



**PARK COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA**

**Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, 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 September 14, 2017 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Old Business	
8. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:  
Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Modesto, CA 95358**

**Standing Reminders:**

- a. Elections in November
- b. July is Parks Month
- c. AB 1234-700 Forms (annual)
  - Link: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>
- d. Ethics Course (every two years)
  - Link: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>

**Commission Goals:**

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

Regular meetings are held at 5 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation in the Stanislaus Building, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) 525-6770, three (3) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

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# MINUTES

## September 14, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Sanchez, D3  
 Ron West, D4  
 Veronica Plaughter-Macias, D5  
 Chad Kennedy, ALT  
 Ed Persike, ALT

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Merry Mayhew  
 Mae Song

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Zachary Keller, D2

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Elaine Gorman  
 Rick Delvin

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

- The meeting was called to order and those in attendance were introduced. Elaine Gorman and Rick Delvin of the Yokuts Sierra Club attended the Commission meeting this month as interested citizens of Stanislaus County to learn more about the Commission, the Department and projects such as the Parks Master Plan.
- An excused absence was received for Zachary Keller.

**ACTIONS**

*Veronica Plaughter-Macias*

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the August 10, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written.

**ACTIONS**

*Sanchez, West, unanimous approval*

**D. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**

- The water restriction is now in place at Woodward Reservoir. Winter maintenance has begun and preparations are in progress for the waterfowl hunting season in October.
- Fairview Park: The new name sign has been installed. The delivery of the new restrooms are scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>. There was a delay on this delivery date due to design changes. The sidewalks have been completed. The Department is planning a grand-opening ceremony for the park's improvements after the pavement works are completed. A date will be determined after this last wrap up.
- Members briefly revisited the concern raised from a previous meeting about making park reservations. All county neighborhood parks are open to the public. Events or use are on first-come first-serve basis. If an event host desires their event to be private or by invitational only, a reservation is required through the Department event coordinator for exclusivity unless the venue remains open to the public. Specific concerns are with sports groups and the limited local parks available for practice and games.
- Three park locations this past month have been regularly utilized for providing basic services and children programs hosted by Ninevah.
- Burbank Park have had reports with homeless camping and drug-use inside the restrooms. As part of the solution, PAL has been designated the responsibility to open/close restrooms as needed. Restrooms will remain closed otherwise.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Merry Mayhew*

6. Frank Raines water project is still in progress. Portables are currently placed in the park on a temporary basis. Plans for use of a more permanent restroom structure is awaiting this process. The design phase will be in the works sometime this winter. During the summer non-peak season, a special remote car fundraiser event was held at the park to support autism.
7. The Helen White Trail along the Martin Luther Blvd. is maintained by the Department. Loitering and litter along the trail has been a recent issue. The Department is currently working with community groups to establish presence, use of the trail and cleanup. Ms. Gorman expressed personal interest to be involved and may make a suggestion to the Audubon club who may be interested. A small group has been meeting at 8:00 a.m. every Wednesday to walk the thirty-minutes long trail. The group consist of volunteers who may simply want to walk the trail while others bring trash bags to help pick up litter. The current group is looking to designate sections of the trails to anyone or groups who are interested in walking the trail.
8. The Grayson Road Firing Range cleanup project is still in progress. The design plans will be going to the Board of Supervisors for approval on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
9. The Northside project at Woodward Reservoir is awaiting for the biological study to complete before moving forward.
10. The Modesto Reservoir fuel pump project is in negotiation at this time.
11. Written procedures are in progress for Roberts Ferry Cemetery to ensure the proper process are being followed. The County maintains the cemetery grounds and now will be overseeing burial paperwork and its details.
12. A bass tournament is scheduled at Woodward Reservoir on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The event will be nationally marketed. The annual boat expo is set for April 2018. Two music festivals are also scheduled for April and May; all happening at Woodward Reservoir this coming year.
13. The Parks Master plan is contracted with O'Dell Engineering and is still in progress. A series of community meetings have been held. Surveys and commenting period has closed, however, additional comments from the group are welcome. O'Dell will be incorporating the comments into their analytical data to compile a plan to move forward on community interests. A draft master plan may be available by November. Ms. Gorman and Mr. Delvin expressed interest in contributing to community through the Master Plan.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Mr. Persike asked if any action have been taken on the road damages out at Frank Raines Park. Members mentioned that this concern was also addressed at a MAC meeting and the Public Works department overseeing county roads are aware of the issue. Mr. Persike was referred to Public Works to inquire more on road works.
2. The Chief Executive Office is back out to talk to the community about the sale of Mono Park addressing concerns that arose at recent public meetings. Mrs. Plaughter-Macias may reach out to the Airport Neighborhood Collaborative to come provide a historical perspective of the area. The sale is currently on hold until more community input is received before moving forward. There was confusion on the how the money from the sale would be spent.

*Ed Persike*

**E. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. The Empire pool had a successful summer this season with many kids using the pool. There was one near-drown incident however, the child came out okay after basic CPR. The lifeguards were commended for a job well-done.
2. A question was asked if the Department has any community centers. Frank Raines has a recreation hall that is rented for public use. Other centers are usually occupied by PAL programs. The Fairview community expressed interest in a new community center. These types of needs can be included in the master

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plan as the Department frequently works off this plan. The Fairview community group has been meeting up in their residence. The Department suggested these request be brought up to be included in the current master plan. Once a vision is listed in the master plan, the plan goes on to Capital Projects and thereafter would be a matter of identifying available grants and funds. The community group has also been working with the Probation Department on obtaining this community center at Fairview.

3. Mr. Persike commended Mr. Sanchez for initiating a vision for Fairview Park that ended in fruition with more improvements to come. Manos Unidas may be working with Kaboom on a new playground for Mancini Park too. Mr. Kennedy stated, the Awesome Spot actually originated from improvement plans for Mancini but fell through.
4. Mr. Persike is working with the University of Nevada Ag Department about purchasing trees and shared that they have young trees available at a very reasonable price.

**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, October 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Modesto, CA 95358.**

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