



AGENDA

Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Department of Parks and Recreation
3800 Cornucopia Way
2nd Floor Conference Room
Modesto, CA

Call Meeting to Order:

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

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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) | |
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| 5. Correspondence | |
| a. AB 1234 Local Agencies: Mandatory Ethics Training (November 7, 2012) Certification | |
| b. Membership Renewal/Expirations | |
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| 6. Approval of Minutes for October 11, 2012 Meeting | Commissioners |
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| 7. Woodward Reservoir | |
| a. Closure of the back side of the Reservoir after Labor Day | |
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| 8. Fairview Park | |
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| 9. Laird Park | |
| a. Sign | |
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| 10. Mural Policy Update | |
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| 11. Staff Report | |
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| 12. Commission Comment(s) | |
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| 13. Adjournment, the next meeting will be on: | |

December 13, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
Department of Parks and Recreation
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Chad Kennedy, Chair
Adrienne Chaney, Vice Chair
Sonya K. Harrigfeld, Director, Parks and Recreation

MOTION: _____
SECOND: _____
CARRIED: _____

MINUTES

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

Fairview Park
Modesto, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Parker, D1
Ron West, D4
Chad Kennedy, ATL
Adrienne Chaney, D5

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Mae Song
Jami Aggers
Russ West

MEMBER ABSENT:

Brent Bohlender, D2
Judith Loretelli, ATL
Vacant, D3

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim DeMartini	Ricardo Maravilla-Garcia
Manuel Rivera	Olivia Belmares
John Alvarado	Consuelo Borreal
Omar Herrera	Norma Diaz
Edgar Navorro	Deyadira Resendiz
Bill Homre	Yesenia Tapia
Efren Garcia	Silvia Yepez
Leticia Garcia	Jose Luis Ramos
Martha Navarro	Jesus Tavolla Yepez
Alfredo Navarro	Elm Begar
Jose Borreal	Miguel Martinez
Jose Gonzalez	Gustavo Fernandez
Ricardo Rojas	Maria Rivera
Fernando Navarro	Yuritzi Navarro

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

1. Ron West called the meeting to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves.
2. Excused absences were received for Commissioner Judy Loretelli and Brent Bohlender.

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Chad Kennedy

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS, STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Chair announced the purpose of the Commission's visit to Fairview Park, which is to have a better feel of the Park's current condition. The goal is to bring the Park back to life.
2. Manuel Rivera, an employee with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Center for Human Services is part of a community service group called Manos Unidos. The Group has been utilizing Fairview Park for their meetings throughout the summer. The Group has contributed their service through working with the Parks Department on community park cleanup events.
3. Fairview Park currently has unlevelled grounds, a run-down baseball field, a basketball court, a boarded unusable restroom, tetherball poles, a picnic shelter, and picnic tables throughout.
4. Twenty-four community members were present to support Fairview Park. The Group suggested leveling the ground as the first step to improving the park. Leveling the ground will allow for kids to play soccer—one of the popular sports within the area. The current soccer team practices have been cancelled in the

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Chad Kennedy

Manuel Rivera

past for the lack of facilities. Commissioner Betty Parker provided an encouragement tip from her experience with the Regional Water Safety Training Center launch efforts in Empire.

5. Staff discussed the challenges with sustainability, safety, maintenance, and concerns with declining community commitment over time. The Group is interested in establishing a partnership with the Department on improving the park and is willing to volunteer and assist in any way they can to help. The community believes improvements will bring in more community users where the park will become a safer place. In learning more about the Department’s perspective of sustainability, the community understands that this effort may require an outreach to include organizations such as youths, local schools and businesses.
6. Basic needs such as lighting needs and vandalism concerns were briefly discussed. The Commission is in support of the community taking ownership in taking care of the park. The Department will take a further look into the potential costs and the level of service required to maintain the park if the ideal renovations were put into place. The Commission suggested contacts also with the Tuolumne River Regional Park community group through City of Modesto to benchmark on their approach toward sustainability in their facilities.
7. A motion was made for the Commission to work with the Manos Unidos community group to create a sustainable plan for Fairview Park. The motion was carried. The Department was asked to provide a cost estimate and overview of the work required for Fairview Park. Commissioners Chad Kennedy and Adrienne Chaney were appointed to meet with the Group to begin a preliminary plan. The Commission plan to send a recommendation to the Board at a later time.

*Chaney, West,
unanimous approval*

PUBLIC COMMENT - WOODWARD RESERVOIR:

8. A question was raised why Woodward Reservoir would close the backside of the reservoir after the Labor Day weekend when the weather was still warm. The suggestion was for the Department to consider keeping the backside of the reservoir open if the weather permits instead of closing it right after Labor Day—an additional two weekends were suggested as a minimum. A complaint was made that the experience of paying \$28 was not worth the trip for the limited area available at such a busy reservoir, and considering the amount of revenue the reservoir receives. The back side of the reservoir is generally closed after Labor Day as seasonal staff are released. Budget concerns for the limited staffing after Labor Day was addressed, and the clarification was made of how the reservoir’s revenue is accounted for. The Department will take into consideration the suggestion received. The Commission asked for this item to be placed on the agenda in November for further discussion.

Bill Hamre

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the September 13, 2012, meeting was approved upon motion and second.

ACTIONS

Parker, West, unanimous approval

D. 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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AB 1234 Ethics Training for Local Officials

On October 7, 2005, the Governor signed Assembly Bill No. 1234. AB 1234 requires that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to, or reimburses the expenses of a member of its 'legislative body' (as that term is defined in California Government Code Section 54952), that local agency's officials must receive training in ethics.

The bill also provides that if an entity develops criteria for the ethics training required by AB 1234, then the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Attorney General shall be consulted regarding any proposed course content. **Other than the consultation requirement regarding the training course, the Commission has no jurisdiction to interpret or advise on the requirements of AB 1234.** In response to AB 1234's requirement that the Commission be consulted regarding proposed course content, the Commission has implemented Regulation 18371. Please see Regulation 18371 for information on what the Commission has determined should be included in a local ethics training course. A link to Regulation 18371 and the Attorney General's Office's AB 1234 information can be found below.

There are numerous training options, including training conducted by commercial organizations, nonprofits, or even an agency's own legal counsel. In addition, interested parties have collaborated to create an on-line training program that will allow local officials to satisfy the requirements of AB 1234 on a cost-free basis. The training may be accessed by clicking the button below, and at the end of the training a certification of completion must be printed.

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[Local Ethics Online Training \(FREE\)](#)

Other Helpful Links:

- [Link to text of Assembly Bill 1234](#)
- [Link to Regulation 18371 \(.pdf file\)](#)
- [Link to Resource Chart](#)
- [Link to Attorney General's Office AB 1234 Criteria \(.pdf file\)](#)
- [Link to Institute for Local Government Resources](#)

A special thanks to the Institute for Local Government, the County of Monterey and the state and local agencies and officials that helped develop and test the program.

Please note, as stated above, the FPPC cannot advise on the legal requirements of AB 1234 because the FPPC does not have jurisdiction to do so. For questions pertaining to legal interpretation and application of AB 1234 please consult your local agency counsel. However, if you have questions, concerns, or problems regarding technical issues related to the online training program offered on our website only, please feel free to contact us at: ab1234@fppc.ca.gov. If you have questions related to the Political Reform Act please call our advice line at 1-866-275-3772.

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