



PARK COMMISSION

Zachary Keller, Chair

Jaclyn Dwyer, Director, Parks and Recreation

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AGENDA

Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite D, Tuolumne Building
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 9, 2020 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Elections (Secretary)	Commissioners
9. Old Business	Commissioners

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:

Thursday, July 19, 2020 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:

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

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Vacant, Vice Chair
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MINUTES

January 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Tuolumne Building, Conference Room
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite D
 Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Kennedy, AL
 Kyle Fliflet, AL
 Zachary Keller, D2

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Jaclyn Dwyer
 Shannon Esenwein
 Veronica Torres

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Sanchez, D3

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim DeMartini

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

ACTIONS

1. The meeting was called to order.
 2. An excused absence was received for Joseph Sanchez.
 3. Jackie Dwyer introduced herself and gave the attendees a brief introduction of her educational degrees and background as it relates to Parks and Recreation.
 4. Shannon Esenwein also introduced herself to the attendees giving a brief description of her career experience and background.
- The Commissioners also introduced themselves to the Jackie and Shannon.

Zachary Keller

Jackie Dwyer

Shannon Esenwein

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTIONS

None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTIONS

Minutes for the October 10, 2019 meeting were approved upon motion and second. There was no meeting in November.

*Kennedy, Fliflet,
 unanimous approval.*

D.	STAFF HIGHLIGHTS	ACTIONS & REPORTER
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question from October's meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The life jacket loaner program will be evaluated for the replacement of jackets. Q: When and how many will be replaced? ➤ A: The life jacket loaner program lost six child, nine youth and 20 adult life jackets for a total of 35 life jackets thru non-return or normal wear and tear, not bad for 851 being loaned out for the season, There are approximately 11 youth and 9 child new life jackets on hand for replacement. We are out of replacement adult life jackets. Staff will be requesting 40 adult, 20 child, and 20 youth life jackets from California State Parks Boating and Waterways. • Visitation for October was about normal for this time of year due to the annual no body to water contact. November was also normal for this time of year with Veterans visiting and taking advantage of the Veterans' Day discounts. • Thirteen of the fourteen duck blinds that were pinned are in place to participate in the waterfowl hunting season, which started October 19th and it now well underway. • The life jacket loaner program lost six child, nine youth, and 20 adult life jackets for a total of 35 life jackets thru non-return or normal wear and tear, not too bad for 851 being loaned out for the season. There are approximately 11 youth and nine child life jackets on hand for replacement. We are out of replacement adult life jackets. We received 40 child and 48 youth life jackets from the Department of California Boating and Waterways. • California Fish and Wildlife planted 1500 lbs. of trout on October 15th. • Valley Oak cross country meet will be held on October 30th in the back area with 350 high school runners to participate. • Restroom painting and repair, fire pit replacement, sewer cap repairs, tree pruning, and sign repair/replacement are all underway. As is lake bed litter clean up. • Disabled parking/access to vaulted restrooms has been completed (pictures attached) • The Sheriff's Office set up surveillance of the iron ranger due to thefts that have become more frequent in recent weeks. 	Jackie Dwyer
	<u>Modesto Reservoir</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modesto reservoir camping has slowed down, and we will now start to winterize the facilities and begin repairing some of the deferred maintenance from this summer. • The Dirty Bird campout was a success. The park hosted 7,000 campers. The event had three stages, various vendors and all types of day time activities which included, Bike races, dodgeball, floatie 	

racers, and talent shows.

- No major incidents were reported this month at Modesto Reservoir
- Duck hunting took off to a slow start due to extremely low water levels of the reservoir but has picked up in recent weeks as the water level has increased.
- Fish and Wildlife planted 1600 lbs. of trout in November

Archery Range: Yahí Bowmen

- The Archery club had the fall fling shoot and the FFA had a practice session.

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- Kiwanis hosted the Ceres Cub Scouts, Parkwood Pathfinders Club, and Christian Service Brigade.

LaGrange OHV:

- Question from October's meeting:
 - LaGrange OHV Park: Was awarded the Operations and Maintenance grant and a new development grant, which was to upgrade the upper-level camping to full hook up camping. **Q:** Grant amount, up or down?
 - **A:** Due to the added "development" portion to the Operations and Maintenance grant, overall, the amount was up. Last year we received \$650K. This year it is \$760K.
- Trail work, erosion control, and facility cleanup are done routinely.
- Four acres of fencing was destroyed due to a grassfire. We are working hard to repair all the fence and fence posts that were destroyed.
- The OHV Park hosted Halloween Stuck Fest, which brought an estimated 1,200 people to the park for the weekend. The LTDS Fest took place the last weekend in November had an estimated 155 attendees.

