



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA
Thursday, March 14, 2019 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 January 10, 2019 Meeting (No meeting was held in February)	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Goals	
8. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
9. Old Business	
a. 700 forms reminder	

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
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Standing Reminders:

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

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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

January 10, 2019, 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
 Chad Kennedy, AL
 Kyle Fliflet, AL

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Merry Mayhew
 Heidi Hidalgo
 Dianne Parkinson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Veronica Plaughner-Macias, D5

GUESTS PRESENT:

Supervisor Jim DeMartini

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order.

ACTIONS

Zachary Keller

B. INTRODUCTIONS

1. Heidi Hidalgo, Marketing Coordinator for the Department of Parks & Recreation, introduced herself.
2. Ms. Hidalgo reported that the Department of Parks & Recreation is advertising on buses, movie theaters, and billboards.
3. The 2019 events that Heidi is currently working on consists of, in part, the following:
 - Ibarra Off Road @ La Grange OHV Park
 - Serenity @ Woodward Reservoir
 - One World Water Lantern Festival @ Woodward Reservoir
 - Fireworks Celebration @ Woodward Reservoir
 - Dirtybird Campout @ Modesto Reservoir
 - Day of the Dead/Dia de Muertos @ Modesto Reservoir
 - Grayson Swift Motocross Events @ La Grange OHV Park
 - Gilbert Balili 4-day Art/Music Event @ Woodward Reservoir
 - Stuckfest Events @ La Grange OHV Park
4. The following events for 2020 and beyond are still in the idea/planning stages:
 - Boat & RV Show @ Woodward Reservoir
 - Mardi Gras
 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration @ Modesto Reservoir
 - Women's Festival @ Modesto Reservoir
 - Catfish Camp Gathering/Music Festival @ Woodward Reservoir
 - Lightning in a Bottle @ Woodward Reservoir
 - Symbiosis @ Woodward Reservoir

REPORTER

Heidi Hidalgo

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Minutes for the November 2018 meeting were approved upon motion and second.

*Kennedy, Fliflet,
unanimous approval*

E. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

REPORTER

1. Merry Mayhew reported that Woodward and Modesto Reservoirs are both in winter maintenance mode at this time of year, pruning trees and continuing with routine maintenance. Woodward is still having a great turnout due to great weather, as the full hookup campsites were booked solid on the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Modesto Reservoir received a 1,700 pound fish plant in December 2018 from California Fish & Wildlife.
2. The following are updates with regard to our OHV and Community Parks:
 - La Grange OHV: We are awaiting our new entrance station within the next 60-90 days, and our new iron ranger soon. One (1) accident was reported in December, as a rider fell and might have broken a collar bone. La Grange's Stuckfest event in December 2018 had approximately 3,400 visitors.
 - Oregon Park: We discovered that a person who was living in an abandoned house was "borrowing" electricity from Oregon Park. The matter has been resolved without MID pressing charges.
 - Parklawn Park: Repairs to the playground's pour-in-place rubberized surface had to be made due to vandalism.
 - Riverdale Park: An abandoned RV was parked in front of this Park location for quite some time. At first we believed that someone was living in this RV; however, the Sheriff's Office was called in and a Sheriff's Deputy towed the RV from this location.
 - Frank Raines OHV Park: An excellent article regarding this OHV Park was published recently. A gentleman lost his new UTV off the side of the fire road, down to the bottom of the ravine. He stepped out of his vehicle to take in the view and did not set his parking brake. His vehicle rolled away from him and off the side of the trail.
 - Grayson Road Firing Range Update: This project will be complete after all confirmation sampling is completed and when DTSC has confirmed their satisfaction with the final results.

Merry Mayhew

F. COMMISSION GOALS, MISSION

ACTIONS & REPORTER

It was suggested by Commissioner Keller that this matter be tabled and revisited at the next meeting in February 2019. It was stated that the Commissioners should give this matter a hard look at that time.

