

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, August 16, 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

1. This portion of the agenda 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. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.**

- 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 July 19, 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. Commissioner Osby requested a report containing data and possible revenue generated by the issuing of citations within Kern County parks; **DISCUSS**
8. Commissioner Osby requested an update on the barbeque grills and water fountain replacements at District 5 parks; **DISCUSS**

9. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET SEPTEMBER 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 September 20, 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

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1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Commission Chairman Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I.; Carol Lair, District III; Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Absent: William Chapman, District II

Staff: Phillip W. Hall, Advisory County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer; Leslie Wallace, Senior CAO Manager; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager; and Billy Owens, Senior Park Ranger

Others: There were nine (9) 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 Abler

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EDDY LAINE, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

JUAN HERNANDEZ-GARCIA, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE INTEREST IN STATE ASSISTANCE FOR COUNTY PARKS

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on JULY 19, 2023. Lc-CI TO APPROVE THE JULY 19, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. **4 Ayes; 1 Absent - Chapman**
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JULY 13, 2023, FROM GEOFFREY HILL REGARDING AN UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION AT BELLE TERRACE PARK; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JULY 14, 2023, FROM GEOFFREY HILL REGARDING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS FOR THE JULY MEETING LOCATION. MOTION CARRIED. **4 Ayes; 1 Absent - Chapman**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Update
 - I. FLOOD IMPACTS TO KERN RIVER VALLEY - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES REGARDING THE HIGH-WATER DAMAGE SUSTAINED AT KERN RIVER VALLEY PARKS AND TO DISCUSS THE SCOPE OF WORK SCHEDULED AT TANK PARK, LAKE ISABELLA PARK AND RIVERSIDE PARK; ESTIMATES BEING GENERATED TO SUBMIT TO FEMA FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS; INITIAL CLEANUP AND SAFETY REPAIRS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
 - II. 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 STILL ANTICIPATED FOR JULY 31, 2023 AND WILL HAVE EXTENDED DATES
 - III. VICKY RAJO PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO STATE THAT VICKY RAJO PARK IS NOW OPEN
 - IV. LA COLONIA POCKET PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR LA COLONIA POCKET PARK

- V. FULLER ACRES POCKET PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR FULLER ACRES POCKET PARK
- VI. KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT SIGNAGE CONTAINING USAGE INFORMATION AND ORDINANCES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ALONG THE PARKWAY
- VII. BELLE TERRACE PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT WORK HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO AUGUST DUE TO A DELAY IN THE DELIVERY OF THE PLAY EQUIPMENT
- VIII. CASA LOMA PARK PROJECT - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT CASA LOMA PARK PROJECT WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023, AND RECEIVED APPROVAL TO PROCEED TO THE BIDDING PROCESS
- IX. LINDA KISSACK SKATE PARK - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT DRAWINGS HAVE BEEN APPROVED; NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED AT PROJECT BID OPENING; PROJECT WILL BE TAKEN TO COUNTY SELECTED CONTRACTORS FOR PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS
- X. ADOPT-A-PARK – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE KERN COUNTY ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM IS NOW READY TO MOVE FORWARD FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF MATERIALS BY COUNTY COUNSEL; PLANS FOR COORDINATION WITH COMMUNICATIONS TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC

4. Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. BILLY OWENS, SENIOR PARK RANGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES WITHIN KERN COUNTY PARKS INCLUDING CITATIONS, CALLS FOR SERVICE, RESCUE CALLS, FIRES, VEHICLE IMPOUNDS, VESSEL INSPECTIONS AND ARRESTS; DETAILS PROVIDED INVOLVING THE DROWNING OF A JUVENILE WHO WAS RESUSITATED AND ONE RESCUE CALL THAT SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME A RECOVERY EFFORT AT HART PARK

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- 5. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER OSBY MADE COMMENTS REGARDING COMMENTS MADE AT TAKE-A-LOOK TOUR REGARDING THE POTENTIAL UPDATE OF THE PARKS MASTER PLAN

6. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE – NO UPDATES PROVIDED. CONTINUED TO NEXT MEETING

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 – ISAAC PRESTON, GENERAL SERVICES MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT NEW BARBEQUE GRILLS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED AND INSTALLATION WAS SET TO BEGIN; PRICING QUOTES ON REPLACEMENT WATER FOUNTAINS ARE CURRENTLY BEING OBTAINED
8. Referral from Commissioner Osby requesting an update on the conceptual plans for the new pocket park at Fuller Acres - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR FULLER ACRES POCKET PARK
9. Referral from Commissioner Osby requesting an update on the conceptual plans for the new pocket park at La Colonia - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR LA COLONIA POCKET PARK
10. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE AUGUST 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 OSBY REQUESTED A REPORT CONTAINING DATA AND REVENUE VALUE REGARDING THE ISSUING OF CITATIONS WITHIN KERN COUNTY PARKS
 - II. COMMISSIONER OSBY REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE BARBQUE GRILLS AND WATER FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENTS AT DISTRICT 5 PARKS
 - III. COMMISSIONER LAIR REPORTED ON MEETINGS HELD BY THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP; ATTENDED COMMISSIONER OSBY'S TAKE-A-LOOK TOUR; ATTENDED TURTLE AND TORTOISE CLUB MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:25 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for August 16, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., at the Kern County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR JUNE 2023
Date: Sunday, July 16, 2023 9:38:56 AM

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6-3-23 Picked up a sick black/white cat and took it to the vet. It will then go to our sanctuary.

6-4-23 Picked up a long haired brown tabby and she was in foster care until she went to a rescue in Canada.

