



STANISLAUS COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION

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Edward Dobson, Chair

Tera Chumley, Director of Parks and Recreation

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MINUTES

May 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite D, Tuolumne Building
Conference Room
Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Edward Dobson, D3
Austin Grant, D4

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Tera Chumley, Director
Michelle Roberts, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Don Moyer, D1

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

ACTIONS:

Edward Dobson

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Edward Dobson made a motion to approve the minutes.
Austin Grant seconded the motion.

ACTIONS:

Edward Dobson
Austin Grant

APPROVAL OF 2024 PARKS COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR:

Edward Dobson made a motion to approve the 2024 bi-monthly calendar.
Austin Grant seconded the motion.

ACTIONS:

Edward Dobson
Austin Grant

ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM 700

Austin Grant will complete his form.

ACTIONS:

Edward Dobson

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

The Director reviewed Parks Highlights as attached.

ACTIONS & REPORTER:

Tera Chumley

TITLE 18 – PARKS AND RECREATION CODE AND REGULATION UPDATE:

Title 18 Ordinance Amendment

ACTIONS & REPORTER:

Tera Chumley

Spoke to the Clerk of the Board and County Council about updating the title as it has not been updated since 1983. Met with the Sheriff's office to get input. Anticipating significant work to the revision and update. When a draft is ready, it will be brought forward to a future meeting for consideration. The Clerk of the Board and County Council recommended constructing a new ordinance as opposed to amending the current one. This would produce a cleaner document. The Title 18 link will be provided to the commissioners via email. Please communicate specific suggestions for review.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ACTIONS & REPORTER:

Park Citations - It was suggested that citations be tracked. Only the Sheriff's staff can issue citations, they are not tracked by Parks & Recreation Department. The Sheriff primarily patrols the waterways and enforces boating rules and regulations.

Park Vendor Ordinance – Park Vendor is addressed in the County Ordinance. Parks are zoned Agriculture and per the Planning Department, cannot have vendors on Ag Land. Although if able to acquire a special event permit, as Parks and Rec can have up to eight a year, to allow food vendors. There is a process and fees related to a Parks event. Some events in place are the Egg Hunt or Fireworks Show to name a couple.

Basketball Tournament – Parks has only one person who does marketing, events and recreation. PAL is the partner that organizes community recreation such as youth soccer, programing at community centers, and RecVan programming.

Movie in the Park – These types of events take staffing and resources. Groups that want to organize a Movie in the Park can reach out to the Parks Department to assist with preparation such as making sure the grass is mowed, getting access to the bathrooms, or other types of coordination. The Parks Department does not have the staff or equipment but can provide some support.

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:

There will be no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Michelle Roberts, Parks Commission Secretary (209) 525-6839

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS As of April 2024

FAIRVIEW PARK (District 5)

- Planning and Community volunteer event for LOVE Modesto on April 27th. Volunteers will replace BBQs, trash cans, paint picnic tables, light pole bases and parts of shade structure, and perform graffiti removal. The Parks Department will provide the materials and supplies.
- The Parks Department hired a contractor to raise the frame of the shade structure over the playground. The shade cover has also been replaced.



RIVERDALE PARK AND FISHING ACCESS (District 3)

- The gate that provides access to the shoreline was repaired. This gate has been damaged numerous times by transients living along the river behind the old transfer station adjacent to the park.

MONO PARK (District 4)

- New concrete table pads were poured with new trashcans and pedestal BBQs mounted at the end of the pad.
- New concrete tables have been placed on the pads.



OREGON PARK (District 4)

- Parks staff are working with HSA, PAL, and the community to help support the community garden at this location.
- They have also helped to establish a walking path that incorporates both Oregon Park and Tuolumne River Trail system.

BROADWAY/SALIDA PARK MEDIAN (District 3)

- A light pole on the Broadway median was hit by a car. The Parks Department is working with the Public Works Department to get this pole repaired/replaced.

LAIRD PARK (District 5)

- During the winter storms last year, the San Joaquin River rose enough to enter Laird Park. The entire west end of the park was under water and impeding access to the west shade shelter, restrooms, and playground. Since the water has receded, the Parks Department has repainted and opened the restroom, cleaned all the sediment off the shade shelter area and playground, and made numerous irrigation repairs. We continue to work with our insurance company and FEMA on debris removal and fencing repairs.

FOX GROVE PARK (District 2)

- During the winter storms last year, the Tuolumne River rose where the water is at the very top of the boat ramp and almost spilled into the parking lot. Since the water level has receded, along with the department the insurance company and FEMA are working on the erosion at the end of the boat ramp.

- Turlock Scavenger backed into one of the light poles, snapping it off at ground level. There is a contractor working to replace it. Work to repair/replace all the lights at this location is currently underway.
- The Well that serves this location failed in March. The pump and motor were replaced.

