



AGENDA

Thursday, December 13, 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.

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) | |
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| 5. Approval of Minutes for November 8, 2012 Meeting | Commissioners |
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| 6. Fairview Park | |
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| 7. Laird Park | |
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| 8. Mural Policy | |
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| 9. Approval of 2013 Meeting Calendar | |
| a. Off Site Meetings | |
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| 10. Empire Pool | |
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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: | |

January 10, 2013 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

November 8, 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
Adrienne Chaney, D5
Brent Bohlender, D2
Judith Loretelli, ATL

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Mae Song
Jami Aggers

MEMBER ABSENT:

Vacant, D3

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim DeMartini

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

1. The Chair called the meeting to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

ACTIONS

Chad Kennedy

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor DeMartini commended the Commission for visiting Fairview Park and taking the time to meet with the community. The Commission's time and effort was appreciated.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Jim DeMartini

C. CORRESPONDENCES

1. A courtesy reminder was given to the Commission to turn in their AB 1234 Ethics Training certificates. Those who were not able to attend the November training may take the course online.
2. Chad Kennedy and Betty Parker will be renewing their membership with the Commission as it expires at the end of the year. The Department will notify the Clerk of the Board.
3. A flyer was shared regarding a volunteer cleanup event at the Honolulu Bar Recreation Area, Stanislaus River Parks, in Oakdale. The cleanup event is scheduled for November 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more details, contact Jason Guignard at (209) 847-6300.

REPORTER

Mae Song

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the October 11, 2012, meeting was approved upon motion and second with a correction to change the meeting's called-to-order to Chad Kennedy instead of Ron West.

ACTIONS

*West, Chaney,
unanimous approval*

E. WOODWARD RESERVOIR

In consideration of the recent comment received regarding the closure of a portion of Woodward Reservoir, the Department will look further into the possibility of keeping the closed portion open after Labor Day weekend if the weather continues to be warm. The closure is due to staffing and cost. The Reservoir operates in the summer season with a number of seasonal staff that are released right after Labor Day weekend.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Jami Aggers

F. FAIRVIEW PARK

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Chad and Adrienne have been working with the Fairview Park community group since the last Commission meeting to formulate how each can help contribute to restoring the park. Some of the subjects discussed were vandalism, rodent control, level of use, liability, and access. The group was introduced to Google Docs to assist them in organizing their renovation plan. The next step is to identify community/County resources, prioritization needs, and restoration order. The renovation plan will require an overall assessment of relational needs per task. For example, leveling the grounds will also require attention to sprinklers as well. ADA access will also need to be considered.
2. The Department has authorized for purchase of materials for rodent control. The Department may also be able to remove the old fencing and benches, however, would like to hear what the community's commitment will be.
3. As a part of the Master Plan, an attempt was made some years ago to renovate Fairview Park; however, the grant funds did not go through. PFF funds may be an option, although the request for funds must meet requirements of development growth. A question was raised whether there are any Community Development Block Grant Program funds available; the Department will look into this. Another suggested grant to look into was the Tire Recycling Grant.

Chad Kennedy/Adrienne Chaney

Jami Aggers

G. LAIRD PARK

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The draft Laird Park sign concept was presented. The Department will be looking at purchasing the sign for the park. The sign will contain a general phrase in appreciation of the volunteers who contributed. It was suggested to add also a year to the sign. The group discussed further details on whether the sign is two-sided, where the sign would be located—which entrance, etc. More information will be provided at the next meeting.
2. The Board of Supervisors will be presenting certificates of appreciation to all of the volunteers of the Laird Park renovation project at one of their December meeting.

Jami Aggers

H. MURAL POLICY UPDATE

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The Department met with the Planning Director to review the Mural Draft Policy. As the group reviewed the presented draft, the following comments and questions were made:
 - Under the *Criteria* section, number 10 was added as suggested by the Planning Director.
 - Under the *Criteria* section, numbers 2 and 3 were switch in the order they were listed. The review process should come before the approval process.
 - Under the *Criteria* section, what qualifies as a professional artist? A suggestion was made to replace “professional” with “qualified” artist. In addition to the changes, a request was made to replace “Professional Art...” with “Mural design and creation shall be done by a qualified artist.”
 - A question was raised about whether a logo of the sponsoring party would be considered as advertisement. The sponsoring party would be recognized, however, the Department will consult with the Planning Director to see if a logo or simply a name would be the appropriate identification for recognition.
 - Under the *Conditions of Approval* section, a question was raised whether the mural “will be” preserved or “has to be” preserved. The group agreed with “will be” preserved.
 - Under the *Property and Building Owners* section, a question was raised whether the second sentence should say, “Prior to altering, painting out...” or “...*painting over*...” The correction of “painting over” was recommended.
 - In the Mural Project Application, under *Community Support Information*, remove “BIDs” from the listed group. This may have been specific to another county.

