



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA
Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
 Stanislaus Building, 2nd 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. Correspondence: Modesto Bee Article, <i>20 Under 40 Program</i>	
6. Approval of Minutes for July 14, 2016 Meeting	Commissioners
7. PAL Programs	Alfredo Guerra
8. Discussion and Approval of Empire Pool Plaque	
9. Staff Highlights	Staff
10. Old Business	
a. Ethics Course Certificates Due (see below)**	
11. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Location: 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Modesto, CA 95358

Standing Reminders:

- a. **Ethics Course Reminder (Certificate to be turned in)
 - Online: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>
- b. July is Parks Month

****Ethics Certificates Due:**

- 1. Joseph Sanchez
- 2. Ron West

Commission Goals:

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

Regular meetings are held at 5 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month at Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation in the Stanislaus Building, on the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358. If you have an item you wish to be considered for a regular meeting agenda, please contact the Commission Secretary at (209) 525-6723, three (3) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

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MINUTES

August 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron West, D4
Joseph Sanchez, D3
Veronica Plaugher, D5
Chad Kennedy, ALT
Ed Persike, ALT

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Jami Aggers
Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Zachary Keller, D2

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order and those in attendance were introduced. An excused absence was received for Zach Keller.

ACTIONS

Ron West

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was received.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the July 14, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion and second.

ACTIONS

*Kennedy, Sanchez,
unanimous approval*

D. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Woodward Reservoir park visitation is doing well. The high priority projects of installing four ground water monitoring wells required by the Water Board has been installed.
2. The La Grange Kiwanis Camp has a newly restored picnic shelter and well pump.
3. New fencing is planned for Laird Park. The project is expected to help prevent illegal dumping in secluded areas of the park.
4. Approval has been received from the Board for the Department to enter into an agreement with the non-profit organization, Kaboom. The Department is working with Manos Unidas and PAL on project details and responsibilities. Mr. Sanchez asked for a project guide to help Manos Unidas better understand their responsibilities. Manos Unidas will be meeting with PAL to discuss details. Mr. Persike suggested reaching out to the National Guard/United Rentals for free rentals of equipment. A question was raised as to how the project funds are being handled. The grant does not require any money transaction but a ten percent match. The only money handling is with the funds that were raised to match the grant. Manos Unidas has been working with Kaboom for coordinating labor needs. Manos Unidas will also be coordinating meals for project volunteers/workers. The installation must be completed by November 5th. The community group was commended on their efforts in getting this project started. A suggestion was made to contact vendors to assist with food donations for workers.
5. The Department will be looking into restricting vehicle access to Riverdale's river access due to dumping along the shorelines.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Jami Aggers

6. The Department has been asked to cover additional grounds maintenance services which will now include the Newman library landscape.
7. The Department has received notification that they will be awarded 100% of the OHV grants they have asked for. The backup generator project at Frank Raines will soon be online after some final testing.
8. Parks Human Resources is hiring for a Park Maintenance Worker III with a salary range of \$19.66-\$23.89 per hour.
9. Modesto Reservoir’s fuel pump design has been completed and will soon be submitted to the Board to approve the bid process. Construction is expected to be scheduled in the off season winter months.
10. The final budget will be submitted on August 30th. The Parks master plan is moving forward. The Department is working on a quagga-mussel grant for another two year cycle.
11. A question was raised about the Fairview grant project. The Department will be initiating further community input after the high priority projects have been identified should there be remaining funds.
12. The Department provided a slide presentation to the Board in July for Parks month. The presentation was presented at the Board meeting on July 12th. Members may view the Board meeting video to see the presentation. The Department also has a new mascot as part of the marketing plan. This was also introduced in the presentation.

E. PAL

ACTIONS & REPORTER

PAL runs the Empire Pool and recreation programs. Though funding had been limited in the past, the Department has been able to assist PAL with additional funding. PAL has been an integral part of children’s safety and educational productivity.

