

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, July 19, 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 June 21, 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 Osby requesting an update on the Barbeque grills and water fountain replacements at District 5 parks – **DISCUSS**
8. Referral from Commissioner Osby requesting an update on the conceptual plans for the new pocket park at Fuller Acres – **DISCUSS**

9. Referral from Commissioner Osby requesting an update on the conceptual plans for the new pocket park at La Colonia - **DISCUSS**
10. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET AUGUST MEETING LOCATION**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. 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

12. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for August 16, 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
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, June 21, 2023
6:30 P.M.*

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Commission Chairman Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer; Matt Howard, General Services 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

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KATHLEEN ARNOLD-CHAMBERS, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE VOLUNTEER DOCENT PROGRAM AT THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER

RAEYONA ROSS, KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER DIRECTOR, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES BEING HELD AT THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER

EDDY LAINE, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING AN OBSERVED AND REPORTED WATER PUMP VALVE LEAK, WATER USE BY THE KERN RIVER GOLF COURSE, SECURITY OF COUNTY PARKS, HABITAT PROTECTION, AND THE PROPOSED OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARK

JOHN KNOX, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARK

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on May 17, 2023. Ch-Ab TO APPROVE THE MAY 17, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. **4 Ayes; 1 Absent - Cervantes**
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 17, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING MASTER PLAN SUB COMMITTEE UPDATE; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 26, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING RIVER SAFETY; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JUNE 11, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR MAY 2023. MOTION CARRIED. **4 Ayes; 1 Absent - Cervantes**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Update
 - I. OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARK FUNDS - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARK FUNDS APPROVAL AND TO DISCUSS STEPS FOR APPROVAL OF FUTURE OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARK LAND
 - II. KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT DISTRICT 3 HAS APPROVED FUNDS TOWARD KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER OPERATIONS

- III. FLOOD PREPARATION - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES REGARDING FLOOD PREPARATION AND MITIGATION. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER WAS ACTIVATED. WATER FLOW IS CONTINUING TO BE MONITORED; SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE HAS BEEN SUSTAINED AT LAKE ISABELLA PARK AND RIVERSIDE PARK, CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED FOR SAFETY REPAIRS AND THE COUNTY WILL BE SEEKING FEMA FUNDS FOR THE REBUILD
- IV. LIGHTENING IN A BOTTLE FESTIVAL (LIB) - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE LIB EVENT THAT WAS HELD AT BUENA VISTA; FESTIVAL WAS HELD SUCCESSFULLY WITH ADDITIONAL PREPARATIONS IN PLACE; NO SERIOUS INJURIES REPORTED
- V. NATIONAL JET BOAT ASSOCIATION EVENT (NJBA) - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT NJBA LEFT PERMANENT PAINT MARKINGS WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CLEANED; MOVING FORWARD, NJBA HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO USE CHALK PAINT AND CONES FOR FUTURE EVENTS
- VI. ROSEMOND POOL AT JIM WILLIFORD PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT AFTER EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS, AN OPENING DATE IS ANTICIPATED FOR MID JULY
- VII. VICKY RAJO PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT RENOVATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND GATES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023; DISTRICT V TO HOLD A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON A FUTURE DATE
- VIII. FULLER ACRES POCKET PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT LAND HAS BEEN ACQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POCKET PARK; COMMUNITY MEETINGS BEING HELD TO REVIEW PLANS
- IX. LA COLONIA POCKET PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT LAND IS CURRENTLY BEING SOUGHT; COMMUNITY MEETINGS BEING HELD

- X. CAMP OKIHI - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS CONCERNS BROUGHT FORTH BY THE KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE ACCESS TO CAMP OKIHI; MANAGEMENT AND SIGNIFICANT REPAIR PLAN, INCLUDING THE WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROAD IN AND OUT OF CAMP OKIHI, IS IN PLACE
- XI. KERN RIVER RIPARIAN PRESERVE PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT SIGNAGE HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT ALL ACCESS POINTS; ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE IS PLANNED
- XII. BELLE TERRACE PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE PREPARATION PHASE IS NOW COMPLETE AND CONSTRUCTION IS SET TO BEGIN MID JULY
- XIII. KERN COUNTY ADOPT A PARK PROGRAM - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE PROGRAM IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION TO LAUNCH

4. Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. COMMENDATION OF OFFICER JASON MATHIS - SHANE DENTON, PARK RANGER MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT A LETTER OF COMMENDATION HAS BEEN AWARDED TO OFFICER JASON MATHIS, WHO RESPONDED WITH BRAVERY TO A CALL OF OFFICER DOWN WHO WAS RUN OVER BY A SUSPECT VEHICLE; SUSPECTS WERE APPREHENDED AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY
- II. FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND - SHANE DENTON, PARK RANGER MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION STATISTICS REGARDING ACTIVITIES WHICH TOOK PLACE AT MULTIPLE PARKS OVER FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND, INCLUDING CITATIONS, ARRESTS AND VEHICLE IMPOUNDS
- III. LIGHTENING IN A BOTTLE FESTIVAL (LIB) - SHANE DENTON, PARK RANGER MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RANGERS CONDUCTED AT LIB
- IV. OFF ROAD RAZOR VEHICLE - SHANE DENTON, PARK RANGER MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE OFF-ROAD RAZOR VEHICLE, WHICH WAS GENEROUSLY DONATED BY CHAD HATHAWAY, HAS BEEN FULLY UPFITTED AND IS NOW READY FOR USE AT HART PARK BEGINNING ON JUNE 24, 2023; PHOTOGRAPHS TO BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE - RYAN ABLER, COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER PROVIDED AN UPDATE REGARDING A COORDINATION WITH ALL TRAILS, A TRAIL APPLICATION; COUNTY WILL HAVE INPUT ON THE NAMING OF TRAILS AND VERIFICATION AND INFLUENCE OF INFORMATION ON CONTENT LISTED IN REGARDS TO TRAILS LOCATED ON COUNTY LAND AND IN COUNTY PARKS; WARNINGS AND NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO BE UPLOADED ON SITE; PLANS ARE IN PLACE TO UPLOAD INFORMATION ON ENDANGERED SPECIES LOCATED IN COUNTY PARKS AND ON COUNTY LAND IN THE FUTURE; MATT HOWARD, GENERAL SERVICES MANAGER AND LESLIE WALLACE, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WILL BE RESEARCHING AND VERIFYING INFORMATION ON THE ALL TRAILS SITE FOR INACCURACIES AND PROVIDE EDITS AS NEEDED; ADDITIONAL TRAIL NAMES TO BE ESTABLISHED; NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS WILL BE POSTED; ACCESSIBLE QR CODES WILL BE AVAILABLE
6. NO REPORT FROM THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE. CONTINUED TO A FUTURE MEETING

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Referral from Commissioner Chapman on the development of a Kern County Adopt-A-Park program - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE PROGRAM IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION TO LAUNCH
8. Referral from Commission Chairman Abler requesting information from Property Management regarding property at an undisclosed location on Frontage Road for the possibility of future use as a park – RYAN ABLER, COMMISSION CHAIRMAN NOTIFIED THE COMMISSION THAT THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN PURCHASED
9. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE JULY MEETING AT BELLE TERRACE PARK, LOCATED AT 1101 E. BELLE TERRACE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307; GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER NOTED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION START DATE MAY BE DELAYED BEYOND JULY

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 - I. COMMISSIONER LAIR REPORTED THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO MEET ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND FOCUS ON THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER VOLUNTEERS AND ACTIVITIES
 - II. COMMISSIONER OSBY REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE BARBQUE GRILLS AND WATER FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENTS AT DISTRICT 5 PARKS
 - III. COMMISSIONER OSBY REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR THE NEW PARK AT FULLER ACRES
 - IV. COMMISSIONER OSBY REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR THE NEW PARK AT LA COLONIA

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:44 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for July 19, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., at Belle Terrace Park - 1101 E. Belle Terrace, Bakersfield, CA 93307

Yvette Zaragoza

From: Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence
To: Geoffrey Hill
Subject: RE: Parks and Recreation Commission: Draft PRC Agenda 07-19-23 and Draft PRC Minutes 06-21-23

From: Geoffrey Hill <hillg@kerncounty.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 10:45 AM
To: Yvette Zaragoza <zaragozay@kerncounty.com>
Cc: Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence <PRC-Correspondence@kerncounty.com>
Subject: RE: Parks and Recreation Commission: Draft PRC Agenda 07-19-23 and Draft PRC Minutes 06-21-23

Commissioners,

As discussed at last months Parks and Recreation meeting, it was conceivable the construction at Belle Terrace Park would not be in progress for the meeting in July. The contractor is still waiting for equipment to be delivered prior to starting the project. In light of this, there will be no construction started at the park prior to this months meeting. GS will have an updated schedule for presentation at the meeting.

Geoffrey Hill

Chief General Services Officer

Yvette Zaragoza

From: Geoffrey Hill
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 9:22 AM
To: Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence; Matthew Howard; Carl Brewer; Isaac Preston
Cc: Brian Van Wyk; Phillip W. Hall; Yvette Zaragoza
Subject: Potentially dangerous conditions for the July Meeting location

Commissioners,

Our Counsel is advising us to have the Wednesday meeting indoors. There is a concern with the high temperature and inviting the public to a meeting that will be hot and exposed. We are suggesting the meeting be held at the County Building next week.

Please respond to this email (with all CCs) with your thoughts/approval.

Geoffrey Hill

Chief General Services Officer



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