



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA
Thursday, October 11, 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 August 9, 2018 Meeting (There was no meeting in September.)	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, November 8, 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)
 - 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
August 9, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon Cody, D1
 Zachary Keller, D2
 Joseph Sanchez, D3
 Ron West, D4
 Chad Kennedy, AL
 Kyle Fiflet, AL

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Merry Mayhew
 Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Veronica Plaughner-Macias, D5

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- The meeting was called to order.
- An excused absence was received for Veronica Plaughner-Macias.

ACTIONS

Zachary Keller

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ACTIONS

Kennedy, Sanchez, unanimous approval

C. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

- The two Reservoirs doesn't have much to report but the busy park traffic during this time of the year. Woodward Reservoir has received notice of the annual water restriction taking effect on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.
- The La Grange OHV Park entrance station has damages from a vehicle running into the station. The remaining pieces of the entrance station has been demolished. The Park's cemented iron ranger was stolen completely in the following weekend. A stolen semi-truck was found in the back of the park; the vehicle was stuck, caught on fire and abandoned.
- ASD Crawlers will be out at Frank Raines again this year on August 18th for their annual fundraiser event.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Merry Mayhew



4. More vandalism to the restroom door was discovered at Fairview Park. The restroom door has no door stop nor a lock cover to prevent someone from prying through the door. The Department is looking at options to replace the locks with new locks that can better withstand vandalism.
5. Mono Park continues to have the same issues. The Department is working on these issues on an ongoing basis. New tables and benches have been purchased to be placed at Empire Pool.
6. A new event, Dirty Bird Campout, is coming to Modesto Reservoir. The event is planned for October 4th through the 8th. The board agenda item is planned to be submitted sometime late August or September.
7. The Department is still working with the vendor MT2 on the Grayson firing range cleanup of lead and the berm. The project will be re-submitted to the Board soon. There will be a second stage to remove the recently discovered debris in the area at a later date. Commissioner West commented for the Department to look at whether some usages could occur without requiring the stage two clearance.
8. The Parks Master Plan has been submitted to Capital Improvement Projects. The Department received the annual Effective Partnership award for Fairview Park's project. The award will be presented at the August 21st evening Board of Supervisors meeting.

D. WILD BOAR**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

The Wild Boar bill makes it easier for landowners to kill pigs. The previous process may require a kill permit. The Bill is still in progress with potentially more changes to come. The Department has a permit for hunting at Frank Raines. Permits are issued at a maximum rate of 20 hunters per day limited in the Frank Raines Minnear day use park.

Zach Keller

E. COMMISSION COMMENTS**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Commissioner Cody reviewed Woodward Reservoir's visitation data and shared that April through October are the heavier use months. He suggested a fee reduction during the slower months to promote visitors during the winter season. This promotion can potentially generate a guess estimate of a couple thousands of dollars. The Board should be made aware of the preference for portions of this potential revenue to remain within the Department. The Department fee proposal process requires comparable research prior to any fee change recommendations. Comparables can be skewed as competitors will adjust fees to the same level within each other. Commissioner Cody stated that the argument should be that it's tied to the Department's productive capacity and value. Inadequate funding and financing can be used to support the argument; consequently, the user fee would be inadequate. Commissioner Keller found the idea interesting, however, believes an introduction is needed to the Board. Support for Department programs can come from the marketing plan.
2. The Commission briefly discussed the Fresno city article on a three-eighths of a cent tax for parks and arts, and is interested in exploring the idea for Stanislaus County. Commissioner Kennedy commented that the fund can be directed to a park district and not the County for such a proposal to become more attractive. Commissioner Cody express interest in working with the Department on private partnerships, sponsorships and connecting with the local Chamber of Commerce. The private sector may not be as informed of the potential use of parks venues.

