



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA
Thursday, July 12, 2018 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 June 14, 2018 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Final Parks Master Plan	
7. Staff Highlights	Staff
8. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
9. Old Business	

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
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Standing Reminders:

- a. Elections in November
- b. July is Parks Month
- c. FPPC 700 Forms (annual) (Due March 5, 2018)
 - Link: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>
- d. AB 1234 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
June 14, 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
 Ron West, D4
 Veronica Plaughter-Macias, D5
 Chad Kennedy, AL
 Kyle Fiflet, AL

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Merry Mayhew
 Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brandon Cody, D1

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 Brandon Cody.

ACTIONS

Zachary Keller

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the April 12, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion and second.

ACTIONS

Plaughter-Macias, Kennedy, unanimous approval

C. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

- Woodward Reservoir hosted for the first time in the last weekend of April, a Serenity Gathering Music Festival. The event went well with no issues. Participants were a little less than what was expected, around 1,200 to 1,500. Revenue totaled \$32,750 for the weekend. Serenity has reserved the next three years.
- A question was asked about the Symbiosis events. Symbiosis has in the past been held in September at Woodward, but due the SSJID's bodily water contact restriction being closed around this time, Symbiosis is unlikely to return to Woodward for future events.
- This year's seasonal recruitment is near complete with several rounds of recruitments due to the high turnovers this season.
- Modesto Reservoir was busy during the Memorial weekend. The new fuel pumps are now open for service. Sales revenue is generally returned to the Department as a general fund source. Deputies caught a person fishing self-pay stations (iron rangers).
- La Grange OHV hosted a Stuckfest event in May. Kiwanis hosted two events of with approximately 200 children occupying the camp.
- Fairview Park restrooms have again been vandalized even when they were kept under watch by two authorized community groups (Manos Unidos/PAL) and locked outside of uses. The Park's restrooms are managed by authorized groups during their practices and use. Mr. Sanchez shared Manos Unidos' thoughts of placing a camera across the street. The Department can look into placing some

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Merry Mayhew

cameras, however, this potential solution can still be problematic in regards to being able to identify the vandals if there were footages of the incident. Motion activated service cameras was a suggestion; the cost to purchase may be offset by the cost of the vandalisms. A company downtown Modesto utilizes CrimeTek's camera service (CrimeTek Security, <http://www.crimetek.com>) which includes a speaker/siren. The company have been able to prevent about 100% of vandalism incidents from occurring compared to their previous record. Someone from Manos Unidos had mentioned at a community meeting that the vandalism was done by three young kids but they don't know who they are. Polished steel plate mirrors were suggested for replacement of the shot-out vandalized mirror. Pellets are also being shot into the walls. Oregon Park is also having similar vandalism problems.

7. Additional vandalisms: The access gate at Fox Grove Park was damaged by a vehicle. United Community Park received damages to the walking deck of a playground set from someone setting fire on it; replacement parts will cost \$1,700. Sterling Ranch Park received damages from someone driving a vehicle through the epoxied concrete benches.
8. The Bonita Ranch Park, Keyes, project to repair and reseal the basketball court is expected to be completed in June.
9. The Department's fees public hearing was in May. The new fees will take effective June 22, 2018.
10. The Parks Master Plan has been approved by the Board. Final copies are in the works. The Department will be providing each Commissioner a copy.
11. The Grayson Road Firing Range cleanup project is in the process of reviewing proposals. There will be a 30-day comment period coming up soon.
12. As Mr. West shared a brief historical timeline of Laird Park with the new Commissioner Kyle Fiflet, Ms. Mayhew stated that the Department's budget was approved with the necessary funds for staff to take over maintenance of the park beginning this July.
13. A question was raised about where the dog park is in the master plan and its priority. Project priority is dependent upon receiving funding. All projects are unfunded at this point. As funding is received, the Department prioritizes based on revenue generation and maintenance cost. The projects placed in the plan were based on community input. Each project will usually start up when funding becomes available and community partnerships develop. As Prop. 68 passes, the Department will be looking forward to assigning these potential fund toward the master plan projects. There are grant criteria for underserved population and areas. Lisa Velarde works on applying for grants and seeing them through.

D. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. PAL is getting ready for their annual community brunch event. Mr. West will provide more details about this at a later date. There are usually five organizations participating in this fundraising event.
2. A question was raised regarding the status of Mono Park. There has been no update on the sale of the Park since the last community meeting. Mr. Fiflet was present at the last community meeting and thought the meeting was filled with a number of people who were not happy. The CEO was present at the meeting. He was able to guide the discussion toward a compromise solution with community partnership, however, there has been no committed results as of yet. Mono Park is frequently used as a homeless camp. Maintenance has been a challenge for staff due to the sprinklers being covered up and the ongoing issues of loitering and safety.
3. The recently passed County budget allowed for \$250,000 to go toward the Awesome Spot. The Little Kids and Big Truck fundraising event is happening this Saturday. They will be at the Target parking lot near McHenry and Standiford in Modesto. Monster trucks were welcomed.

Ron West

Veronica Plaughter-Macias
Merry Mayhew
Kyle Fiflet

Chad Kennedy

E. 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 12, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**

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

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WOODWARD RESERVOIR

- Serenity Gathering Music Festival was held the last weekend of April and was a success. No concerns or issues with the event. There were 811 attendees and 491 production staff, artists and vendors. Revenue for the event to Parks totaled \$32,754.74.
- Seasonal staff have been hired for the summer season.

MODESTO RESERVOIR

- Modesto Reservoir staff are busy cleaning and maintaining its facilities. The summer season opened up and we have a steady flow of visitors during the week and heavy visitation on the weekends. Memorial weekend was busy all the reserved camping was sold out and no major incidents were reported. The marina project is completed. The new fuel pumps have been put into service and fuel sales have begun.
- Deputies arrested a person who was “caught fishing” iron rangers out of our self-pay station.
- The archery range has completed the grading of its shooting range and has weekly events scheduled this month.
- Staff maintains these facilities clean and continuously monitor the areas for vandalism and illegal garbage dumps.

Lagrange OHV:

- LaGrange hosted its first summer kick off Stuck Fest May 18-20 which brought a handful of off roaders to the park for the weekend including one clothing vendor.
- Kiwanis hosted the two events which brought 150-200 kids to the facility this month.

COMMUNITY PARKS & LAIRD PARK

Community Parks:

- Fairview Park –Due to vandalism, the restrooms have been locked and PAL and the community groups that use the park have been given keys to unlock and lock the restrooms during their use. Recently, even with the restroom locked, someone got in and shot the mirror and stall door and divider.
- Riverdale- Staff completed the cleaning up the shore at this fishing access and grading boat launch for a better access to the river. The lighting project has begun to restore the four pole lights.
- Oregon Park – Restrooms are being locked intermittently due to vandalism, including most recently having the interior stall walls completely broken out. In addition intentional plugging of toilets and other vandalism on the interior of the restroom.
- Fox Grove Park – An access gate at this location was damaged by a vehicle.
- United Community Park in Grayson - Someone started a fire on the playground set and melted a very large hole in the walking deck, damage has resulted in about \$1,700 worth of replacement parts. These parts are now on order and will be installed when they arrive.
- Sterling Ranch – Someone recently drove a vehicle into the park and knocked over all of the single concrete benches that had been epoxied to the concrete. We were not able to reinstall them the same day, so they were removed and brought back to the Parks shop. The benches and their mounting locations will be prepped and re-installed as priorities allow.
- Bonita Ranch Park – The project to repair and reseal of the basketball court at this location is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

PARKS ADMINISTRATION

- Recommended Fees - Public Hearing was held on May 22nd and fees are effective June 22, 2018.
- Master Plan – The Board approved the Master Plan on May 22, 2018 so we have a Final Parks Master Plan!
- Grayson Road Firing Range – Committee will be reviewing proposals that were received on June 11th.