



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, 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 January 11, 2018 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Form 700 Reminder (AB 1234)	
8. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
9. Old Business	

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
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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 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) 525-6770, three (3) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

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MINUTES

January 11, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
 Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Keller, D2
 Joseph Sanchez, D3 (telephone conf.)
 Ron West, D4
 Chad Kennedy, ALT
 Ed Persike, ALT

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Merry Mayhew
 Jami Aggers
 Cathy Gomez
 Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Veronica Plaughter-Macias, D5

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim DeMartini
 Alison Kelly
 Elaine Gorman
 Deborah Armstrong
 Laura Milam

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- The meeting was called to order and those in attendance were introduced.
- An excused absence was received for Veronica Plaughter-Macias.

ACTIONS

Zachary Keller

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the November 9, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written.

ACTIONS

West, Kennedy, unanimous approval

C. APPROVAL OF 2018 MEETING CALENDAR

The 2018 Park Commission meeting calendar was approved upon motion and second with a minor correction to the month of December – The Park Commission does not meet in December.

ACTIONS

Persike, West, unanimous approval

D. PARKS DRAFT MASTER PLAN

- An overview slide presentation of the Parks Draft Master Plan was presented by Allison Kelly of O'Dell Engineering. O'Dell has been working with the Department for over a year now on updating the 1999 Parks Master Plan. Ms. Kelly provided an overview of the project's progress. More information about the Parks Draft Master Plan can be found online at <http://www.stancounty.com/parks/executive-summary.shtm>.
- A brief discussion covered standards on park acreage and the County's general plan, standard level of service of three net acres per 1,000 residents. Demonstrated park acreage was broken down into the five supervisorial districts. Typical acreage size is not a minimum but a recommended figure. The plan however recommended four acres per 1,000 residents. Despite recommendations, development may be limited within the unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County and restricted by zoning regulations. Commissioner West asked if they can check the Quimby Act for the number of acres per residents. He is concerned with the next developer requirements.

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Alison Kelly

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A member of the public asked where Mono Park stands in regards to its recent sale status. Ms. Milam and Ms. Armstrong were present to express their disagreement on the sale of Mono Park. The residents stated that their

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neighborhood have not been a priority of the County. Mono Park is included in the inventory of the Parks Master Plan, however, there are no specific plans for it at this time. There will be a public hearing scheduled with the Board of Supervisors prior to any sale transactions.

2. A comment was made whether advertisements and announcement efforts of the new Master Plan public meetings were sufficient. Public meetings were also often piggybacked off of existing routine public meetings already in motion such as the MAC or municipal meetings. Government outreach efforts can find public participation a challenge.

F. COMMISSION COMMENTS

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1. Commissioner Sanchez asked if a meeting can be set up for the South Modesto group before the comment closing period. It was encouraged for all who are interested in contributing to the plan to attend the currently scheduled meetings because of the limitations within the Master Plan contract as a specific number of meetings have been designated.
2. The WIFI mentioned in the master plan is not a priority at this time, although it can be considered a partnership effort where communities can expand WIFI coverage through federal assistance. The predominant comment came about due to security and cellular coverage in a 24-hour facility.
3. The EIR did not have any concerning points other than sound issues associated with future developments. That issue is being addressed. The other flagged item is the geology at Frank Raines on expansion and developments. Frank Raines may require a more in-depth geology study prior to any expansion plans.
4. A question was raised whether the plan addresses diversity and disadvantaged communities. The master plan has more of an egalitarian approach holding all unincorporated areas to the same standards. Commissioner Keller would like to see more priority focus in the underserved areas and parks in disrepair.
5. Consideration for homeless issues in parks and safe transportation/routes were asked to be included in the master plan. The two issues were taken into consideration, however, the homelessness issue is a widespread issue that the County as a whole is making an effort on. The plan could explore further on adequate transportation and safe walking routes around the parks. The best practices chapter can emphasize more on these details and include the County's approach on the homelessness issue as a whole.

Joseph Sanchez/Merry Mayhew

Zach Keller/Alison Kelly

Alison Kelly

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Ed Persike/Alison Kelly

G. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

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1. Camping went over well through the holidays. Woodward Reservoir was close to capacity during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.
2. La Grange has erosion control work happening at this time. The Stuckfest event in September had over 1,000 attendants. There will be another 4x4 event coming up.
3. Fairview Park was vandalized a few times. Staff has been working on keeping the project site trip hazard-free. Commissioner Sanchez will also inquire with his neighborhood watch group about the vandalism incidents. The grand opening of the park has been set for February 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited.
4. Mono Park has had a great amount of trash litter with the homeless accumulating in the park. Often staff would need to arrange a separate time from their landscape maintenance routine to obtain the right equipment to haul off the accumulated trash.
5. The Salida community area had replacement signs ordered for defaced conditions of existing signs. Several requests were also made related to the vehicle access area by the concession stand and additional signs. The Salida Rotary Club donated 24 trees.

Merry Mayhew

- 6. Frank Raines OHV sold out during the Christmas/New Year's holiday.
- 7. The Master Plan is on track. Community meetings are being held throughout January. The final plan is anticipated to go to the Board in May 2018.
- 8. The Board has approved the contract with the selected vendor for the Modesto Reservoir fuel pump project. The anticipated completion date is by the end of April.
- 9. The Grayson Road firing range project is moving along smoothly with a final work plan to come out in January. Lead mining may be planned for the summer if there are no delays.

H. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Commissioner Persike asked where the status is on the previously mentioned concern of the road conditions out at Frank Raines Regional Park. Mr. Persike was able to discuss the issue with the Public Works director. The main issue can have a major cost impact. At this time, there is no update on the issue.
- 2. Mr. Persike announced that this will be his last meeting and thanked the group for their efforts in making a difference.

I. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building-2nd Floor, Modesto, CA 95358.**

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary (209) 525-6770

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