

AGENDA

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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Commissioners: Ryan Abler, District I;
William Chapman, District II;
Carol Lair, District III;
Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and
Ucedrah Osby, District V

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Salute to the Flag

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

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 - i. Public Comments and Requests

CONSENT AGENDA

2. All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by staff. Consent items will be considered first and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Commission or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence.
 - i. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on May 17, 2023; **APPROVE**
 - ii. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – This portion of the meeting is reserved for General Services staff to provide a report regarding new and ongoing projects, programs, and plans relating to Kern County Parks; **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointed by the Commission for the purpose of supporting, identifying priorities and projects regarding the Parks Master Plan update to provide a report; **INFORMATIONAL**
6. This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointed by the Commission for the purpose of the establishment and naming of trails to provide a report; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Referral from Commissioner Chapman on the development of a Kern County Adopt-A-Park program – **DISCUSS**
8. Referral from Commissioner Abler requesting information from Property Management regarding property at an undisclosed location on Frontage Road for the possibility of future use as a park - **DISCUSS**
9. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET JULY MEETING LOCATION**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. On their own initiative, Commission members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. Commissioners may request that an item be agendaized at a future meeting, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request that staff report back to the Commission at a later meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

11. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for July 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted at the County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Bakersfield, CA 93301, unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or cancelled by the Commission.

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MINUTES

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
8000 River Road
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Kern River Parkway Nature Center**

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

6:30 p.m.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Commission President Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; William Chapman, District II; and Carol Lair, District III

Absent: Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Staff: Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer; Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager; Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; and Shane Denton, Park Ranger Manager

Others: There were eight (8) others present

Note: Ab, Ch, La, Ce, and Os are abbreviations for Commissioners Abler, Chapman, Lair, Cervantes, and Osby. As an example, Ab-La denotes Commissioner Abler made a motion and Commissioner Lair seconded the motion.

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RYAN ALSOP, KERN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON FLOODING POSSIBILITIES WITHIN KERN COUNTY; DATA BEING PROVIDED MONTHLY; PLANNED RELEASED OUTFLOWS FROM THE DAM TO BE MONITORED BY CORE OF ENGINEERS; INFORMATION ON POTENTIAL FLOODING WITH DAILY UPDATES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE KERN COUNTY WEBSITE; AND THE KERN RIVER EXCEPTIONALLY DANGEROUS THIS YEAR.

MARGIE BELL, HART PARK WORKING GROUP, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST AN UPDATE REGARDING THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER AND ENCOURAGED VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT.

RAEYONA ROSS, KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION NATURE CENTER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES HELD AND BEING PLANNED AT THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER, INCLUDING AN EARTH DAY EVENT, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, A SCIENCE CAMP, AND DEVELOPING CURRICULUM; SHAREABLE CALENDAR AND WEBSITE ARE BEING DEVELOPED; RANGERS TO PROVIDE SAFETY LITURATURE TO THE NATURE CENTER.

EDDY LAINE, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER, PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED.

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on April 19, 2023. AB-CH TO APPROVE THE APRIL 19, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: AB-CH TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 3, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING PARK IMPROVEMENTS; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 7, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR APRIL 2023; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 7, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REQUEST FOR MAP OR LOCATION OF NEW OHV PARK; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 11, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING FLOODING RISKS TO KERN COUNTY PARKS. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Update

- I. GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON KERN COUNTY PARKS; PLANNED FOLIAGE MITIGATION TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE AUDUBON SOCIETY; LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT BUENA VISTA; BELLE TERRACE PARK PROJECT KICK OFF MEETING HELD; AND CONTINUOUS FLOOD MONITORING BEING DONE,
- II. CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING VARIOUS MEASURES BEING TAKE TO MITIGATE POTENTIAL FLOODING; DEBRIS CLEARED AT BUENA VISTA; VICKY ARROYO PARK TO BE OPEN SOON; AND PLANS FOR FULLER ACRES AND LA COLONIA PARKS MOVING FORWARD.

4. Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. SHANE DENTON, PARK RANGER MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON RANGER ACTIVITY OVER THE LAST 30 DAYS INCLUDING DRUG SEIZURES, 513 CITATIONS ISSUED, 54 FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 16 VEHICLE IMPOUNDS AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF RIVER SAFETY LITURATURE; AND TWO RANGERS DEDICATED TO HOMELESS ENFORCMENT TEAM OUTREACH WITH SERVICES BEING OFFERED

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. COMMISSIONER LAIR PROVIDED AN UPDATE FOR THE PARKS MASTER PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE VIA EMAIL WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED UNDER CORRESPONDENCE.
6. COMMISSIONER ABLER AND GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, PROVIDED AN UPDATE REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS, COORDINATION WITH ALLTRAILS FOR USE OF ONLINE TRAIL QR CODES ON A PLATFORM FOR PUBLIC USE WITH CONTROL OF INFORMATION TO ENSURE ACCURACY.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Referral from commissioner chapman to add electrical signage to the entrance of hart park to warn visitors to stay out of the kern river due to extremely dangerous conditions; CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO CONFIRM THAT HE IS LOOKING INTO VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES, RESOURCES AND FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR COUNTY USE.
8. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION TO HOLD THE JUNE MEETING AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE, 1ST FLOOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301.

