

## TUOLUMNE RIVER REGIONAL PARK COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – 12:00 p.m.

Tenth Street Place, Room 2005  
1010 Tenth Street, Modesto, California

### MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order at 12:02 pm by Chair Kenoyer  
Commissioners attending: Chair Jenny Kenoyer, Dick Monteith, Kristi Ah You  
Commissioners absent: Brett Durossette, Kristen Olsen  
Staff attending: Nathan Houx, Joanne Azevedo, Mike Brinton, Jami Aggers  
Guests attending: Rylee Silva, Edgar Garibay, Thein Nguyen, Doug Ridenour
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 14, 2018 – Motion to accept minutes as recorded by Dick Monteith, seconded by Kristi Ah You, motion passed.**
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
- IV. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. TRRP Gateway Ph. 2 Update – Staff reported that contractor has been hampered due to recent rain events. Bridge has been placed, pathways are started to be secured. The pathways still need to be placed up the hill. Staff expects construction to be completed early summer. Discussion was held about holding a ribbon cutting/grand opening ceremony to build on the success of the Gateway improvements. Possibly could combine this with a celebration to acknowledge the removal of the Dennett Dam. Suggestions for having local outdoor companies sponsor the event were given. A committee to facilitate and plan the event will be formed when a date can be determined. Commissioner Ah You would like to be involved in the planning of the event.
  - B. Dennett Dam Update – Staff reported that there were several 'good' bids received in response to the RFP to remove the Dennett Dam. The low bid was just under \$1 million. Staff is working on a funding agreement with Tuolumne River Trust to move funding that they obtained for the project. Staff expects to bring the Award of the bid and funding agreement to Safety and Communities Committee in May. Staff is in talks with Turlock Irrigation District to determine when river flows are anticipated to be reduced to facilitate the removal this summer. The project is expected to take 2 to 2 ½ months to complete. Construction will need to be complete prior to the middle of September.
  - C. Tree Trimming at Airport Update – Staff reported that Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the tree trimming have been completed. Due to environmental nesting issues, work will resume in the fall when all nesting season has completed. Phase 3 will begin in the fall.
  - D. Grant Awards Updates – Staff advised that the acceptance of the Grant for the River Overlook will be brought to Council soon. Staff has also applied for a Grant through State Parks for Outdoor Education and should hear back on that Grant soon. The State did do a site visit, so that is encouraging. Commissioner Kenoyer

asked about the timing of applying for the Boating and Waterways Grant for the Legion Area. Staff is in contact with them, to insure that we do not miss the window to apply for that Grant.

- E. RecFest 2018 Update – Staff distributed the packet of pictures/quotes from the RecFest. Staff and Commissioners who attended reported great feedback on their experience. Commissioner Kenoyer suggested moving tables from the field closer to the front to draw attention to their presence. Edgar said that they had done that after noticing that people did not realize there were additional vendors/exhibitors. Fire Department took drone footage of the event which is currently with Beyer High School for editing into a 5 minute view of the park which will be made available for Staff to use for educational tool. Edgar said they would like to do the event again in the fall and make it a twice a year event. Everyone felt it was well attended, especially since South Morton Blvd was closed and the weather was iffy. The weather held off until the event was over. Organizers would like to have more exhibitors, raffle prizes and advertising. Suggestion was made to contact local outdoor businesses such as Crescent Supply and bike shops for sponsorship and promotion at the event. Possibly hold sometime between September and mid-November. Possibly could coordinate the fall RecFest with the ribbon cutting for the Phase 2 construction and the removal of the Dam celebration.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS – Action Items

- A. Kids Day in the Park – May 19 – Thien Nguyen from the City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department advised the Commission that National Park Trust had contacted the City of Modesto about hosting a “Kids Day in the Parks” event. The event is a National Event to bring families and children out to parks across the country and is held on the third Saturday of May. The date this year is May 19<sup>th</sup>. Staff would like to host the event at TRRP B picnic area near the playground and offer arts/crafts, outdoor activities, encourage bringing picnic lunches to have in the picnic area. Possible crafts include tracing leaves and discussing how they receive their nutrients through the veins in the leaves, and also have a scavenger hunt, bike and walking trails and other family focused events. An artist has expressed interest in leading some art activities. The reason they asked to be included on the agenda was to ask the commissioners to waive the rental fee of \$82 per section for the four sections for the event. **Motion to waive the event fees of \$328 to rent TRRP B picnic area was made by Kristi Ah You, seconded by Dick Monteith. Motion Passed.**
- B. 2018/19 Budget Discussion – Staff brought revised 2018/19 Budget to the Commissioners to approve the revised proposed budget. The major change was to remove the Ceres Contribution, due to Ceres again stating that Council would not include their contribution in this year’s budget. Due to Ceres inability to pay, some minor changes in line items were made to compensate for that lack of revenue. County and City of Modesto have submitted their budgets with the 2% increase in their contributions. A discussion was held regarding the other sources of revenue for TRRP which mainly consist of the rental of the Mancini ball fields and rental of American Legion Hall. Commissioners questioned the amount for the rental of Legion Hall and whether it was still being rented due to the lack of kitchen facilities. Staff advised that the kitchen is locked and renters are aware there is no kitchen at this time. The rental rate for the hall is \$1210 with a \$630 deposit. Discussion was also held about the possibility of adding the small hall to the rental inventory. Staff

advised that work would need to be done to get the small hall that the Legionnaires were using into a rentable condition. **Motion to accept the revised proposed budget and increased contribution amounts made by Dick Monteith, seconded by Kristi Ah You. Motion passed.**

**VII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A.** Tuolumne River Trust Report – Edgar Garibay from Tuolumne River Trust reported that they were pleased with the first RecFest and hope to build on the momentum as described during the RecFest discussion above. Also expect as a result of RecFest to encourage additional volunteering for Adopt-a-river and 9-2-99 Clean ups. TRT is assisting City Staff with the planning of Kids Day in the Park and continuing with recruiting for Adopt-a-river Clean-ups. Plan additional clean ups in the Legion Area prior to Kids Day, May 19th. A clean up was held by HYLIC to clean that area last month.
- B.** 9-2-99 Clean-ups – No representative was available for report, but Edgar believes their next clean up is this coming weekend.

**VIII. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA - None**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT – Nest meeting 6/13 - Meeting adjourned at 12:37 pm by Chair Kenoyer.**