6-6-23 an adult gray tabby picked up and taken to KCAS.

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6-6-23 An adult gray tabby/white picked up and taken to KCAS.

6-6-23 An adult light gray tabby picked up and taken to KCAS.

6-7-23 An adult light gray tabby picked up and taken to KCAS.

6-10-23 A park visitor alerted us to the location of five kittens someone had just abandoned. Two were up in a tree but were coaxed down with food. Park visitor took one kitten and the other four were taken to KCAS.

6-11-23 I received a text this Sunday that a mother cat and kittens had been locked in one of the adobe bathrooms on Bison Road. A park volunteer and I went to the bathroom and could see an adult Siamese cat. Using a wrench borrowed from a park visitor we removed a heavy bolt locking the bathroom door and rescued the Siamese and her three 6 week old kittens. They were briefly in foster care then taken to KCAS.

6-11-23 An adult gray tabby/white picked up and in foster care briefly then taken to KCAS.

6-12-23 A park visitor took an adult tortie.

6-13-23 Two 8 week old kittens picked up and were in a foster home until an adoptive home found for them.

6-14-23 An older long haired dog abandoned and rescued by a park visitor.

6-16-23 One of the park volunteers found three empty cardboard boxes with air holes and two kittens from the area were rescued. They were briefly in foster care then taken to KCAS. Another black kitten was found 6-17-23. It was in foster care and then went to an adoptive home. There was also a 4th kitten in the area that could not be caught and has not been seen and is presumed dead due to a number of raccoons in the area.

6-17-23 A German Shepard was abandoned and rescued by a park visitor.

6-18-23 An adult gray/white cat picked up and was in foster care before going to an adoptive home.

6-19-23 An adult long haired brown tabby picked up and he had a microchip. I contacted the chip company and they gave my contact information to the owner but they never contacted me. Chip was issued by KCAS and cat was taken there for followup.

6-19-23 An adult light tabby picked up and taken to KCAS.

6-22-23 An older adult long haired gray tabby picked up and was in foster care briefly before going to KCAS.

6-22-23 A brown and tan dog abandoned and presumed it was picked up by a park visitor.

6-25-23 An adult black/white cat picked up and was in foster care briefly before going to KCAS.

6-26-23 A park visitor rescued a 7 week old brown tabby kitten that was found clinging to a tree branch over the river. She is in foster care was found to have ringworm and giardia. She is being treated and will go to our sanctuary when cleared by the vet.

6-27-23 A young adult brown tabby picked up and taken to KCAS.

6-27-23 A 9 week old kitten picked up and taken to

KCAS.

22 cats and kittens taken to KCAS

5 Cats and kittens adopted

3 Cats taken by park visitors

1 Kitten died

1 Kitten in foster care

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK : 32

TOTAL DOGS ABANDONED AT THE PARK: 3

June was a record breaking month. In the two previous years 15-16 cats were removed from the park during June but this year 32 cats were removed in June. I don't know how to account for this big increase but it stretched us very thin. The public is abandoning cats and also dogs at a truly alarming pace. In the first 6 months of last year 60 cats had been removed from the park. This year at the end of June 85 cats have been removed. This is a significant increase from last year to this year. Last year 22 dogs were abandoned and this year 20 for the first 6 months.

Carol Lair

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR JULY 2023
Date: Monday, August 07, 2023 6:51:18 AM

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7-1-23 A Canadian Goose missing part of its upper beak rescued because it was having trouble eating and a home was found that could care for it.

7-2-23 A cat was killed by a car.

7-3-23 Two elderly cats picked up by a park visitor and homes found for them.

7-4-23 A young adult black/white cat and a large gray/white cat taken to KCAS but they were full and couldn't take them. Black/white cat was found to have ringworm and is being treated. Gray/white cat is in foster care.

7-4-23 A Black/white pit bull dog got away from his owners and then was finally reunited with its owners.

7-9-23 A 10 week old orange tabby kitten rescued and was in foster care before going to KCAS.

7-10-23 A 7 year old vision impaired black cat taken to vet and then to our sanctuary.

7-18-23 An older long haired cat rescued because its tail was badly injured. She was in foster care and taken to a vet. There was nerve damage and when the cat couldn't moved her back legs a decision was made to euthanize her.

7-26-23 We were contacted by Critters Without Litters for an opportunity to take in a group of 8 feral cats. We were able to get 12 cats total. We took 7 to CWL and returned them to the park the next morning. Four cats we rescued had been abandoned at the park in plastic bags and nearly died from the heat--it was 104 that day. They were not taken to CWL and are in foster care. Another cat escaped from his trap but is no longer at the park.

1 Cat died at the park

1 Cat euthanized

2 Cats picked up by a park visitor

7. Cats in foster care

1 Cat to our sanctuary

1 Cat escaped the trap

7 cats TNR (Trap Neuter Return)

1 Canadian Goose rescued

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 13

TOTAL DOGS ABANDONED: 1

July was a hard month. For part of the month KCAS was so swamped with dogs and cats that we couldn't take in park cats.

The very high temperatures made it difficult and stressful for the cats and for us to try to pick up or trap very many cats. We did trap for the chance to get a number of feral cats to Critters Without Litters and it was 104 on the 27th. We found 4 cats unable to move because they were apparently brought to the park in plastic bags and were overcome by the heat. They likely would not have survived if we hadn't found them.

We have no idea what injured the goose with part of its upper beak missing--an animal attack, cruel humans? We will never know. Life at the park poses many challenges for cats, dogs and other abandoned animals.

Carol Lair



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