



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA
Thursday, August 8, 2019 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 13, 2019 Meeting (There was no meeting in July)	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Stanislaus Building
2nd Floor Conference Room
Modesto, CA 95358**

Standing Reminders:

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

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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

June 13, 2019, 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 (via telephone)
 Chad Kennedy, AL
 Kyle Fliflet, AL

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Jami Aggers
 Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Veronica Plaughter-Macias, D5

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. An excused absence was received for Veronica Plaughter-Macias

ACTIONS

Zachary Keller

B. PARKS DEPARTMENT CHANGES

1. The Board of Supervisors will be considering at their meeting next week, as part of the proposed Budget Package, the recommendation that the Department of Parks and Recreation be made a separate, stand-alone Department, with its own Director and Deputy Director. Assuming that the Board approves that recommendation, Parks will be starting recruitment immediately for those two (2) positions. They are also recommending the addition of an Accountant and an Administrative Clerk III. Separate from that, all of the core Parks positions will transition over, with the exception of Mae Song. At this time, Mae's position is not proposed to transition over. Instead, a Confidential IV from Environmental Resources will transfer to the Parks Department.
2. The Department of Parks and Recreation will set up house in the Tuolumne Building, which is here on campus. You will have a new Secretary to the Parks Commission at some point and the new Director will decide who fills that role. There likely won't be any change for the July meeting; however, by August or most certainly, September the new Director will be selected. As soon as we get more information and things start to unfold, we will share that with you, and we will be here to help make this transition as smooth as possible.
3. Two (2) more positions are being asked to be included, in addition to the Director, Deputy Director, Accountant and Admin Clerk III, and those are for staff-level position at the Reservoirs, one for each Reservoir, to support the workload that comes with more events. Also, Heidi Hidalgo, the marketing coordinator, will be moving over to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Jami Aggers

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the March 14, 2019, meeting were approved upon motion and second. There were no meetings in April and May.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Kennedy, Sanchez, unanimous approval

E. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**REPORTER***Jami Aggers*

1. We had a really good turnout on Memorial Day at Woodward Reservoir. We were successful in getting two (2) different areas around Woodward, cut and bailed, at no cost to the County. This process helps to control fire danger. We tried to get a controlled burn out there, working with the fire agency, hoping that they could use some training. It was slow navigating that through SSJID, as they had concerns, so that ended up not happening. It is unknown whether or not this process will continue next year and with the same people/companies involved in 2019. Jami will follow up on this and report back to the Parks Commission.
2. The Serenity event that was held in late April at Woodward Reservoir was very successful again. That was the second time that the Serenity event was held here, and they are already talking about returning next year. The crowd of about 8,000 was the sum total over the three (3) days of the event, i.e., 2,700-2,800 a day. The revenue was around \$57,000.
3. At Modesto Reservoir, Amerine is out there, working on an upgrade to two (2) water systems, and just this week, we were able to augment that project a little more, due to small remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year. It will allow backup when one (1) well goes down, so it will be a really nice upgrade for that facility.
4. We were able to get the life jacket loaner project going at Modesto Reservoir. Historically, it has only been at Woodward Reservoir because it is operated by volunteers, and the Sheriff's Office did not have enough volunteers for programs at both sites. However, we were able to work it out and both programs are working well. The loaner program will go through the summer months. We purchased 30 jackets with our grant money; however, we might get more jackets with more grant money in the future. We sometimes get other agencies who get life jackets and want to come out. As a matter of fact, we have one at Woodward on Saturday. One of the hospitals, but that is going to be a give-away, not loan.
5. At LaGrange OHV Park, sometime ago, we had the entrance station plowed down by a driver of a car. It has been replaced with a nice, air conditioned entrance station. Also, we have had problems with people breaking into the iron ranger, so we have implemented a camera project out there. We are also trying a camera project at Fairview Park, which cameras just went up today. LaGrange also had another successful Stuckfest Event in mid-May.
6. The Empire pool had a great start this summer, as hundreds of kids a day have been showing up.
7. Approximately a year ago, at our Grayson site, we did a modest lot line adjustment out there for the City of Modesto so they could put in a new well. The City has come back to us, requesting another 15 feet, so we are working with them. In exchange for this lot line adjustment, we have asked for a nice light that will point into the Park, and the City will pay the bill. The City is also going to move irrigation controllers, at their own expense. If all of those items happen, we will probably make a recommendation to the Board to make this happen.
8. The Bonita pool, which is located in Crows Landing, is the subject of a Prop. 68 grant application. Of the four (4) applications we submitted, this was the only application that advanced to the next level. This week, we had the State site visit there, and it went beautifully. We had great participation from the local community and PAL was also there. We had two (2) of our Board members and a Modesto City Council member in attendance, together with members of the local Lyons Club. There was a meeting held, across the street at the school, prior to the site inspection. A local reporter was also in attendance. Over 200 applications were received for these grant funds, and about 10% made it to the second round. We should know by the end of July 2019, if we made it to round 3. Two (2) staff persons came down from the State Department of Natural Resources, the grant implementer. Bonita Pool was built in approximately 1955, and it needs a lot of

work. The split of DER and Parks should not affect the status of the grant application, as we will try to make this transition as seamless as possible.

9. Regarding Oregon Park, we began a project last year to help control the trash problem at this park, due to the food donations taking place there. We have ordered another dumpster again for this year.
10. Frank Raines OHV Park (the OHV section) is getting ready to close for the summer. The low bidder has been chosen for the fencing project at Frank Raines, and that project will begin soon. Further, we are in the final review for engineering plans for the water system expansion at Frank Raines, from Deer Creek Campground to the Day Use park.

F. COMMISSION GOALS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

None.

G. COMMISSION COMMENT(S)

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. During the last two (2) weeks, Commissioner Sanchez has been getting calls from different community members regarding renting Fairview Park. Those calls have been transferred to the Department of Parks and Recreation. After much misdirection, these customers now know that only the Department of Parks and Recreation can rent and take money for renting Fairview Park. Commissioner Sanchez sometimes opens the restrooms at Fairview Park, but only upon instructions from the Parks Department.
2. Laird Park has a sign referring persons to the Parks Department if they are looking to rent the Park. Fairview does not have a sign at their Park. We will look into this.
3. Commissioner Sanchez was working with Merry Mayhew, former Assistant Director, to install some lights at Fairview Park so that the soccer kids can practice at night. Commissioner Sanchez informed Merry where the lights were to go, and Merry was to inform Commissioner Sanchez about who would pay for the electricity and if we would need a grant for that expense. Further, Commissioner Sanchez was working with Lisa Velarde regarding possible grant funds for a splash fixture at Fairview Park. Jami Aggers will research this matter to find out the status of these lights and will get back to the Parks Commission as soon as possible.
4. Commissioner Keller heard and shared that the County is offering free bus transportation for the month of July 2019.

Joseph Sanchez

H. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS

None.

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, July 11, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**