



AGENDA

Thursday, March 14, 2013 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 |
| 2. Roll Call and Excused Absences | |
| 3. Introduction(s) | |
| 4. Public Comment(s) | |
| 5. Approval of Minutes for February 14, 2013 Meeting | Commissioners |
| 6. Staff Report | |
| a. Frank Raines Playground Grand Opening | |
| b. Proposed Fee Changes | |
| 7. Old Business | |
| a. Fairview Park | |
| b. Mural Policy | |
| c. Empire Pool | |
| d. CIP Status | |
| 8. Commission Comment(s) | |
| a. Commission Board Updates | |
| 9. Adjournment, the next meeting will be on: | |

April 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

*Chad Kennedy, Chair
Judy Loretelli, Vice Chair (Pending)
Jami Aggers, Director, Parks and Recreation*

MINUTES

February 14, 2013 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 Bohlander, D2

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Mae Song
Jami Aggers
Cathy Gomez

MEMBER ABSENT:

Judith Loretelli, ATL
Vacant, D3

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

ACTIONS

Chad Kennedy

B. OHV GRANT PRELIMINARY REVIEW

1. The OHV grant preliminary applications for Frank Raines OHV Park and La Grange OHV Park were reviewed. The preliminary public review workshop will be held on February 21, 2013 at 6:30pm in the Ag Center Harvest Hall. Funds available this year is limited to 50 percent less than the previous year. This grant is through the State Parks and Recreation OHV division. The Department will need to match State funding by 26 percent. The Department will be asking for funds to cover only the basics of grounds and operations. The final application is due May 6, 2013. The grant is usually rewarded in July.
2. A question was asked about the status of the Frank Raines water system project. The construction estimates were reviewed by an independent third party. Concerns were raised about the adequacy of the plan. The Department is currently working to resolve this concern.
3. The Frank Raines Park's new playground installation is going well and on schedule. The grand opening ceremony is tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. No trees were removed for the construction. The playground structure matches the tree environment.

REPORTER

Cathy Gomez

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was received.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. CORRESPONDENCES

No correspondence was received.

REPORTER

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the November 8, 2012, meeting was approved upon motion and second with a note to add under section A that the meeting was called to order by a regular member due to both the Chair and Vice Chair arriving later in the meeting.

ACTIONS

*West, Chaney,
unanimous approval*

E. AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 8

ACTIONS & REPORTER

The Grayson Community Center/Park Programs and Activities, and the Audubon Society line items on the agenda were tabled. Both organizations were not present.

I. STAFF REPORTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Parks Staff

1. Staff are in the process of applying weed abatement throughout all parks and facilities. Applicable irrigations systems are also inspected for repairs during this time of year.
2. The owl boxes were installed at Fairview Park for rodent control. Smoke bombs were also used to control ground squirrels.
3. Woodward Reservoir is in the process of revamping the dry storage area. Staff are also preparing for the upcoming firework show at the reservoir. The Department is in the process of obtaining quotes from the two firework providers available. This year's firework show will be on Saturday, July 6, 2013.
4. The waterfowl season is coming to an end on the 20th of February. Hunters are given until March 10th to remove their blinds.
5. Both reservoirs receive annual fish plants from the State at various times from October through March. About 2,050 pounds of fish were planted in last year. The Department just received an award from the Stanislaus Fish and Wildlife Committee for additional plants that will include the specie largemouth bass, blue gills, crappie, and channel fish.
6. The Polar Bear Day event had thirty participants.
7. The cattle guard at Turlock Fishing Access was recently repaired from being too high for vehicles to cross over. Staff also picked up about twenty pounds of loose scattered nails in the dirt roadway.
8. The equipment grant from the Cordless Zero Emissions Lawn and Garden Equipment Demonstration Program is still in progress with one mower currently received. Other equipment are still on order for test trials. The mower received was broken down once with parts on order for the repair. All equipment are battery operated.
9. The Department's seasonal staffing recruitment for the year is in progress. The number of workers to be hired will vary throughout the summer season based on need and budget.
10. Frank Raines OHV Park has a couple off-road events scheduled. The Sacramento PITS will be holding two motorcycle trials—one in February and another in April. La Grange OHV Park had a 4x4 truck event with many OHV enthusiasts in the park on January 12th.
11. Following up from the previous meeting, the question regarding whether the County logo was embedded into the new Laird Park sign was asked; the logo will be embedded. The concern was in regards to vandalism. The sign is to be placed in the park in March.
12. At Bonita Ranch Park, a lighting project is in progress to add lighting to the park. A small section between the PAL building and residential area will be a small lawn and play area. Bonita pool is still at the concept stage. The Department will look at the Bonita pool project once the lighting project is complete.

F. ELECTIONS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Chairperson: Chad Kennedy, nominated and accepted.
2. Vice Chairperson: Judy Loretelli, nominated, pending acceptance.
3. Secretary: Mae Song, nominated, accepted.

West, Chaney
Bohlender, Chaney
Chaney, Parker

G. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Chad and Adrienne will be joining the Fairview Park community group meeting to be held on Friday, February 22nd, to discuss what the group would like to see improved and the next steps to take.

Adrienne Chaney

H. MURAL POLICY

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. A final draft of the mural policy was reviewed. The second page now includes verbiage that will include a routing slip as a part of the application process. The routing process will route in the following order: Parks and Recreation Department, Planning Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and Park Commission. The Commission's role will be to evaluate the proposal based on the policy, and advise the applicant of an approval or rejection status.
2. Consulting with the Planning Department in regards to notifying neighboring properties, the County does not have a standard in this type of notification except only when it involves CEQA regulations. A suggestion was made, as an option if any, for notifications to be sent to the surrounding property owners or within a quarter-mile vicinity. The Commission was in consensus with contacting adjacent property owners, subject to case by case review. The applicant is to provide a description of their proposal with a letter/flyer to the adjacent property owners and/or other affected parties, and submit a copy of the notice to the Parks and Recreation Department. Mailing addresses or contact information of property owners should be included in the proposal packet to the Department. A copy of the property owner notification will be included in the monthly Park Commission meeting notices, which will also be sent to the provided list of contacts. Staff may also review the list of contacts for appropriate contacts. This item was approved upon motion and second with the changes mentioned.

Jami Aggers

Chaney, Bohlender, unanimous approval

J. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Betty Parker thanked Jami Aggers for attending the recent Empire Pool Committee meeting. With the support of Dan Acosta, the Committee is planning for an omelet brunch by the airport. Approximately 300-400 participants are expected. There will be artwork tickets and raffles, and a silent auction. The group was asked to spread the word about donations of items for the auction. There will also be a live band playing at the event. John Sulla has been reserved as the event's chef. The Committee also plans to have sponsor signs posted throughout Stanislaus County. The brunch is tentatively scheduled for June 9th on a Sunday. In the last Community Brunch event, PAL was able to raise \$89,000 for all their programs; this upcoming brunch will be solely dedicated to the Regional Water Safety Training Center. More details will be posted as it becomes available.
2. The Tuolumne River Trust will be a part of the next Earth's Day event in April. No specific dates were mentioned yet.

Betty Parker

Ron West

K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

1. Potential items to be added to the next meeting agenda: CIP, Staff and Commission goals, Board updates.
2. 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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