



AGENDA

Thursday, October 10, 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 Park Commission* encourages public participation and welcomes the public's interest.

Members of the public may be heard on any item of the *Stanislaus County Park 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 September 12, 2013 Meeting | Commissioners |
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| 6. Staff Report | |
| a. October Park Commission Staff Report | |
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| 7. Concurrence on November's meeting location and time of meeting. | |
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| 8. Old Business | |
| a. Fairview Park | |
| b. Mural Policy | |
| c. Department Marketing Plan | |
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| 9. Commission Comment(s) | |
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| 10. Adjournment, the next meeting will be on: | |

November 14, 2013
Location and time TBD

*Please notify the Department of Parks and Recreation at 525-6723 to let us know if you **will** be attending this meeting and/or require special accommodation for access or transportation to the meeting.*

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PARK COMMISSION
Chad Kennedy, Chair
Judy Loretelli, Vice Chair
Jami Aggers, Director, Parks and Recreation
Merry Rorabaugh, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

MINUTES
September 12, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Kennedy, ATL
Ron West, D4
Brent Bohlender, D2

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Jami Aggers
Mae Song

MEMBER ABSENT:

Judith Loretelli, ATL
Betty Parker, D1

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

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

ACTIONS

Chad Kennedy

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was received.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the July 11, 2013, meeting was approved upon motion and second as written. There was no meeting in August.

ACTIONS

*Bohlender, West,
unanimous approval*

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. The September Park Commission Staff Report was reviewed.
2. A question was asked in regards to visitation comparison to the previous year's fireworks event. This year's turnout was higher than the previous year partly for the event being held on a Saturday even though the fourth landed on a Thursday. Next year's fourth will be a Friday.
3. The Department currently has a Request for Proposal (RFP) out for a marketing plan to better utilize the major facilities, which includes Modesto Reservoir, Woodward Reservoir, Frank Raines Regional Park, and La Grange Regional Park. The process will close on October 1st.
4. The Symbiosis 2013 event will be at Woodward Reservoir in September. More information can be found on their website or through the Department's events website.
5. A question was asked whether the Department have any plans for promoting the rivers. The river access area is not currently the emphasis of the marketing plan, however these areas and others may be added on at a later time.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Jami Aggers

E. OFF-SITE MEETING

A suggestion was made to meet at Laird Park to see the progress of the park's new improvements. November may be a good month to meet there. This suggestion was asked to be placed on the October agenda for further discussion and to discuss appropriate weather conditions.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Chad Kennedy

F. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. An agenda item was presented to the Board of Supervisors on accepting donations/volunteer service at Fairview Park. This included the generous service donation from Supervisor Jim DeMartini for tilling the park grounds. The gopher control is now going well. Seeding is planned for September or early October, which will depend on the weather. The irrigation is working well. A department staff solely donated \$1,000 in memory of his mother to Fairview Park. Supervisor DeMartini also offered a match on the condition the Department identifies a specific budget area. Chad Kennedy will follow up with the community group.
2. The Mural Policy was presented with some additional minor changes in blue. Section 14 under Policy and Section 7 under Application Process contained changes. These changes were made for clarification purposes. The Commission moved to support the presented draft with changes.

Jami Aggers

*Bohlender, West,
unanimous approval*

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

A complaint was received on the poor condition of the Las Palmas Fishing Access area. The Department reported that this concern has been addressed along with the assistance of the City of Patterson Police Department. The Sheriff team was asked to help monitor the area on a quarterly basis. All fishing accesses maintained by Stanislaus County were part of the original cutbacks on maintenance routes. Restrooms have been closed with limited services. The power and water supply in the area is currently nonoperative.

H. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

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

Thursday, October 10, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
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October 2013 Park Commission Staff Report

COMMUNITY PARKS/COUNTY CENTERS by Amanda Fife:

1. **Fairview Park:** Grass seed was planted the last week of September. Temporary fencing and signage was put up to try and keep people out during the grow-in period.
2. **Laird Park:** Over the Sept. 21st weekend, vandals once again caused extensive damage to the turf at Laird Park. We are currently obtaining price quotes for some sort of fencing. The cost is expected to be high given the size of the lawn area. At this point the quotes are for informational purposes. Funding has not yet been identified.
3. **Frank Raines OHV:**
On September 21st and 22nd, Park staff coordinated and assisted with a volunteer project at Frank Raines OHV. Work consisted of trail maintenance and restoration, campground clean up and various other projects. Volunteers from the NorCal Motorcycle Club, Escarabajo Off Road Club, the East Bay Hi-Tailers Club as well as a few neighbors and residents near the OHV Park participated in the event. The focus was on trail maintenance and restoration, erosion control and placing temporary fencing on some of the hills that have been damaged by riders going off trail. Approximately 25 volunteers participated on Saturday and 15 on Sunday. This group effort helps us to fulfill some of our requirements in our OHV grant as it pertains to trail maintenance and volunteer hours. The hope is that these types of events can be coordinated two or three times throughout each year. The 2013 Deer Creek Grand Prix, sponsored by the NorCal Motorcycle Club, will be held October 19th and 20th. This is an exclusive use event and the campgrounds and OHV trails will be closed to the public. The OHV Park will open to the public at 8:00 a.m. October 25, 2013. The CORVA Jamboree will be held October 26th and 27th.

MODESTO RESERVOIR by Tom Dias:

1. Modesto Reservoir allowed early season goose hunting this year to help reduce the number of local geese at the reservoir. The goose hunt was September, 28 - October, 2nd. The regular waterfowl-hunting season begins October 19th.
2. The store at the reservoir is now closed for the season.
3. Fish and Game should begin planting trout at the end of October.
4. We are working on our routine maintenance in A –Loop campground.
5. Yahi Bowmen Archery Club will be holding a youth event in October 14th and an archery tournament on October 27th at the Modesto Reservoir archery range.

LA GRANGE REGIONAL PARK by Tom Dias:

1. The Christian Brigade youth outing is set for October 4th-6th at Kiwanis Youth Camp.

LA GRANGE OHV by Tom Dias:

1. The entrance station at the LaGrange OHV Park will be staffed on the weekends beginning October 19th.

ADMINISTRATION by Cathy Gomez:

1. The shade shelter for Laird Park is planned for delivery October 4, 2013. Estimated construction will be around October 14 -25th.
2. Hatch Park in Keyes is in the planning stage for a baseball field for the youth baseball teams.
3. We received the OHV contracts for \$317,311 for both OHV Parks: La Grange - \$91,517 and Frank Raines - \$225,794.
4. Ordered and received 35 additional life jackets and 10 life jacket posters for free. They were given to Woodward Reservoir.
5. Cal-Trans has some money they want to give Stanislaus County for wetland mitigation or restoration. Contacted Tuolumne River Trust on September 26, 2013 and gave them the contact person and number to see if they could receive additional funding. The contact at Cal Trans was Kristi – her phone number is 209-942-6011.

WOODWARD RESERVOIR by Cheryl Jackson:

1. End of our busy season is here. The season was a success for no drownings. The life jacket loaner program was a HUGE success and we have received an additional life jacket loaner station to have a 2nd location for the program. Also we acquired a trailer from DER that will house the mobile life jacket station.
2. The Symbiosis special event was a success as well all though we did have minimal noise complaints. There were NO law enforcement incidents at all and only 1 broken nose and bump on the forehead as far as medical. The event coordinators did a great job on their end as well. We will be having another special event called The Zombie run with KAT country radio station (Cumulus broadcasting) on October 19th.
3. We are now in our fall seasonal maintenance mode and visitation has resumed its nonseasonal status as far as lower amount of campers.