



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA
Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
 Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room
 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:

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| 1. Call to Order | Chair |
| 2. Roll Call and Excused Absences | |
| 3. Introduction(s) a. Member Renewal | |
| 4. Focus on Homeless Prevention Initiative | Jeanette Fabela, Housing & Supportive Services |
| 5. Public Comment(s) | |
| 6. Approval of Minutes for October 13, 2016 Meeting | Commissioners |
| 7. Staff Highlights | Staff |
| 8. Old Business a. Plaque Presentation Status b. Ethics Course Certificates Due (see below)** | |
| 9. Commission Comment(s) | Commissioners |
| 10. Approval of 2017 Meeting Calendar | Commissioners |
| 11. Commission Elections a. Chairperson b. Vice Chairperson c. Secretary | Commissioners |

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Location: 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Modesto, CA 95358

*****There will be NO meeting in DECEMBER, 2016*****

Standing Reminders:

- d. **Ethics Course Reminder (Certificate to be turned in)
 - Online: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>
- e. July is Parks Month

****Ethics Certificates Due:**

- 1. Joseph Sanchez

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
October 13, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
 Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Keller, D2
 Ron West, D4
 Chad Kennedy, ALT
 Ed Persike, ALT
 Veronica Plaughter-Macias, D5

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Merry Mayhew
 Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Sanchez, D3

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order and those in attendance were noted. An excused absence was received for Joseph Sanchez.

ACTIONS

Zachary Keller

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the September 8, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion and second with additions to section E as noted within this set of minutes.

ACTIONS

*Persike, West,
 unanimous approval*

D. PLAQUE PRESENTATION DISCUSSION

- The passage on the plaque was corrected as follow:

Betty Parker

[Suggested bringing to front the name in bold or larger font; due to plaque requirements, necessary changes may be at the Dept.'s discretion.]

A Stanislaus County Parks & Recreation
 Commissioner and Pioneer,

Whose Vision, Dedication, and Persistence
 helped inspire parks and the

Stanislaus County Regional Water Safety Training Center

- Mr. Ron West has contacted Betty Parker for her picture and will send it to the Commission secretary when he receives it.
- A thought was shared to have the presentation at a Board of Supervisor's meeting where the plaque can be installed at a later date, and as a precautionary measure for unpredictable weather conditions. Commissioners were in consensus. It was suggested to have the presentation around the approval of the dog park ordinance agenda item, however, it was noted that scheduling the presentation timely may depend on the ordering process of the plaque.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

*Persike, West,
 unanimous approval*

Ron West

Ed Persike

E. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

- The Symbiosis event at Woodward drew in approximately 10,000 to 14,000 visitors daily. The four-day event brought in an estimated \$320,000 in revenue. Woodward has several other annual events such as a boat show and an Easter egg hunt.
- South San Joaquin Irrigation District has in effect the bodily water contact

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Merry Mayhew

restriction for the winter out at Woodward Reservoir as of September 27, 2016. The Department appreciated SSJID working with them on water levels this season.

3. Love La Grange held a recycling event at La Grange OHV park.
4. Illegal dumping prevention efforts are in progress at the Riverdale fishing access. Homeless concerns are ongoing at Mono park. Signs and waste stations were placed along sidewalks in the Salida residential streetscape area for dog waste. The Salida community will continue to promote keeping the sidewalks clean. A community suggestion was made to convert an unused volleyball court into a horseshoe pit. The Salida community service area fund may have money available for this project.
5. The Department asked the Commission if they have any contact information to the family who planted the three willow trees in dedication to their three sons at Empire Park. Prior to taking any action to remedy the deteriorating state of the trees, the Department would like to give a courtesy notice to the family.
6. A pre-bid meeting was held for the Parks Master Plan. The deadline to submit is at the end of October.
7. The construction process with the playground/exercise area at Fairview Park is moving along as scheduled. Kaiser hospital is funding this project through Kaboom grants. Joseph Sanchez wanted to relay to the Commission that they are still in need of volunteers for the build day on November 5th. The Commission suggested contacting the army reserves, local colleges, churches, and the Youth Spanish Leadership Council for additional volunteers.
8. The project at Laird Park in the back part and the gun range is still in progress. The request for proposal is in draft status. The Department is currently working with the Hazardous Materials division and related organizations on guidelines.
9. As sixteen full-time positions had been approved by the Board, the recruitment process is almost at a wrap. This has allowed existing extra-help employees an opportunity to obtain full-time status.
10. The Modesto Reservoir fuel pump request for bid process did not receive any qualifying bids. The Department may be left to seek a local company to assist with the project. A suggestion was made to contact Boyett Petroleum.
11. The agenda item to change the ordinance language for dogs in parks is now in draft. Once finalized by the internal review committee, this will go out to Counsel and CEO to finalize and be posted for an upcoming Board meeting sometime mid-November. The Department checked with the Planning Department for CEQA needs and found that this ordinance change was exempt from the CEQA review.
12. A correction was made to the written staff highlights in the last bullet. The ADA surveys are still in progress. Once this is finalized, the document will be made available to the public. This report may help prioritize the needs of each facility.

F. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

A reminder for the mandated Ethics course has been updated.

G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Mr. Persike shared a recent observation from a recent personal trip to Phoenix, AZ. The event had many and different size dogs having fun at a well taken care of dog friendly park. He believes Stanislaus County could build a number of dog parks without a great deal of money. This would be an ideal direction in promoting parks and the community. The county could be known as a dog friendly community. Building a dog park may be low on cost; however, it is also understood that ongoing maintenance cost will have to be taken into consideration as well.

Ed Persike

2. Getting people to enjoy the outdoors outside of their homes is also an objective in the valley based on professional statistics naming Modesto as one of the largest in obesity concerns. Dog parks would fall right along the same line on promoting outdoor activities.
3. Awesome Spot playground has a kick-off fundraising event happening on November 16th, where the designs will be unveiled beginning at 6:00pm, downtown, 10th Street, Modesto. The park is to be constructed on the north side of Beyer Park. O'Dell Engineering is currently working with City of Modesto on details. Promotions include Facebook invitations to fundraising events. Fundraising events include a 'trunk or treat' classic car show event on October 28th, downtown Modesto.
4. Mr. Keller shared that StanCog had an excellent presentation on their homeless initiative. The presentation addressed transportation issues. It was asked if the Commission would be interested in inviting StanCog to the next meeting to learn more about how it relates to parks; the group was interested and looks forward to the presentation. Although, housing assistance is available, a question was raised whether consideration had been taken on designating a campground for those that are homeless.

*Veronica Plaughter**Chad Kennedy**Zach Keller*

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, November 10, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA.**

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary

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Parks Commission



Fish & Wildlife

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| 16: M L King Day |
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| 26: Fish & Wildlife Meeting |
| November |
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| 10: Veterans Day observed |
| 23: Thanksgiving Day /24 th obs. |
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| 25: Christmas Day |
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