

MINUTES

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
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

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.

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

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. 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.

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.
 - 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.