Liondakis, Blake Hennings, Gary Rossiter, Mike Conrad, Ben Arroyo, R.J. Days, Jon Maring, Jerry Sanders, Lee Del Don, Randy McLaughlin. **Volunteerism was an important part of this project.**

## **The Renovations included the following:**

- Tree removal including the grinding and removal of trees and pruning of the remaining trees
- Installation of a new irrigation well
- Design and installation of a new irrigation system
- Supply and maintain portable toilets
- Assistance with maintenance and management of the park

## **Plan inspires additional renovation:**

Shade structure with amenities

The amenities include (2) family size barbeques, serving tables, picnic tables, receptacles, horseshoe pit, and ADA accessibility

## **Key Stakeholders:**

- The Community Volunteers gave their time and money (in excess of \$100,000) to the project
- Board of Supervisors recognized the positive impact of the volunteers contribution and they gave authorization to purchase the shade structure and BBQs
- Department of Parks and Recreation are responsible for managing the project.

**The project positively affected the West Side community of Patterson and Grayson** of approximately 27,091 people.

**This project supported the Board of Supervisors priorities** – “A Well Planned Infrastructure System and Effective Partnerships”; The Community Parks improve physical and psychological health; There is direct health and safety benefits like flood control; Makes our neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work; Economic development like enhanced real estate values, and increase tourism.





## Laird Park

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LAIRD REGIONAL PARK

Laird Regional Park		
Program element	Existing/ Renovated	New/ Expanded
Group Picnic Area	◆◆	○
Picnic Shelters	◆◆	○
Play Equipment	◆◆	○
Play fields (multi-use)	◆◆	○
Ball Diamond	◆◆	○
River Access	◆◆	○
Archery Range		○
Swimming Lagoon		○
Nature Trail/ Nature preserve		○
Multi-use Trails (hike, bike, horse)		○
Park Expansion		○
Parking areas (paved)	◆◆	○
Restrooms	◆◆	○
Potable water	◆◆	○
Shade trees	◆◆	○
Shade Structure		○
Picnic tables		○
Barbecue grills		○
Expand sewage lagoon	◆◆	○
Signage (Interpretive & Directional)		○

