



MINUTES

September 12, 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, At Large

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Tera Chumley, Director
Michelle Roberts, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Jackson, D2

GUESTS PRESENT:

Deanna Leamon

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

ACTIONS:

Edward Dobson

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 9, 2024, MEETING:

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

ACTIONS:

Austin Grant
Edward Dobson

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE:

Introduced DeAnna Leamon pending Board of Supervisor approval for District 4
The Director reviewed Parks and Recreation Update as attached.

ACTIONS & REPORTER:

Tera Chumley

TITLE 18 – PARKS AND RECREATION CODE AND REGULATION UPDATE: ACTIONS & REPORTER:

Title 18 Ordinance Amendment

Tera Chumley

Parks staff continues to draft an amended Title 18 and will present to the Commission for input and feedback. Staff are adding general recreation area regulations modeling the City of Modesto’s ordinance, addressing camping and reservoir issues such as cancellations and time period for removal from park, and areas of the Sheriff’s staff concerns regarding boating and OHV. A special meeting is proposed to focus on the amended Title 18.

APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 24, 2024, AT 5PM: ACTIONS & REPORTER:

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

Edward Dobson
Austin Grant

PARKS MASTER PLAN 2018 OVERVIEW**ACTIONS & REPORTER:**

Parks Master Plan

Tera Chumley

The last Master Plan was completed in 2018 which is based on the community's primary goals for their local parks. The Master Plan is approved by the Board of Supervisors and is available on the website to review. The previous plan was adopted in 1999. Master Plans are typically good for 10-20 years. In 2017, the County hired consultants that conducted five public meetings and public surveys to gather public input to shape the Marter Plan update. Overall people liked water and swimming access; walking, hiking, and biking trails; and barbeque and picnic areas. The major dislikes were lack of cleanliness and maintenance; homelessness and crime; and lack of restrooms in parks. The Plan includes recommendations for several County Parks in Chapter 7. Achieving the recommendations in the current Master Plan will lead to progress in future Master Plans. Recommendations in the Master Plan helps guide how funds are spent.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:**ACTIONS & REPORTER:**

Commissioner Grant discussed the opportunity for the County to take over Monterey Tract Park Community Center. More information is needed to evaluate.

Commissioner Grant discussed the desire to add a community center at Laird Park. Director Chumley shared that the Grayson Community Center is located nearby. The current Master Plan includes expanding the parking lot at Laird Park, which would be needed to address adding amenities that would increase visitation at this park.

The Commissioners discussed establishing Friends of the Parks as an opportunity to receive donations from the community to support their ideas for their parks. An initial step to establishing a Friends of the Parks group would be to explore models of other organizations that have achieved this type of 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 a Special Meeting held on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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