



**PARK COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
 Stanislaus Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
 Modesto, CA 95358

**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:**

1.	Call to Order	Chair
2.	Roll Call and Excused Absences	
3.	Introduction(s)	
4.	Public Comment(s)	
5.	Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2016 Meeting	Commissioners
6.	Staff Report	Staff
	a. Drowning at Modesto Reservoir	
7.	Other Business	
	a. Pool Renaming Status	
	b. Dog Park Status	
8.	Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:**  
**Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Location: 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Modesto, CA 95358**

<p><b>Standing Reminders:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ethics Course Reminder (Certificate to be turned in)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online: <a href="http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx">http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>b. July is Parks Month</li> </ul>	<p>Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Zach Keller, Chad Kennedy</li> </ul>
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**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**  
**June 9, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.**

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
 Modesto, CA 95358

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Zachary Keller, D2  
 Ron West, D4  
 Ed Persike, ALT  
 Chad Kennedy, ALT  
 Joseph Sanchez, D3  
 Veronica Plaughar, D5

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Jami Aggers  
 Cathy Gomez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jim DeMartini

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order and those in attendance introduced themselves. Veronica Plaughar was welcomed to the Commission as she introduced herself as a new Park Commissioner. She is a health educator with Stanislaus County Health Services Agency and was born and raised in Patterson for twenty-six years. She feels passionate about contributing to her community. She has a background in nutritional food science and public administration.

**ACTIONS**

*Zachary Keller*

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comment was received. Club Mexico was not present for their scheduled presentation.

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**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the May 12, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion and second with the following additions: the Commission discussed and asked for clarification of what worked and what did not at the boating event at Woodward Reservoir; a note is to be added to the minutes that Chairman Keller came in after roll call was made by Ron West; there was a discussion regarding the renaming of the Empire pool and amending the dog park ordinance. The Commission wants to ensure these moves forward without delay.

**ACTIONS**

*Kennedy, West,  
 unanimous approval*

**D. STAFF REPORT**

- The July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show is ready for kick off on the actual day with syncing music, from the radio station, so tune in. Thirty-thousand are expected to show for this event. Concessions are available based on those who apply to be present on this particular weekend. Food Vendors would need to work with Environmental Health.
- An incident involving two persons drowning was reported on Memorial Day weekend. Life jacket stations are open on the weekends. Memorial weekend was the first weekend the station opened for the season. A concern was brought up about whether additional steps could have been taken to prevent such incidents. Mr. Persike asked about what happened and if there is anything that could be put into place to prevent such an unfortunate tragedy. The Sheriff's Office immediately takes over when incidents like this occur. Information is relayed to the Parks Department, although the actual circumstances remain unclear, it was understood the victims were on a boat and had jumped into the water for a swim. The boat owners were not parents of the children who were involved in the

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*Cathy Gomez/Jami Aggers*

*Ed Persike*

drowning. Three kids were swimming together; as one child became in distress, an immediate attempt was made to extract the child. Two kids were said to have gone under water and did not come back up. The Commission raised a concern about understanding the cause to better understand ways to help prevent such incidents, e.g. education, water levels. The discussion was focused on preventative measures. Suggestions of mandated life jackets were made with enforcement aspects to be explored. Commissioner Ron West also noted that the County does have swim lessons available.

3. Modesto Reservoir held some archery events. La Grange OHV Park will be holding an *Outlaw Fest* event on June 25 and on July 6, 2016. The group also had an earlier *Outlaw Fest* on May 21<sup>st</sup>. PAL has been running the pool successfully this summer. Community neighborhood parks are being utilized for various events. Some water restoration has been issued for neighborhood parks. The Frank Raines generator project is in progress and moving along. Both OHV park grants have been awarded totaling \$564,178. The Fairview housing grant is still in progress until the end of June. The requested amount was for approximately \$400,000. The desirable restroom installations was included as part of this fund.
4. A question was asked if the County collaborates on the cost of the wall damage at Countrystone Park. Due to the frequent wall damage reports, staff may be working on this detail already, however, the Department will be sure to look at this option.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Woodward held its First Annual Spring Boat Expo, which was a great event. The Department shared what worked and what didn't work from the first annual boat show event. The event went smoothly. The boats were beautiful and the boat demo went well. The Department integrated photos into the event along with Mother's Day celebration. Fun entertainment activities such as a train ride, food, and a clown with balloons were provided. Cross promotions of upcoming events. Two radio stations helped promote the event. Traffic was controlled by explorers. Four or five boat vendors were present. Three boats were sold. Vendors were excited about the event and were interested in returning for the next annual event. Next year's anticipated date would be sometime in June. The weather, as it turned out, was rainy which may have affected the attendance. There were approximately two thousand attendees this year. Ideas for planning the next event are being considered.
2. A brief discussion was held about liability insurance. It was suggested the County carefully assess the risks and review the actual needs so that it does not inhibit the process. The Department does evaluate and consider post-event improvements as they are identified.
3. Commissioner Keller would like to keep the pool renaming and dog park items as standing line items on the agenda under "Other Business". The Department's current master plan does not include a dog park plan. An update of the plan is on the radar but there is no scheduled date to work on the master plan as of yet. The ordinance change can still move forward prior to the plan, however, this may not necessarily tie in a project plan for a dog park. The Department has plans to include dog park options in the new master plan. The Commissioner would like to move forward on the ordinance change.
4. The Department is working on moving forward on the Empire pool renaming recommendation. The preliminary cost is being obtained with more detailed planning in the works. The Commissioner would like priority be set on this item due to time sensitivity in the recognition process. The Commissioner may work on a letter to the Board directly addressing the priority of this item.
5. Club Mexico had wanted to be present today to present issues with the grass not being cut at Fairview Park. Commissioner Sanchez would like to know and asked for it to be relayed to the group of the specific day the grass is cut. Cathy Gomez will look into the days when grass mowing is scheduled and get the information to

*Cathy Gomez*

*Zachary Keller  
Jami Aggers*

*Jami Aggers*

*Joseph Sanchez*

Mr. Sanchez. A locked perimeter chain was found broken and reported. The Fairview Park community group had a fundraiser last Thursday and was able to raise \$15,000. Several local businesses donated. The next soccer tournament event is on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, July 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Buidling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA.**

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