

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: PARKS AND RECREATION *SKA*

BOARD AGENDA# *B-8

Urgent _____ Routine

AGENDA DATE December 21, 2004

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO _____
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO

SUBJECT: APPROVAL FOR E CLAMPUS VITUS TO RELOCATE THE EXISTING HISTORICAL MONUMENT LOCATED ON SANTA FE AVENUE IN THE TOWN OF EMPIRE TO THE NEW EMPIRE COMMUNITY PARK.

STAFF

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. AUTHORIZE E CLAMPUS VITUS TO RELOCATE THE EXISTING HISTORICAL MONUMENT LOCATED ON SANTA FE AVENUE SOUTH OF YOSEMITE BOULEVARD IN THE TOWN OF EMPIRE TO THE NEW EMPIRE COMMUNITY PARK.
2. AUTHORIZE E CLAMPUS VITUS TO CHANGE VERBIAGE ON FACE PLATE.
3. AUTHORIZE E CLAMPUS VITUS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW BASE PEDESTAL TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW FACE PLATE.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. E CLAMPUS VITUS will cover all expenses related to the relocation of the historical monument.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2004-992

On motion of Supervisor Simon, Seconded by Supervisor Paul

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Paul, Mayfield, Grover, Simon, and Chairman Caruso

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

APPROVAL FOR E CLAMPUS VITUS TO RELOCATE EXISTING HISTORICAL MONUMENT.

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DISCUSSION:

Lloyd Ploutz, Historian and Vice President of E CLAMPUS VITUS (a.k.a. Clampers), requested on December 9, 2004, that the Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation Commission support the relocation of a historical monument in Empire (Attachment A). The monument is currently located on Santa Fe Avenue just south of Yosemite Boulevard and no longer resides in a safe location because of an increase in traffic and expanded road use.

The request further states that relocating the monument to the new Empire Community Park, located at 5321 Yosemite Boulevard near the intersection of I Street, would assure the safety and longevity of the historical monument as a highly visible community landmark.

Mr. Ploutz spoke to the EMPIRE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY Council (EMAC) during their September regular meeting about the relocation of the monument and the EMAC was in total agreement to relocate the monument to the new location at the Empire Community Park (Attachment B).

E CLAMPUS VITUS will cover all expenses necessary for movement and placement. The current monument reads, *"One mile south of this location the original town of Empire had a military port, the port was established to provide supplies in the foothills to the military detachments that were trying to control the indian problem after dislocation. Dedicated October 28, 1961. Estanislao Chapter No. 58 E Clampus Vitus. Noble Grand Humbug I.N. "Jack" Brotherton."*

Because the proposed new location within the Empire Community Park is approximately two miles of the historical fort, the plaque would be changed to read, *"Two miles south of this spot was the site of "Empire City" located on the south bank of the Tuolumne River. Founded in 1850 by John G. Marvin. The town was the head of navigation on the Tuolumne River. It was a military supply depot for Forts Miller and Tahone. Elected the second Stanislaus County Seat on October 21, 1854. Three stores, one three-story hotel, two boarding houses, blacksmith shop, church, and a schoolhouse were present. Vessels called "Petite Steamers," like the Tulare, Enterprise, Empire City, and the Hartlett, brought passengers and supplies. This was a major shipping point for the extensive grain crops of the area. The Town was destroyed by flood in 1861-62. Originally Dedicated - October 28, 1961. Estanislao Chapter No. 58 E Clampus Vitus. Noble Grand Humbug I.N. "Jack" Brotherton."*(Attachment C)

POLICY ISSUES:

The approval of the Board of Supervisors is needed to move the historical monument from Santa Fe Road to the new Empire Community Park. The Board should decide if staff's recommendation is consistent with its priority of delivering excellent community services.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.



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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
December 9, 2004**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Billie Zanker
Ron West
Betty Parker
Ismael Saldana

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Obert

STAFF PRESENT

Terri Sanders
Marty Johnson
Cathy Gomez
Jody Creighton

GUESTS

Lloyd Ploutz – E Clampus Vitus
Warren Brumley
John Balbach

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Billie Zanker called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Billie Zanker

2. APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 14, 2004

Billie Zanker

Ismael Saldana motioned to approve the minutes and Ron West seconded. Motion carried.

3. APPROVED NAMING “UNITED COMMUNITY CENTER AND PARK”

Terri Sanders

Terri Sanders provided for the Commissions information a copy of the Stanislaus County Board Agenda item that approved the naming of the “United Community Center and Park” as the official name of the new community center and neighborhood park in Grayson (Attachment A). Although the Board Report indicated a dedication ceremony with a tentative date of December 11, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., construction delays have resulted in a revised date of December 18, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. The Department has requested the Chief Executive Office to add the members of the Parks & Recreation Commission to the invitation list. The Department will provide more information when available.

