

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
6:30 p.m.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Commission President Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

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

Absent: Ucedrah Osby IV

Staff: Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager; and Shane Denton, Park Ranger Manager

Others: There were six (6) 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: LEAD BY COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. No response is required from the Commission or staff, and no action can be taken on items not on the agenda; however, Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. Commissioners may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting.

BILL COOPER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION TO INTRODUCE THE NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR RAEYANA ROSS.

RAEYANA ROSS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INTRODUCE HERSELF AS THE NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER AND SPEAK ON UPCOMING EVENTS.

KATHLEEN ARNOLD-CHAMBERS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE LETTER TO THE EDITOR IN THE APRIL 19, 2023, BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN TITLED "PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T GET IN THE RIVER" SUBMITTED BY COMMISSIONER CAROL LAIR.

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 March 15, 2023. Ch-Ab TO APPROVE THE MARCH 15, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Ch-Ab TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 17, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING RESTROOMS ON BISON ROAD-HART PARK; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED APRIL 12, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR MARCH 2023. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Update
 - I. CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TWO NEW POCKET PARKS AT LA COLONIA AND FULLER ACRES; CASA LOMA LIGHTING PROJECT IS COMPLETE; POWER RESTORED AT VIRGINIA PARK, CAGES PLACED AROUND ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS AND PORTABLE RESTROOMS INSTALLED; ROSAMOND POOL CONSTRUCTION NEAR COMPLETION.
4. Park Ranger – Status Update
 - I. SHANE DENTON, PARK RANGER MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON A SPECIAL OPERATION CONDUCTED AT PANORAMA PARK DURING WHICH THERE WERE 3 ARRESTS, 35 CITATIONS AND 2 VEHICLE IMPOUNDS; UPCOMING SPECIAL OPERATIONS PLANNED FOR PANORAMA PARK AND LAKE WOOLLOMES.

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. NO REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. CONTINUED TO A FUTURE MEETING
6. COMMISSIONER ABLER PROVIDED AN UPDATE REGARDING NAMING TRAILS ON A COUNTY APPROVED SITE WITH QR CODE TECHNOLOGY FOR USE WITH A SCANNER FOR INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS ON LEGITIMATE TRAILS.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Referral from Commissioner Lair to hold the May Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at the Nature Center; THE COMMISSION AGREED TO HOLD THE MAY MEETING AT THE NATURE CENTER.
8. Referral from Commissioner Chapman to tour parks in District II in May; CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO STATE THAT A PLAN IS IN PLACE TO ORGANIZE THE TOURING OF DISTRICT PARKS WITH EACH COMMISSIONER DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, AS SCHEDULES ALLOW.
9. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE MAY MEETING AT THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER, LOCATED AT 8000 RIVER ROAD, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308.

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.
 - I. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN RECOMMENDED PLACING ELECTRICAL SIGNAGE AT THE ENTRANCE OF HART PARK TO WARN VISITORS TO STAY OUT OF THE KERN RIVER DUE TO EXTREMELY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS
 - II.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:07 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for May 17, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., at the Kern River Parkway Nature Center – 8000 River Road, Bakersfield, CA 93308.