



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Thursday, October 8, 2015 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* 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:

1. Call to Order	Chair
2. Roll Call and Excused Absences	
3. Introduction(s)	
4. Public Comment(s)	
5. Approval of Minutes for August 13, 2015 Meeting (Meeting was held at Laird Park in September – no minutes)	Commissioners
6. Laird Park Experience	
7. Fundraising Efforts – Project Based	
8. Staff Report	Staff
9. Old Business	
10. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
11. Commission Goals	Commissioners
a. Board Update Letter	

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on: Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Location: 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Modesto, CA 95358

Commission Goals:

1. Enhance Board Communication
2. Increase Partnerships
3. Training and Education for Commissioners
4. Increase Awareness of Parks

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MINUTES
August 13, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
 Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Parker, D1
 Zachary Keller, D2
 Joseph Sanchez, D3
 Ron West, D4
 Ed Persike, ALT
 Chad Kennedy, ATL

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Jami Aggers
 Merry Mayhew
 Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

AnnaMarie Hallinan, D5

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim DeMartini

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order and those in attendance introduced themselves. An excused absence was received for AnnaMarie Hallinan.

ACTIONS

Ron West

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comment was received.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the July 9, 2015 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written.

ACTIONS

*Persike, Keller,
 unanimous approval*

D. STAFF REPORTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Woodward Reservoir had another successful fireworks show this year along with the hot weather. Staff are gearing up for the Symbiosis event in September. T-Island campground is in the process of being upgraded with electrical and septic access. The approval for this project will go to the Board on August 18th.
2. The waterfowl draw just passed with select hunting spots remaining due to the water level this year. The Department generally notifies all hunters on file and post on the home webpage of the draw event activities.
3. Modesto Reservoir and La Grange Regional Park reported some vandalism repairs. The OHV portion is in the off-season. The full OHV grants were awarded to both OHV parks.
4. The restrooms are now open at Parklawn Park with an auto-lock system.
5. Efforts are in progress on establishing radio communication coverage out at Frank Raines Regional Park. The Department has been working with Regional 911 and other agencies interested in the matter.
6. Manos Unidos is continuing to work with the Department on a plan for Fairview Park improvements and restrooms. Some restroom unit suggestions were made, however recommendations included consideration in overall project costs.
7. Recruitments will include seven full-time positions with three of those positions assigned to community parks.

Merry Mayhew

*Joseph Sanchez
 Ed Persike*

8. New picnic tables and fencing are being placed out at Oregon Park to aide PAL in their programs. The neighborhood community has been actively involved in the park's recent improvements.
9. Public Works has a retrofit project at Geer Road utilizing part of Fox Grove Fish Access for staging.
10. The Quagga Mussel grant is being used to bring in dogs for boat inspections. There is a preventative plan/process in place for the invasive species.
11. A recent fund request to restock both the reservoir's supply of fish was denied due to the drought. The Department was asked to resubmit this request in the Winter.
12. Various grants and PFF fund requests are in progress for several sites, which included Woodward Reservoir and Fairview Park. See Staff Report for more details.
13. The Department provided a 'celebrate parks' presentation to the Board on July 28th as an awareness effort for Parks and Recreation month.
14. Commissioners briefly discussed the importance of surveying Las Palmas to accurately identify property lines. A suggestion was made for the Department to include in the letter of intent to the adjacent property owner, a pre-estimated option to correctly adjust the current fencing encroachment. There is a possibility that the existing fencing may have been placed prior to the current property owner. A draft will be submitted to Counsel for approval.

Ron West
Jami Aggers
Merry Mayhew

E. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The Friends of the Empire Pool will be having a free community party at the pool later in the month. No specific date has been set yet. PAL continues to provide swim lessons.
2. A suggestion was made for the group to also consider working with the Boys and Girls Club as part of the recreation plan and to look at partnerships for private money and targeted projects.

Betty Parker/Ron West

Ed Persike
✓ Add to agenda-
Fundraising Efforts

F. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The Commission asked if each Commissioners can be issued an ID card. It would be of value to help identify Commissioners when visiting facilities and working with the community.
2. The Commission would like to meet at Laird Park next month. The suggested time was changed to 5:30 p.m.

Ed Persike

Consensus

G. COMMISSION GOALS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

This section was tabled.

H. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, September 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at Laird Park.**

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary

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