Zachary Keller

G. COMMISSION COMMENT(S)

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Commissioner Sanchez inquired as to the status of lights that had been requested by the residents whose children use this Park at night for soccer practice. The number and location of lights requested were two (2) lights for the small field and three (3) lights for the large field.
2. Merry Mayhew indicated to Commissioner Sanchez that she needed more information regarding this request in order to proceed. A map of the Park and an indication as to where the lights should be installed would be a good start.
3. Further, Commissioner Sanchez indicated that when a cost for these lights has been ascertained, he will inform the residents, as they will be asked to raise funds for a portion of these lights.
4. Commissioner Sanchez further stated that the women's restroom was broken into and vandalized at Fairview Park.

Joseph Sanchez, Merry Mayhew

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| 5. Commissioner Keller inquired as to the current situation under the bridge regarding the relocation of the homeless people and wanted to know if this relocation would affect County parks. Merry Mayhew indicated that the relocation should not affect County parks. | <i>Zachary Keller, Merry Mayhew</i> |
| 6. Commissioner Fliflet inquired about the relocation of the Empire Library and asked for the timeline. Merry will get that information to the Commission. | <i>Kyle Fliflet, Merry Mayhew</i> |

H. OLD BUSINESS**ACTIONS**

None.

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, February 14, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**

Zachary Keller

PREPARED BY: Dianne Parkinson, Confidential Assistant III

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February 2019 Park Commission Staff Highlights

- Woodward is in winter maintenance mode with continuing tree trimming.
- The Woodward Reservoir Manager has given her notice to retire after 23 years of service to our County. The new manager will begin on February 23rd and we have a three week double fill of the position to start some training before Ms. Jackson retires. The new manager has been with our County for approximately 18 years and know Woodward Reservoir very well.
- Modesto Reservoir staff continue to do routine maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms. Visitation is still slow due to the winter season. New boat docks were installed at the west boat ramp.
- Kiwanis Youth Camp was reserved by two scout groups this month. The boy scouts completed a service project at the camp, which included cleaning out the BBQ pits and picking up brush and litter at the facility.
- La Grange OHV Park:
 - Three new Shade shelters were installed at LaGrange OHV.
 - New pivoting Trash cans were installed throughout the park.
 - The new Iron Ranger (self-pay station) was installed and is in service at the park now. The Concrete pad for the new entrance station was poured and new wiring was installed as we wait for the delivery of our new station.
 - Trail work, erosion control, fencing and facility clean up are routine. The park is heavily used on the weekend by campers and day users.
- At La Grange Park, the historical museum had some repairs and service done to the HVAC unit.

Community Parks:

- Fairview, Oregon and Parklawn Parks – Restrooms and surrounding features were hit heavily with Graffiti.
- Tilting, H-Braced style, garbage cans are being installed at Riverdale, Mono and Oregon Park.
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- Burbank Park – a park cleanup project work was conducted at this location including trimming trees, bushes, removing broken table/bench. Parks staff installed a french drain that the gutter down spout will empty into to alleviate water pooling near the front of the building.
- Salida Park – Parks staff repaired, painted and reinstalled one of the Salida Rotary benches around the playground.

Frank Raines Park:

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- Parks staff met with Black Water Engineering and product Rep. Harmsco at the water treatment plant to explore further treatment options and space requirements.
- Parks staff is currently working to put out to bid the fencing project to close an area of the OHV park for restoration, under its current restoration grant.

Parks Administration

- Grayson Road Firing Range Update
 - The final RACReport was sent to DTSC by February 8, 2019.
- Held a public meeting on February 7, 2018 with the OHV community to discuss the preliminary grant for Frank Raines and La Grange. The grants are due in early March.
- We are submitting grant applications for four parks: Salida Park; Laird Park; Bonita Pool; and Burbank-Paradise Park. Those preliminary grant applications were due in February. **Another set of grant applications are due in July and then December....**



Fairview Park Restroom Damages





**Fairview Park
Restroom
Damages**