Commissioners

F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**

Woodward and Modesto Reservoir

- Woodward is still on high visitation and seasonal maintenance and operations. The planning of special events are still in progress. We are working with Symbiosis, the return of Serenity in May 2019, and have talked with several other new events that are interested in coming to Woodward in the future.
- Safe Kids Stanislaus held a life jacket give-a-way on August 18th specifically for disadvantaged youth.
- A 26 year old male drowned over Labor Day weekend at Woodward.
- Modesto Reservoir staff continues to stay busy cleaning and maintaining its facilities and has stayed busy all month with all of the reservations booked on the weekends. School has commenced, so during the week, visitation has been considerably lower.
- The Archery range held events August 4th and 11th.
- The Society for Disabilities held two adaptive ski events on August 11th and 25th.
- The Kiwanis camp was vandalized with graffiti in August; however, the graffiti abatement team was able to get it all removed and repainted just in time to welcome the Girl Scouts.
- LaGrange OHV continues to see low visitation due to the high heat and dusty conditions. Staff continues to maintain the park and trails as well as field collections.
- Basso Fishing Access and Turlock Fishing Access has been very busy, it has become a popular place for jet skiers and fishermen. Staff maintains and cleans the facilities on a regular basis. Basso Bridge fishing access is constantly being used as an illegal garbage dump site. Staff have posted “No Littering” or “Illegal Dumping” signs in hopes it helps with this problem.

Community Parks:

- Fairview Park –Due to vandalism, the restrooms have been locked and PAL and the community groups that use the park have been given keys to unlock and lock the restrooms during their use. Recently, even with the restrooms locked, people have gotten in and vandalized it. Most recently one of the doors has been damaged. New doors and rekeyed locks are on order and will be installed asap.
- Riverdale- Someone continues to cut the chain and lock off of the gate at the top of the boat ramp. A new larger chain and lock are being sourced and will be installed asap.
- Burbank Park – There is at least one if not two water leaks underground at this location. We are working to determine if it is irrigation or the water supply to the building so either Parks or GSA can make the repair.
- Empire Pool/Park – PAL's summer pool program has finished for the season and the pool is now closed. Parks has purchased and worked with PAL to assemble several new picnic tables and benches.
- Fox Grove Park – Staff are currently working with West Yost Associates, SWRA and TID regarding access to the Pump house construction site just upstream of Fox Grove Park. The contractor will have access to the parking lot and the ability for them to access and improve the access road to the area while they are working on Phase 1 construction of the water pump.
- United Community Park in Grayson - Someone started a fire on the playground set and melted a very large hole in the walking deck, damage has resulted in about \$1,700 worth of replacement parts. These parts have been received and have been installed.
- Bonita Ranch Park –Recently a concrete bench and the bench attached to a concrete table has been destroyed. It looks like someone used a large rock/piece of riprap from the basin discharge area to damage the bench and table.
- Court House Lawn – Parks’ staff have been working with the Court House staff and the County’s outreach efforts to address the issue of homeless population at this location.

Frank Raines Park:

- Frank Raines – Parks staff and volunteers had a successful event at this location during the August 18th weekend. ASD Crawlers put on a remote controlled car rock crawler event. This organization donates all of their profits to Autism research foundations.

Parks Administration

- The Dirtybird Event at Modesto Reservoir has been approved by the Board of Supervisors and the event will take place October 4-8, 2018.

- We have finalized our recruitment for a Marketing Coordinator and have promoted an internal candidate who will begin the position on September 17, 2018. I will check on bringing her to the October meeting for introductions.
- The Grayson Road Firing Range project has final approval from the Board and the MT2 vendor contract has been approved.
- LaGrange Entrance Station Project quotes have recently been completed and sent to Risk Management for insurance reimbursement. We are hopeful that we can get an entrance station constructed quickly as our OHV season is coming up quickly.

Woodward and Modesto Reservoir

- Very busy with summer season.
- Woodward has received notice from SSJID that the body to water restriction will begin September 4, 2018.

La Grange OHV Park

- The entrance station was hit by a vehicle and destroyed. Staff demolished the remaining pieces of the entrance station as it was a safety hazard and the following weekend the Iron Ranger was stolen.
- A stolen semi-truck was recovered from the OHV Park after it was driven to the back side of the park on the trails, got stuck, caught fire, and the driver abandoned the vehicle. CHP towed it.

Frank Raines Park Campground

- ASD Crawlers has scheduled a remote controlled car rock crawler event the weekend of August 18th that should bring in over 200 people. This organization donates all of their profits to Autism research.

Community Parks:

- Fairview Park –We are looking at some new options for the restroom doors at Fairview.
- Mono Park – We are continuing to have issues at this park, but continue to try to deal with it on a weekly basis.
- Empire Pool/Park – Parks has purchased some new tables and benches for the pool and those should be arriving soon.

Parks Administration

- The Dirtybird Event at Modesto Reservoir is coming together and staff are working to get an agenda to the Board in late August.
- Staff are anticipating taking the MT2 contract to the Board for the Firing Range cleanup in late August.
- Parks Master Plan projects have been completed and sent to the CEO's office for review prior to being included in the 2018-2020 Capital Improvement Plan.