



AGENDA

Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Fairview Park
Placer Avenue/Val Lane
Modesto, CA 95358

Call Meeting to Order:

The Stanislaus County Parks & Recreation Commission encourages public participation and welcomes the public's interest.

Members of the public may be heard on any item of the Stanislaus County Parks & Recreation 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:

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| 1. Call to Order | Chair |
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| 2. Roll Call and Excused Absences | |
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| 3. Introduction(s) | |
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| 4. Public Comment(s) | |
| a. Fairview Park | |
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| 5. Approval of Minutes for August 9, 2012 Meeting | Commissioners |
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| 6. Commission/Staff Comment(s) | |
| a. Fairview Park | |
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| 7. Adjournment, the next meeting will be offsite: | |

November 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
Department of Parks and Recreation
3800 Cornucopia Way
2nd Floor Conference Room
Modesto, CA

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

*Chad Kennedy, Chair
Adrienne Chaney, Vice Chair
Jami Aggers, Interim Director, Parks and Recreation*

MOTION: _____
SECOND: _____
CARRIED: _____

MINUTES
September 13, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Parker, D1
Ron West, D4
Chad Kennedy, ATL
Judith Loretelli, ATL

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Mae Song
Jami Aggers

MEMBER ABSENT:

Adrienne Chaney, D5
Brent Bohlender, D2
Vacant, D3

GUESTS PRESENT:

Supervisor Jim DeMartini

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

ACTIONS

- Chair Chad Kennedy called the meeting to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves.
- Excused absences were received for Commissioner Adrienne Chaney and Brent Bohlender.

Chad Kennedy

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

No public comment was received.

C. LAIRD PARK

ACTIONS & REPORTER

- Ron West reported his recent visit to Laird Park as 'beautiful'. There are plans to plant trees after the grass has grown in. The Department is currently looking to purchasing one, potentially two, shade shelters in addition to concrete tables for the park with PFF funds.
- A question was raised if there are currently open restrooms in the park at the present time. The status of Laird Park's restrooms will be reported at the next regular Park's Commission meeting. There are no known plans for restrooms at this time.
- A question was raised whether the Department would be charging for having tournaments in the park. Fees may need to be considered if maintenance of turf areas becomes a concern. Adult and youth sports and types of open-field use will need to be considered. The Department will make a note of these concerns, including first-come first-serve basis or utilizing the Exclusive Use Event Program. The Department currently utilizes an Exclusive Use Event Program for reservations of other park facilities.

Ron West

D. FAIRVIEW PARK

ACTIONS & REPORTER

- Concerns regarding gang-related activities at Fairview Park were brought to the Commission's attention on whether they would like to have an earlier meeting for the off-site meeting at Fairview Park in October.
- A motion was made to meet at the regular meeting location at the Ag Center/Cornucopia and invite Manuel Rivera to return to the October meeting for a progress report but was not seconded.

Loretelli, motion failed

3. The August meeting minutes confirmed the Commission's previous vote to meet at Fairview Park in October. The purpose of the meeting at the park is to become more familiar with the park's condition. A suggestion was made to clarify the Commission's role and purpose of the visit when addressing the public at the meeting. The agenda was recommended to be brief and to point with the Park's specific related matters to the primary item on the agenda.
4. After discussing several different options, the Commission concluded on meeting at Fairview Park at the regularly scheduled time of 5:00 p.m. in October.
5. A question was raised if there are related plans for this park in the Master Plan. Staff will look into this question and report back at the October meeting. At this time, there are no funds set for the park.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTIONS

Minutes for the August 9, 2012, meeting was approved upon motion and second with a correction in section A-1, correcting Ron West to Chad Kennedy, who called the meeting to order.

West, Parker, unanimous approval

F. MURALS IN PARKS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The Commission reviewed the sample ordinances given for additional input on the final draft of the mural policy. The Planning Department had sent in additional suggestions after reviewing the draft. The Department will be clarifying these suggestions and will report back at the November meeting. A suggestion was also made to clarify advertisement concerns relating to sponsor's identification for recognition purposes (*Draft Mural Review Policy and Application, Criteria section No.9*); how can sponsors be recognized without the advertisement aspect.
2. Suggestions by Planning were to add that the Planning Department be consulted for conformance with all applicable land use regulations and/or entitlements, however the design and location of the mural does not need to be approved or inspected by the Planning Department; in addition, add the requirement that the mural shall not serve as an advertisement in violation of the County Code.
3. In reviewing the draft Mural Policy in the Criteria section No. 4, the *Proof of property owners and neighbors approval must be submitted* line was suggested to be changed to be similar with the verbiage under one of the provided ordinance sample as "Approval of a mural design shall occur only after public notice and an opportunity to comment has been provided to any interested party. Interested parties may provide comment on proposed murals in writing or in person to the Committee or the Department. The Department shall consider any public comments during their review of proposed murals."
4. A motion was made to forward the Mural Policy draft with the noted comments to the Department for consideration in finalizing the process and to send the Board of Supervisors a correspondence simply to keep the Board informed of what the Commission is currently working with the Department on. The Department will return to the Commission once a final draft has been completed.
5. A motion was made to forward the Mural Policy draft to the Department, ask the Department to return with a final draft policy for the Commission to review, and communicate to the Board of the work in progress on the Mural Policy. The Chair will keep the Board informed of the progress.

