

AGENDA

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
David Head Center - 10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, CA 93241**

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 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 August 16, 2023; **APPROVE**
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services Division – 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 Lair requested consideration of the development of a Resource Management Plan for the Hills Above Hart Park; **DISCUSS**
8. Commissioner Osby requested information regarding photographs previously displayed on the walls of the Veteran's Hall previously located at Martin Luther King Jr. Park; **DISCUSS**

9. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET OCTOBER 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 October 18, 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, August 16, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, August 16, 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: Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer; Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager; Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; And Billy Owens, Senior Park Ranger

Others: There were 15 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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MARGIE BELL, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS CONCERNS REGARDING AN OHV PARK

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

EDDY LAINE, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING A TAKE-A-LOOK TOUR OF COUNTY PARKS

MICHAEL HUDSON, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST INSTALLATION OF A BICYCLE REPAIR STATION AT HART MEMORIAL PARK

ASHA CHANDY, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST INSTALLATION OF A BICYCLE REPAIR STATION AT VARIOUS PARK LOCATIONS; REQUEST FOR A PAVED PEDESTRIAN PATH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ON PARKWAY TO SAM LYNN BALLPARK AND PARKWAY; REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF A BICYCLE PUMP TRACK

JEFFERY GUTIERREZ, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST INSTALLATION OF A BICYCLE REPAIR STATION AT VARIOUS PARK LOCATIONS

EMPRESS, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING THE LOCATION PLACEMENT OF A FUTURE AFRICAN-AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on JULY 19, 2023. Ab-Ch to approve the JULY 19, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. **4 Ayes; 1 Absent - Cervantes**
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Ab-Ch TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED, JULY 16, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING A REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR JUNE 2023; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED, AUGUST 7, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING A REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR JULY 2023. MOTION CARRIED. **4 Ayes; 1 Absent – Cervantes**

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 ONGOING REPAIRS OF THE SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE SUSTAINED AT TANK PARK, RIVERSIDE PARK AND THE EMBANKMENT AT HART MEMORIAL PARK; PARK AREAS ARE CURRENTLY SAFE FOR THE COMMUNITY; REPAIR ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO FEMA
- II. **CASA LOMA PARK** - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT RESTROOMS HAVE BEEN VANDALIZED AND ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED
- III. **PIONEER PARK** - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT RESTROOMS HAVE BEEN VANDALIZED AND ONE RESTROOM IS CURRENTLY OPEN
- IV. **HERITAGE PARK** - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT RESTROOMS HAVE BEEN VANDALIZED WITH GRAFFITI AND ONE RESTROOM IS CURRENTLY OPEN
- V. **BELLE TERRACE PARK** - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT CONTINUOUS ABATEMENT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE IN REGARD TO VANDALISM, GRAFFITI; AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA FOUND DAILY; PORTABLE TOILETS AND WASH STATIONS ARE AVAILABLE
- VI. **VIRGNIA PARK** - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT CONTINUOUS ABATEMENT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE IN REGARD TO VANDALISM, GRAFFITI; AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA FOUND DAILY; PORTABLE TOILETS AND WASH STATIONS ARE AVAILABLE
- VII. **JIM WILLIFORD PARK POOL** – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE POOL IS NOW OPEN AND WILL STAY OPERATIONAL THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2023
- VIII. **LINDA KISSACK SKATE PARK** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY MOVING FORWARD WITH A JOB ORDER CONTRACT

- IX. **HART MEMORIAL PARK ADVENTURE PLAY AREA** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT CONSTRUCTION IS SLATED TO BEGIN BY THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR
 - X. **LAMONT PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT FINAL DESIGNS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED
 - XI. **BELLE TERRACE PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT CONSTRUCTION IS SLATED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 28, 2023
 - XII. **CASA LOMA PARK RESTROOM AND PLAYGROUND PROJECT** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT CONSTRUCTION IS SLATED TO BEGIN BY THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR
- 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 ISSUED, CALLS FOR SERVICE, RESCUE CALLS, TRAFFIC STOPS, SUBJECT TRANSPORTATIONS, AND VESSEL STOPS; DETAILS PROVIDED REGARDING THE RESCUE OF A MISSING SENIOR CITIZEN, POSSIBLE DROWNING INCIDENT AT LAKE MING, VICTIM WAS LOCATED AND A HOSTILE SUBJECT SITUATION WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MITIGATED

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- 5. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE –COMMISSIONER OSBY REPORTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT MET WITHIN THE LAST 30 DAYS; A REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
- 6. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE – COMMISSIONER ABLE REPORTED THAT ADDITIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKERS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED TO REQUEST INVOLVEMENT AND ASSISTANCE WITH THE NAMING OF TRAILS

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Referral from Commissioner Osby requesting a report containing data and revenue value regarding the issuing of citations within Kern County Parks – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PRESENT A CITATION REPORT FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
8. Referral from Commissioner Osby requesting an update on the barbeque grills and water fountain replacements at District V parks – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE BARBEQUE GRILL AND WATER FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENT IN DISTRICT V PARKS
9. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(d); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE DAVID HEAD CENTER LOCATED AT 10300 SAN DIEGO STREET, LAMONT, CA 93241.

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 - I. COMMISSIONER LAIR REQUESTED CONSIDERATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE HILLS ABOVE HART PARK - STAFF TO REPORT BACK TO THE COMMISSION AT A LATER MEETING
 - II. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON HERITAGE PARK DISC GOLF PARK - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER PROVIDED A BRIEF UPDATE
 - III. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER PROVIDED A BRIEF UPDATE
 - IV. COMMISSIONER OSBY EXTENDED AN INVITATION FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN A COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A FUTURE AFRICAN-AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL TO BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN A KERN COUNTY PARK WITHIN DISTRICT V – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER PROVIDED COMMENT; CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER PROVIDED COMMENT

- V. COMMISSIONER OSBY REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY DISPLAYED ON THE WALLS OF THE VETERAN'S HALL PREVIOUSLY LOCATED AT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER PROVIDED COMMENT; STAFF TO REPORT BACK TO THE COMMISSION AT A LATER MEETING

Adjourn at 7:41 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for September 20, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., at the David Head Center – 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, CA 93241, unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or cancelled by the Commission.

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR AUGUST 2023
Date: Thursday, September 07, 2023 12:03:29 PM

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8-2-23 Four 5 week old kittens were rescued and are in foster care.

8-3-23 Two dogs abandoned and we were able to catch them and then took them to KCAS.

8-5-23 Gray kitten rescued and taken to KCAS.

8-11-23 A severely injured gray tabby abandoned. He was taken to KCAS with a severe abscess on his back and his tail was broken in two places with bones showing. He was also emaciated. Decision had to be made to euthanize him.

8-21-23 A black/white Boarder Collie abandoned and was rescued by a park visitor.

8-26-23 Two 8 week old gray tabby kittens rescued and taken to KCAS.

4 Cats taken to KCAS and one had to be euthanized

4 Cats in foster care

3 Dogs abandoned

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 8

TOTAL DOGS ABANDONED: 3

Compared with June and July. August was a calmer month weather wise. There were 11 days over 100 degrees compared with nearly double that last year. Also there was a very unusual summer rain storm with over one inch of rain. What a treat. We are looking forward to the coming cooler weather and the slowdown of kitten season' The public continues to abandon cats and dogs every month.

Carol Lair



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