



**PARK COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, July 12, 2018 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:**

1. Call to Order	Chair
2. Roll Call and Excused Absences	
3. Introduction(s)	
4. Public Comment(s)	
5. Approval of Minutes for June 14, 2018 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Final Parks Master Plan	
7. Staff Highlights	Staff
8. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
9. Old Business	

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:**  
**Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**  
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**Standing Reminders:**

- a. Elections in November
- b. July is Parks Month
- c. FPPC 700 Forms (annual) (Due March 5, 2018)
  - Link: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>
- d. AB 1234 Ethics Course (every two years)
  - Link: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>

**Commission Goals:**

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

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**MINUTES**  
**June 14, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.**

Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor  
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
 Modesto, CA 95358

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Zachary Keller, D2  
 Joseph Sanchez, D3  
 Ron West, D4  
 Veronica Plaughter-Macias, D5  
 Chad Kennedy, AL  
 Kyle Fiflet, AL

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Merry Mayhew  
 Mae Song

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Brandon Cody, D1

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

1. The meeting was called to order and those in attendance were introduced.
2. An excused absence was received for Brandon Cody.

**ACTIONS**

*Zachary Keller*

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the April 12, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion and second.

**ACTIONS**

*Plaughter-Macias, Kennedy, unanimous approval*

**C. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Woodward Reservoir hosted for the first time in the last weekend of April, a Serenity Gathering Music Festival. The event went well with no issues. Participants were a little less than what was expected, around 1,200 to 1,500. Revenue totaled \$32,750 for the weekend. Serenity has reserved the next three years.
2. A question was asked about the Symbiosis events. Symbiosis has in the past been held in September at Woodward, but due the SSJID's bodily water contact restriction being closed around this time, Symbiosis is unlikely to return to Woodward for future events.
3. This year's seasonal recruitment is near complete with several rounds of recruitments due to the high turnovers this season.
4. Modesto Reservoir was busy during the Memorial weekend. The new fuel pumps are now open for service. Sales revenue is generally returned to the Department as a general fund source. Deputies caught a person fishing self-pay stations (iron rangers).
5. La Grange OHV hosted a Stuckfest event in May. Kiwanis hosted two events of with approximately 200 children occupying the camp.
6. Fairview Park restrooms have again been vandalized even when they were kept under watch by two authorized community groups (Manos Unidos/PAL) and locked outside of uses. The Park's restrooms are managed by authorized groups during their practices and use. Mr. Sanchez shared Manos Unidos' thoughts of placing a camera across the street. The Department can look into placing some

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Merry Mayhew*

cameras, however, this potential solution can still be problematic in regards to being able to identify the vandals if there were footages of the incident. Motion activated service cameras was a suggestion; the cost to purchase may be offset by the cost of the vandalisms. A company downtown Modesto utilizes CrimeTek's camera service (CrimeTek Security, <http://www.crimetek.com>) which includes a speaker/siren. The company have been able to prevent about 100% of vandalism incidents from occurring compared to their previous record. Someone from Manos Unidos had mentioned at a community meeting that the vandalism was done by three young kids but they don't know who they are. Polished steel plate mirrors were suggested for replacement of the shot-out vandalized mirror. Pellets are also being shot into the walls. Oregon Park is also having similar vandalism problems.

7. Additional vandalisms: The access gate at Fox Grove Park was damaged by a vehicle. United Community Park received damages to the walking deck of a playground set from someone setting fire on it; replacement parts will cost \$1,700. Sterling Ranch Park received damages from someone driving a vehicle through the epoxied concrete benches.
8. The Bonita Ranch Park, Keyes, project to repair and reseal the basketball court is expected to be completed in June.
9. The Department's fees public hearing was in May. The new fees will take effective June 22, 2018.
10. The Parks Master Plan has been approved by the Board. Final copies are in the works. The Department will be providing each Commissioner a copy.
11. The Grayson Road Firing Range cleanup project is in the process of reviewing proposals. There will be a 30-day comment period coming up soon.
12. As Mr. West shared a brief historical timeline of Laird Park with the new Commissioner Kyle Fiflet, Ms. Mayhew stated that the Department's budget was approved with the necessary funds for staff to take over maintenance of the park beginning this July.
13. A question was raised about where the dog park is in the master plan and its priority. Project priority is dependent upon receiving funding. All projects are unfunded at this point. As funding is received, the Department prioritizes based on revenue generation and maintenance cost. The projects placed in the plan were based on community input. Each project will usually start up when funding becomes available and community partnerships develop. As Prop. 68 passes, the Department will be looking forward to assigning these potential fund toward the master plan projects. There are grant criteria for underserved population and areas. Lisa Velarde works on applying for grants and seeing them through.

**D. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. PAL is getting ready for their annual community brunch event. Mr. West will provide more details about this at a later date. There are usually five organizations participating in this fundraising event.
2. A question was raised regarding the status of Mono Park. There has been no update on the sale of the Park since the last community meeting. Mr. Fiflet was present at the last community meeting and thought the meeting was filled with a number of people who were not happy. The CEO was present at the meeting. He was able to guide the discussion toward a compromise solution with community partnership, however, there has been no committed results as of yet. Mono Park is frequently used as a homeless camp. Maintenance has been a challenge for staff due to the sprinklers being covered up and the ongoing issues of loitering and safety.
3. The recently passed County budget allowed for \$250,000 to go toward the Awesome Spot. The Little Kids and Big Truck fundraising event is happening this Saturday. They will be at the Target parking lot near McHenry and Standiford in Modesto. Monster trucks were welcomed.

Ron West

Veronica Plaughner-Macias  
Merry Mayhew  
Kyle Fiflet

Chad Kennedy

**E. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

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There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, July 12, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**

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PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary (209) 525-6770

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