Loretelli, motion failed

West, Loretelli, unanimous approval

G. RIVER CLEAN-UP EVENT

ACTIONS & REPORTER

The East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District is hosting a local clean-up day to clear garbage along the Stanislaus River, Clean Our River Day event. All ages are welcome. There will be prizes for most collected trash or most unusual collections, etc. Chester Anderson, the local coordinator, may be contacted at 209-581-7558.

H. STAFF UPDATE

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Community Parks staff are working on irrigation issues at various facilities.

Staff

Fairview Park's restroom was vandalized again. The plywood covering was burnt and pulled off for access to the utility room where the backflow and controllers were located. The division just recently filled its vacancy with a full-time Park Maintenance Worker I position who just started at the end of August.

2. The Department is working with Tyco for a new security system at both reservoirs. The new system will allow new features such as facial recognition and a wider range of capture.
3. Frank Raines Regional Park has a preliminary timeline to installing the new playground fixture between October and December of this year. The timeline may change subject to weather conditions.
4. The waterfowl hunting draw was a success with higher registrant participation this year.
5. The Department is currently working with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District on the Cordless Zero-Emission Commercial lawn and Garden Equipment Demonstration Program. The Program allows for the Department to ask for ten pieces of equipment or up to \$10,000 worth of equipment and batteries. The Program will be for monitored for eight months. At the end of the Program, the Department may be reimbursed for the ten percent pre-payment of the equipment cost. The requirements for the Program include monthly feedback and a yearly report for two years. Equipment will belong to the Department after the Program ends and all requirements are met. The upfront cost for the Program is approximately \$500 for \$5,000 in equipment. The potential requesting equipments are: self-propelled mower, blowers, string trimmer/edger, hedge trimmers, and batteries.
6. The Department has received two concept plans for Keyes Park and will be considering one of the concept plans to move forward on renovation of the Park. The usage and maintenance of the Park will be considered in the selection process.
7. The two new offices for the reservoirs are still in progress.
8. The Labor Day weekend was busier than the past year. Woodward Reservoir had a large crowd with few incidents. An allergic bee sting incident occurred at Modesto Reservoir.
9. Seasonal staffing will be released sometime after Labor Day. A new camp host volunteer was recently accepted at Modesto Reservoir.
10. The State recently inspected Modesto Reservoir's water system and will be requiring water meters on all the wells.
11. The newly purchased garbage bins have been working out well.
12. Kiwanis Youth Camp continues to be reserved for youth camping events.

I. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The Center for Persons' Disabilities in Utah landscape architect students have been assisting with the concept plans as part of their course project for Keyes Park through the supervision of Chad Kennedy.
2. The PAL Community Brunch fundraiser event went well. PAL sold approximately 400 tickets. The bonus win of the event will soon be announced. The entertainment and parking was good.
3. A clarification was made that the Regional Water Safety Training Center is for the whole region's use and not just the Empire community. Schools just started August 9th, which is when the pool generally closes. The Pool has received local community visitors including Hughson and Waterford. It was recommended for PAL to look into the 21st Century After School funding grant with the Office of

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Education or the schools. This is a State grant. The grant was known to be dispersed through the Stanislaus Office of Education and used for afterschool/special event programs throughout qualified schools. Currently, the Department has the maintenance portion of the pool funded through the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year. The Commission asked if PAL may be able to provide a report on the number users for the Pool; Betty Parker will inquire with PAL. PAL is continuing to work on obtaining funds for the pool. A question was raised if the Department has any joint agreement for the pool use at this time. There is no agreement as of the Department knowledge.

- 4. The Commission would like to invite Loren Holt, City of Modesto, or the appropriate person to talk about the current projects and activities of Tuolumne River Regional Park/Trust at a future Parks Commission meeting toward the end of the year. Chad Kennedy and Judy Loretelli will look into the appropriate contacts for the invitations.

Judy Loretelli

J. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on:

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