Ron West on behalf of PAL

F. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Mr. Persike shared his inquiry with Supervisor Monteith about the renaming of the Empire Pool and shared his understanding of why an alternate decision was concluded; the Commission’s recommendation could exclude other like-dedicated volunteers who had also contributed. As an alternative, it was suggested a special plaque be made in honor of Betty’s dedication to her local community.
2. The Commission understood the decision and briefly stated that their intent was meant to recognized Betty Parker for pioneering the Empire park that led to building the pool. Moving forward on the recognition plaque, this will be placed on the next agenda for the Commission to finalize the type of plaque and wording; Commissioners will individually review options in advance and bring forth to the meeting their final thoughts. Once the final product has been identified, the Department will make the purchase.
3. In regards to water safety, several agencies have given away life jackets and held water safety events at both the reservoirs this summer. Reminders were placed on social media (Facebook pages) including in Spanish on encouraging the use of life jackets. The Sheriff’s Office and Fire district also included in their Facebook pages water safety awareness. The State Department of Boating and Waterways has provided free educational information and posters available for the reservoirs to help educate the public. The Department plans on adding signage at the boat ramps. Consideration for a small print on the back of receipts to remind park patrons on water safety matters is being explored. The stickers for kids idea raised a concern in regards to litter in the park.
4. The Department plans to move forward on the Board approved ordinance change relating to dogs on a leash in neighborhood parks.

Ed Persike

Ron West

Jami Aggers

G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. PAL is having their semi-annual brunch on September 11th this year. Ron West has tickets available for \$50 per ticket.
2. Ed Persike shared fundraising ideas such as invitation for arts and crafts events/show to County facilities. The Department can promote the idea and facilities. The concept is to provide an attraction lasting up to four to five hours minimum to make an impact promoting County facilities.
3. The Tuolumne River Regional Park has put in a tremendous effort utilizing volunteers to help clean up both sides of the river. Mr. West said that this could be another facility for events.

Ron West

Ed Persike

Ron West

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 8, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA.**

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary

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Meet 20 rising stars helping build the future of Modesto, Stanislaus County



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BY JOSEPH KIETA
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Are you weary with the drumbeat of negativity about our region's "brain drain" of young professionals to the Bay Area and elsewhere?

This section is your antidote.

The Bee started the 20 Under 40 program in an effort to put a spotlight on the many rising young leaders who stayed here (or returned after education) and are working tirelessly to make our region a better place. These superstars don't often get the recognition they deserve, and 20 Under 40 – which will birth a new class each year – helps correct that.

As you browse through the profiles you'll find a diverse group of individuals who have worked tirelessly to build careers, families and the community they love. Their collective passion for our region sets the foundation for a better future.

So please take the time to read the profiles – written in their own words in a question-and-answer format.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the panel of judges who chose the winners. Each spent hours poring over more than 70 nominations. So a heartfelt thank you goes out to Dan Costa, CEO, Innov8 Partners LLC; David Darmstandler, CEO and co-founder, Datapath; Ron Foster, Foster Farms; Stephanie Gallo, vice president of marketing, E.&J. Gallo Winery; Jeff Grover, president and owner, Solecon Industrial Contractors; Marian Kaanon, president and CEO, Stanislaus Community Foundation, and Yamilet Valladolid, Modesto site supervisor, El Concilio.

The community is invited to attend a special event at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Gallo Center for the Arts, where we'll honor the members of the first class. Tickets are \$25 and are available through the Gallo Center box office. The ticket buys you admission, appetizers and drinks.

Congratulations to The Bee's 20 Under 40 Class of 2016!

William Broderick-Villa

Janet Núñez-Pineda

Domenica Escatel

Suzy Powell Roos

Michael Frantz

Reggie Rucker

Mike Gorrasi

Aaron Struck

Elizabeth Greenlee-Wight

Ryan Swehla

Mani Grewal

Alonzo Trejo

Ian Grimbleby

Kate Trompetter

Amanda Hughes

Chad Kennedy

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