4. APPROVED NAMING "EMPIRE COMMUNITY PARK"

Terri Sanders

Terri Sanders provided for the Commissions information a copy of the Stanislaus County Board Agenda item that approved the naming of the "Empire Community Park" as the official name of the new neighborhood park in Empire (Attachment B).

5. EMPIRE COMMUNITY PARK-DEDICATION NOVEMBER 20, 2004

Betty Parker

Empire Community Park had a dedication ceremony on Saturday, November 20, 2004. Supervisor Pat Paul, Parks Commissioner Betty Parker, and others spoke regarding the significant community efforts that brought this park to fruition. The event was covered by the Modesto Bee and included a picture of Betty Parker during the ceremony. Although the event was well attended, Ms. Parker indicated the desire for better publicity for such events.

6. "EMPIRE COMMUNITY PARK SWIMMING POOL PROJECT"

Cathy Gomez

The Board of Supervisors authorized the Interim Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a grant application to the *State of California Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Program* for the EMPIRE COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL PROJECT (Attachment C). This is a competitive grant and the Department asked for the maximum amount of \$1,000,000. The total project estimated costs were \$1,350,000. Deputy Vento provided a list of community donations totaling \$140,000 and the remaining match of \$210,000 will come from the Department's Public Facilities Fees for neighborhood parks.

5. LA GRANGE SCHOOL HOUSE HISTORICAL RESTORATION GRANT

Cathy Gomez

Mrs. Gomez reported that a large portion of the grant had been completed. The LaGrange School House is already on record as an historical landmark. However, numerous surveys and engineering estimates had not been acquired and were unable to apply for this specific grant. The Department will be looking for an alternative historical restoration grant for the La Grange area.

6. FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE GRANT FOR FISH

Cathy Gomez

Ms. Gomez proposed and secured a grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the Stanislaus County Fish and Wildlife Committee to restock Woodward Reservoir. The Department will be purchasing fish (blue gill, channel catfish, red-ear sunfish, and large mouth bass) and expect the reservoir restock to be complete by the end of the month. Stanislaus County Fish and Wildlife Committee agreed that this type of request is a good match for funding and Ms. Gomez indicated that the Department would make similar requests on an annual basis.

7. REPLACEMENT OF MONUMENT PLAQUE AND PROCESS ISSUES

Terri Sanders

Lloyd Ploutz, historian and vice president of E CLAMPUS VITUS (a.k.a. Clampers), requested that the Park and Recreation Commission review and support alternative language for the historical monument located at the Empire Community Park. New language states - "EMPIRE CITY. Two miles south of this spot was the site of "Empire City" located on the south bank of the river. Founded in 1850 by John G. Marvin. The town was the head of navigation on the Tuolumne River. It was a military supply depot for Forts Miller and Tahone. Elected the second Stanislaus County Seat on October 21, 1854. Three stores, one three-story hotel, two boarding houses, blacksmith shop, church and a schoolhouse were present. Vessels called "Petite Steamers," like the Tulare, Enterprise, Empire City, and the Hartlett, brought passengers and supplies. This was a major shipping point for the extensive grain crops of the area. The Town was destroyed by flood in 1861-62." Ron West made a motion to approve the proposed language. Billie Zanker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. NOMINEES AND ELECTION FOR VICE CHAIR

Billie Zanker

Betty Parker nominated Charles Obert for Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Ron West seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 13, 2005

Billie Zanker

New Business

Terri Sanders provided three (3) draft brochures for the Departments Community Parks and Fishing Access, Reservoirs, and Regional Off-Highway Vehicle Parks. Ms. Sanders asked that the Committee look at them and provide any comments. The Department is looking to go to print some time in January.

Billie Zanker requested that on the next agenda, we discuss Sterling Park naming. She would also like to see a P.A.L. update.

Adjournment

Billie Zanker Motioned for adjournment at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: _____

Jody Creighton
Administrative Clerk



EMPIRE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

P.O. Box 1554, Empire, CA 95319

October 11, 2004

E CLAMPUS VITUS

Lloyd G. Ploutz, Historian
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We, the Empire Municipal Advisory Council want to thank you for asking for our recommendation in relocating the Empire Historical monument located on Sante Fe(Empire)to the new Empire Community Park. We of the Council are in total agreement it would be a welcomed addition to the Park.

Thank You

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wanda Blinger'.

EMAC Chairperson

Cc/ Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation *ATIN: Sonya Harrington*
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors *Pat Paul*