



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA
Thursday, March 9, 2017 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. Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2017 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Old Business	
8. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, April 13, 2017 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
- c. Annual 700 Forms Due

****Ethics Certificates Due:**

- 1. Joseph Sanchez

Commission Goals:

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

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MINUTES
February 9, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Keller, D2
 Ron West, D4
 Ed Persike, ALT
 Veronica Plaugher-Macias, D5
 Chad Kennedy, ALT

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Merry Mayhew
 Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Sanchez, D3

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order and those in attendance were noted. Joseph Sanchez attempted to join the meeting via telephone conference but was unable to connect during the meeting due to technical issues.

ACTIONS

Zachary Keller

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was received.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

C. CORRESPONDENCES

The Commission congratulated Chad Kennedy on his promotion.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the November 10, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written. There was no meeting in December and January.

ACTIONS

West, Plaugher-Macias
unanimous approval

E. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

1. Weather conditions caused several trees to fall down at the reservoirs. The winter season generally consist of maintenance and repairs. A question was raised whether the tree removal process is recycled for other uses such as brush piles for wildlife habitat. Fallen trees are mainly used for firewood.
2. The Department has seen an increased number of reservations both online and walk-in. The past quarter results showed an increase in visits of 300% from last year's visitation data, however, the new tabulation system may be a factor to be considered on how it affects statistics. Visitation was recorded at 8,500 visitors last year to this year's 32,000 for the same quarter.
3. State Fish and Wildlife planted trout at both reservoirs in November. About 1,400 pounds of fish were planted. The State website has more information on fish plants and its location.
4. La Grange Regional Park is being monitored for erosion control and fencing projects. The Park has been popular with mudfest events. The revenue generated is usually around \$5,000 per event. Vandalism and trespassing issues are being addressed with neighboring properties to the OHV park.
5. A vehicle access restriction has been placed out at Riverdale Park. The three trees removed at Empire Park have been replaced with crepe myrtle trees. The proposal to fund repairs of the Empire pool has been submitted with anticipated completion prior to the pool's re-opening.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Merry Mayhew

6. Broadway Park restrooms are scheduled for repair once the rain stops. The Salida MAC voted to convert the volleyball court into a horse shoe pit.
7. Plans for Fairview Park are still in progress. Since the playground installation, there has been limited graffiti and vandalism due to supporting efforts of community watch. The public community meeting went well. Ms. Plaughter-Macias commented that the meeting was a model for community engagement and gave a job well-done to Cathy Gomez, Joseph Sanchez, and Manos Unidos for successfully organizing the Fairview Park project.
8. A section of the Frank Raines OHV Park has been closed due to the floods. Sections of Laird park is also under water, along with many areas throughout Stanislaus County.
9. O'Dell Engineering has been informed of the intent to award the Parks Master Plan Project. The Department is looking forward to working with O'Dell Engineering. The award process is expected to be finalized near March.
10. The Department is working with Counsel on the gun range clean-up project currently in regards to CEQA regulations. Clean-up cost will be coming out of the County budget.
11. The unsuccessful Modesto Reservoir fuel pump bid project is being redesigned with assistance from Public Works.
12. The dog ordinance change agenda item has been approved by the Board on December 13th and confirmed to take effect thirty days thereafter.
13. The Department is looking into creating an event venue on the north side of Woodward Reservoir. A CEQA process will be initiated this year. Phase one will have fencing and road improvements. The project description to CEQA will keep future planning open to various types of use. The group discussed partnerships and foundations relative to area development contributions. Program sponsorship can be an option to explore.
14. A public meeting will be held on February 15th for the OHV grant meeting.
15. The Department has hired on a new marketing coordinator as of January 30th, and this person will be working on coordinating all the major events i.e. boat/sports expo at Woodward Reservoir, Easter egg hunt at Modesto Reservoir, and the annual fireworks celebration. The fireworks show this year will be held on July 1st. A question was raised why guns and hunting equipment would be excluded from the sports expo. The Department will be looking at County ordinances in regards to firearm restrictions and its limitation at the sports expo. Advertising includes billboards, social media, radio advertising, live radio hosting, public and sponsors advertising.

F. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The plaque for Empire pool has been received and will be installed onsite once it is presented at the Board meeting on February 28th. Calendar confirmations will be sent to the Commission secretary.
2. Commissioners were reminded of the Ethics course available and the annual 700 forms due.

G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Chad Kennedy shared a magazine displaying the design and fundraising details on the new Awesome Spot Playground located in the city of Modesto. The fundraising cap is set at \$2.5 million. There will be various types of sponsorship opportunities. A suggestion was made to look at corporations such as Wells Fargo who would be in the position to donate the large portions of the fundraising money.

Chad Kennedy

2. OHV grant administration at the State level is under discussion and in its early stages. Proposed changes are in progress. Zach Keller will keep the Commission informed as the activities progresses. A parks and water bond is also underway. The Department will be tracking these legislative activities as they progress. Bonds are generally known to be designated only for new developments while the OHV grants can be used for operations and maintenance.

Zachary Keller

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, March 9, 2017, 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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