Jami Aggers

- A suggestion was made to include where to send the application and procedures of the application process on the form. Providing check boxes would be helpful to include in the application.
2. The group will review the draft in further details with the above changes and re-discuss at the next meeting. The Department will include County Counsel in the final draft review.

I. STAFF REPORTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Mae Song

1. Vandalism continues to be an ongoing issue in community parks. Hatch and Oregon Park cyclone gates were recently stolen. Staff are working on controlling ground squirrel problems at all the parks. The sprinkler system control center may be in the same building as the restroom.
2. Fairview Park's restroom is boarded up and has frequently been broken into. A question was raised whether it would be cost-effective to demolish the boarded up restroom.
3. The non-potable well project in Salida is almost complete. The project is waiting on electrical works and fencing around the well.
4. Frank Raines Regional Park is preparing for the upcoming annual NorCal and CORVA events. The OHV Park re-opened to the public on Thursday, October 25, 2012.
5. A suggestion was made for the Commission to consider visiting the reservoirs to see the new modular offices. Both reservoirs will be updating their security systems.
6. The PFF purchases have begun to arrive, which includes trucks and equipment.
7. Plans are in place to install walking paths and solar lighting at Bonita Ranch Park and Empire Park.
8. The Department has received authorization to participate in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Cordless Zero-Emission Commercial Lawn and Garden Equipment Demonstration Program. Community Parks and County Center divisions will be piloting the program. The program comes with ten pieces of landscaping equipment for the division's test and trial use. The equipment will become the property of Stanislaus County at the end of the program. The equipment is estimated at approximately \$5,593.
9. The reservoirs continued to have heavy visitors on the extended warmer weekends after Labor Day. The Waterfowl Early Season Hunt started on October 6, 2012. The Late Season Hunt will also be included in this year's Waterfowl season hunts. The Department determined participation in the Early and Late Season Hunts would help lower the local goose population in the area.
10. The gas store at Modesto Reservoir is now closed for the season.
11. The Department of Fish and Game began trout planting on October 26, 2012. Additional plants can be found listed on the web at: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FishPlants/>.
12. The scheduled Yahi Bowmen tournament event on October 28, 2012 was cancelled.
13. The Kiwanis Youth Camp was reserved from the October 5th through the 7th for a youth outing. The Kiwanis Club had a work day on October 3rd. They painted the wood trim on the lower restroom.
14. Public Works is working with a pest control contractor to resolve the bat problem at the La Grange museum.

15. The La Grange OHV Park entrance station is now open on weekends. The Department is working on installing safer and more visible fencing to mark boundaries for riders in the park.

J. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The Empire Pool Committee is currently working on a plan for funding the Regional Water Safety Training Center in the upcoming seasons. Details may be available at the next meeting. Suggestions were made for fundraising through restaurants. The Committee has been meeting regularly.
2. Information on the Stanislaus River Restoration Project was distributed. On September 29th, an "I Love Modesto" event was held through the Tuolumne River Trust. The event included cleanup on the south side by the golf course near John Thurman Field. The event had several equipment donations to assist in the cleanup with approximately sixty volunteers onsite. The group plans to also add a community garden on the Tuolumne River bed in the airport district area, beyond Oregon Park, near Orville Wright School. The Commission would like to invite the group to learn more about their project efforts.
3. Adrienne Chaney will not be able to attend the December meeting.

Betty Parker

Judy Loretelli

Adrienne Chaney

K. 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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2013 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION MEETING CALENDAR

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JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1 No BOS Meeting
- 10 Park Commission
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 No BOS Meeting
- 24 Fish and Wildlife Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 14 Park Commission
- 18 Presidents' Day
- 19 No BOS Meeting

MARCH

- 14 Park Commission

APRIL

- 2 No BOS Meeting
- 9 No BOS Meeting
- 11 Park Commission
- 25 Fish and Wildlife Meeting

MAY

- 9 Park Commission
- 27 Memorial Day
- 28 No BOS Meeting

JUNE

- 11 Proposed Budget Hearings
- 13 Park Commission
- 25 No BOS Meeting

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 9 No BOS Meeting
- 11 Park Commission
- 25 Fish and Wildlife Meeting

AUGUST

- 6 No BOS Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day
- 3 No BOS Meeting
- 10 Final Budget Hearings
- 12 Park Commission

OCTOBER

- 10 Park Commission
- 15 No BOS Meeting
- 22 No BOS Meeting
- 24 Fish and Wildlife Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Park Commission
- 19 No BOS Meeting
- 26 No BOS Meeting
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holidays

DECEMBER

- 12 Park Commission
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 24 No BOS Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 No BOS Meeting