Community Parks & Fishing Access Points

- Fairview Park – An enclosed signboard has been ordered and received for this location, and it should be installed in November. Parks will use this to post notifications of exclusive use, and we will allow community organizations to post flyer for upcoming events, sports sign-ups, etc.
- Laird Park – The poles for the solar power lights and cameras have been installed, as have the lights and cameras. The solar lights provide light at night over the playground and future site of the restroom. These solar lights operate at 30% until motion is detected and then light up to 100%; after a period of no motion, they reduce light back down to 30%. The hole for the vaulted toilet has been excavated. Water and power conduits were put in place. The vaulted and restroom building is being set on Dec 4th.

- Empire Pool/Park – Parks staff is looking into cost estimates to restore the pool play feature, which is over 10 years old, within the next year or so. The steel components and supports below the water line are rusting away.
- Oregon, Burbank and Parklawn Parks – Parks and PAL staff met with a Stage Grant Rep onsite to review the grant request, walked the site, and explained any issues and answered questions.
- Fox Grove Park – Phase 1 of the wet well and pump house being created for TID's new water treatment plant is nearly complete. Phase 2 is anticipated to begin within 6 months.

CSA 19, 21, 22, 24 and 25:

- 19 Sterling Ranch – Stanislaus County Public Works has finally resolved the issues with their basin pumps that are supposed to keep water from standing in the basin at this location. We are hoping that with no rain in the forecast, the basin will dry out enough for Public Works to rough cut all the tall vegetation that has grown in the bottom of the basin. This will allow the bottom of the basin to dry out as well as the cut vegetation so that Parks will be able to mow it as normal.

CSA 10: All parks and streetscapes in CSA 10 are underfunded and will continue to suffer from lack of maintenance in certain aspects. CEO's office, Parks Admin and Public Works have begun public meetings to propose an assessment increase to resolve the funding issues and possibly separate the two entities. This should be a positive impact on Parks and Recreation as we would be receiving the funds we need.

Contract Service Locations:

- **Libraries:** Parks has increased its contract with the Libraries to furnish additional exterior pressure washing, cleanup, and detailing services.
 - Salida – Parks performed a weekend pressure washing of the exterior entrance of this location.
- **Old Animal Services Center in Finch** – This location continues to collect mass amounts of dumping that is beyond the scope of landscape maintenance the Parks was hired to perform.

Frank Raines Park/Campground:

- Deercreek Campground and OHV Park – The OHV season kicked on Oct. 25th with the first event being the CORVA's Northern Jamboree the weekend of the 26th-27th. It was another outstanding event that was well attended. Cal Fire has requested that we limit all fires, including fires within the campground

fire rings, for the next several weeks due to continuing dry conditions and wind. Power was suspended from PG&E and TID for a couple of days in October and power outages intermittently through November. Due to the backup generator that was installed only a couple of years ago, the campground and all of its customers continued to enjoy power, water, and sewer service without interruption including during CORVA's event. Phone service has not been operating correctly since the last week in November which is especially concerning during emergency situations due to lack of cell phone service and limited radio service at that remote location.

Proposed New Developments:

- Wenstrand Estates – Currently under construction
- Fairway 7 Estates - Currently under construction
- Parks After Dark Programs – Currently in process. We are looking at Oregon and Parklawn Parks as two of the locations.
- Arts in the Parks Program – Currently in process. The idea is to have local schools paint murals at the parks. This would help cut down on vandalism and graffiti.

Partnership Projects:

- Helen White Trail – Parks Staff continues to sub this work out to Grover Landscape. Parks, West Modesto Collaborative, and the City of Modesto have entered into a formal M.O.U. to determine who is responsible for what tasks.

E. GUEST COMMENTS	ACTIONS
Supervisor DeMartini commented on the great job Parks has done at all the parks and on the grants they have applied for and received.	<i>Supervisor DeMartini</i>
F. APPROVAL OF THE 2020 MEETING CALENDAR	ACTIONS
The calendar was approved upon motion and second.	<i>Kennedy, Keller, unanimous approval</i>
G. ELECTIONS	ACTIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A nomination was received for Zachary Keller to continue as chair, passing motion and second. 2. A nomination was received for Chad Kennedy to serve as vice chairperson, passing motion and second. 3. A nomination was received for Veronica Torres as secretary, passing motion and second. 	<i>Keller, Fliflet, unanimous approval</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 13, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Tuolumne Building, Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**

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