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 - I. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A KERN COUNTY ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM.
 - II. COMMISSION ABLER REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REGARDING PROPERTY AT AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION ON FRONTAGE ROAD FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE USE AS A PARK.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 8:00 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for June 21, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., at the Kern County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Bakersfield, CA 93301.



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EMERGENCY
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ACCESS
POINT



MAY 13, 2023



MAY 13, 2023

From: [Carl Brewer](#)
To: [Yvette Zaragoza](#)
Subject: Fwd: Master Plan Sub Committee update
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 8:02:41 PM

Carl Brewer
Parks and Facilities Operations
661-868-3009 office
661-342-8339 cell

From: Carol Lair <carollair@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 12:36:08 PM
To: Geoffrey Hill <hillg@kerncounty.com>; Carl Brewer <brewerc@kerncounty.com>; Matthew Howard <howardma@kerncounty.com>
Subject: Master Plan Sub Committee update

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KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S AD HOC PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN SUB COMMITTEE

A zoom meeting was held 5-11-23 which included Commissioners Osby, Lair, Eddy Laine, and Dr Rosanna Esparza.

Discussion included:

1. The sub committee was formed because the current plan was developed in 2010 and is outdated given the demographic and numerous changes in Kern County parks. There were also concerns about the condition of certain parks in District 5.
2. We have tentative plans with CSUB to have students perform a survey of similar counties to determine: a. Whether those counties have updated their plans since 2010 and the costs of such updates and b. The administrative structures and staffing of park programs in those counties. Also were they stand alone departments or integrated within other departments?
3. Possible community opportunities to engage in the work of the subcommittee—special meetings or forums in person or by zoom.
4. Possible interactions with and support from other agencies (private

and non-profit) in the work of the Sub Committee. Dr Esparza specifically noted the work of Community Action Programs such as the community Action Partnership of Kern.

5. Looking ahead, Commissioner Osby indicated that staff support would soon be available to help develop a power point presentation reflecting the goals of the Sub Committee with examples from Kern County parks of areas of concern which need to be addressed.

Notes by Eddy Laine and Carol Lair

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Geoffrey Hill](#); [Carl Brewer](#); [Matthew Howard](#); [Jeff Flores](#); [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: Re: RIVER SAFETY
Date: Friday, May 26, 2023 10:59:35 AM

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Just came from the park and saw the orange fencing. Excellent job!! Thank you!!

On another note, the landscaping at the west entrance is blooming and thriving. It looks good.

Thank you again.

Carol Lair
Commissioner

On Friday, May 26, 2023 at 08:59:59 AM PDT, Carol Lair <carollair@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good morning--

I am very concerned about the areas along the river in Hart Park where the river bank collapsed earlier this year, especially the area at River Road and Bison Road. And I know you are concerned also.

On Wednesday I saw two toddlers about 3-4 years old walking/running along the river inside the caution tape. I stopped and located the mother and explained to her how very dangerous the river was this year and how severely unstable the bank of the river was because of the high water--what looks like solid ground isn't. I urged

her to keep her eyes on her children and keep them with her at all times. By now the kids were about 300 feet away along the bank. Unfortunately she didn't seem all that worried.

I don't have much sympathy for stupid adults when it comes to the river but I am very worried about wobbly toddlers getting too close to that unstable ground.

Memorial weekend will be very busy with lots of kids. I don't know the best way to try and keep little ones safe but are additional steps that could be taken to increase safety?

Carol Lair
Commissioner

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Date: Sunday, June 11, 2023 9:54:16 AM

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Subject should be: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR MAY 2023

Carol Lair

On Friday, June 9, 2023 at 07:08:28 PM PDT, Carol Lair <carollair@yahoo.com> wrote:

5-2-23 An orange/white cat picked up and taken to KCAS.

5-2-23 A brindle/white dog abandoned. Unknown what happened to it.

5-3-23 A 7 week old gray/white kitten picked up by a park visitor.

5-6-23 A white terrier mix dog was lost at the park. Unknown what happened to it.

5-8-23 A pregnant orange/white cat picked up and taken to KCAS.

5-9-23 A gray tabby/white cat was ill and we were unable to trap it. After it went missing for several weeks it is presumed to be dead.

5-15-23 A Siamese mix cat was picked up and taken to KCAS.

5-19-23 A white dog with a blue collar was abandoned and reported to KCAS.

5-21-23 Two bunnies were abandoned. After several efforts we were able to trap both bunnies and park visitors adopted one and the other was taken to KCAS.

5-23-23 A light brown chihuahua was lost at the park and later reunited with its family.

5-23-23 Four 5 week old kittens abandoned we were able to catch one and it was taken to KCAS. One day later the second one was caught and is in foster care. The other two we tried repeatedly to catch but were unable to get them. Then for several days we didn't see or hear them and, as there were 5 raccoons and a pair of skunks in the area where they were, they are presumed dead.

5-26-23 Two dogs abandoned--a German Shepard and a lab mix and they were rescued by a park visitor.

5-29-23 Three 6 week old kittens were rescued and taken to KCAS. One kitten had injuries to its back legs. We picked up the kitten and a subsequent vet exam show serious problems with both legs and one would need amputation. Decision was made to euthanize.

6 Cats taken to KCAS
3 Cats died at the park
1 Cat euthanized
1 Cat in foster care
1 Cat picked up by park visitor

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 12

TOTAL DOGS ABANDONED AT THE PARK: 5

TOTAL BUNNIES ABANDONED AT THE PARK: 2

Carol Lair



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