LEROY FITZSIMMONS MEMORIAL PARK (District 5)

- The Parks Department is working on a grant-funded project to replace the playground.
- The sidewalk in front of the park has been completed for ADA access.

BONITA PARK AND POOL (District 5)

- The tree trimming and removal work at this location has been completed.
- The Parks Department is working on a grant-funded project to replace the pool at this location.

LAS PALMAS FISHING ACCESS (District 5)

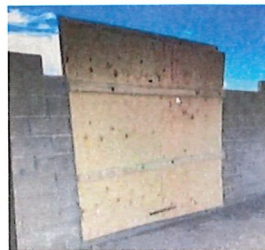
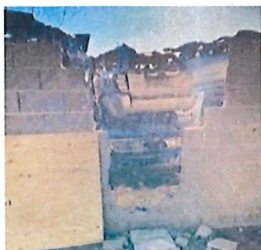
- The San Joaquin River rose to a point the entire parking lot was under water. Since the water level has fallen, the Parks Department has removed all the sediment from the parking and picnic areas. Along with the department, the insurance company and FEMA are working on potential riverbank erosion and erosion under the boat ramp that has started.

REGIONAL WATER SAFETY CENTER IN EMPIRE (District 5)

- The Parks Department is working with the Police Activities League to move forward with reopening the pool in May. There is an upcoming inspection with the Department of Environmental Resources to obtain the annual operations permit.

CSA 10 IN SALIDA (District 3)

- **Segesta Park**
 - The tot play system at this location has had several repairs made over the last several months. Now catching up on deferred maintenance items.
 - There has been vandalism experienced in the restrooms at this location which has caused the restrooms, especially the men's side, to be closed for repairs.
 - The Police Activities League has started their spring youth soccer league. This is a well-attended program with kids from all over the area.
- **Murphy's Park**
 - Due to vandalism, several slides at this location have been replaced.
- **Wincanton Park**
 - There has been vandalism to the sound wall that separates the park from the railroad tracks behind it. This vandalism appears to be the result of people breaking the wall to access the fast-food places or short cut their walk to areas behind the park. All repairs to this wall were completed in April.
- **Countrystone Park**
 - There has been vandalism to the sound wall that separates the park from the salvage yard behind it. This vandalism appears to be the result of people breaking the wall to access the salvage yard. All repairs to this wall were completed in April.



- **Streetscapes –**
 - A companywide volunteer project on April 26th replanted the streetscape areas along Murphy Rd.

FRANK RAINES PARK/CAMPGROUND (District 5)

- **Deercreek Campground and OHV Park**
 - Due to the damage sustained from the storm and flooding events in Spring 2023, the Water Treatment Plant is still offline pending repairs.

WOODWARD RESERVOIR (District 1)

- Tree trimming in Fischer and Charlie Point is complete.
- Charlies, Fischer's, and Mountain View Camping areas are now reservable online.
- Waterfowl season ended without major incidents.
- Woodward hosted the first Spartan race which brought about 6,500 participants.
- Access road to Picnic Point will be paved May 10-17.
- Staff added new picnic tables and firepits throughout the park.
- SSJID lifted the body to water contact restriction on April 19, 2024.
- Drowning reported April 21, 2024.
- The feral cat population continues to be a nuisance. The Department has partnered with Cat Network of Stanislaus to catch and release feral cats. The cats are spayed/neutered and vaccinated before they are released back to the reservoir. This effort is meant to decrease future population.

MODESTO RESERVOIR (District 1)

- A and C-loop camping area received all new concrete tables and firepits.
- Vivian Pines/Vivian Cove can be reserved online.
- Two lift station pumps were replaced at Sewer lift Station 2.
- Waterfowl season ended with no major issues reported.
- Modesto Reservoir hosted our 8th annual Egg Hunt, which was well attended.
- Yahi Hosted their annual Spring Fling which was well attended.

KIWANIS YOUTH CAMP (District 2)

- The Youth Camp is closed due to a fire clean-up. It is estimated to open mid to late May 2024.
- The roof over the picnic area was stolen.



LA GRANGE OHV (District 2)

- The County secured two grants for LaGrange OHV Park.
 - One is an operations grant which funds ongoing maintenance of trails and general maintenance of the park.
 - The second grant is a phase two development grant that will install electrical hook ups on 15 sites at the park.
- The park will close off the main pond as part of a state required Habitat Management Plan which will protect potential aquatic species in these seasonal pools.

LA GRANGE PARK (District 2)

- ViaVista began a ground penetrating radar survey on April 22, 2024, to identify lost or unmarked graves at Roberts Ferry Cemetery. The contractor will deliver an updated plot map by the end of June 2024.

ADMINISTRATION

- Board of Supervisors approved a new fee schedule effective December 28, 2023.
- The CC/CP currently has 2 FT vacancies.
- Continue to recruit seasonal staff for both reservoirs.
- The department is reviewing and drafting an amended Title 18 ordinance. The Sheriff's department is assisting with the review and amendment.