

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

August 16, 2023

PSB Public Meeting Room: 2700 'M' Street, Bakersfield 93301, 1st Floor

2:00-3:00 P.M.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Gary Ananian, Olivia Franzen, Daniel Harrison (Chairperson), Christopher McGehee, and Karen Sanders (a quorum was met)

Committee Members Not Present

Brian Duhart, David Kadel, and Steve Kinsey

2) **Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez welcomed all Committee Members, Kern County Public Works staff, County Counsel, and guests present.

3) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting on July 19, 2023**

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from the July 19, 2023 Regular Meeting with a correction to the meeting location, made by Committee Member Olivia Franzen, from "Microsoft Teams" to PSB Public Meeting Room: 2700 'M' Street, Bakersfield 93301, 1st Floor*

Motioned by Olivia Franzen; seconded by Karen Sanders

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) **New Business**

A. Keep Kern Beautiful Committee Affiliation Report 2023 Update

I. COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMUNITY APPEARANCE INDEX AND LITTER INDEX REPORT AND DETERMINE NEXT STEPS.

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez discussed the report and proposed a new deadline to receive the completed reports from Committee Members who had not turned theirs in yet. The deadline was extended once again to the end of August/first week of September.

B. Volunteer Opportunities at 2023 Kern County Fair – September 20-October 1

I. DISCUSS VOLUNTEERING AT KERN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS' EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOOTH TO PROMOTE KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 BETWEEN 4-11 P.M.

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez discussed the days and stated she would provide a follow-up email to the Committee Members.

C. Next Meeting Agenda

I. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO HIGHLIGHT TOPICS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON NEXT'S MONTH AGENDA.**

Committee Member Olivia Franzen mentioned partnering with the Kern Community Foundation's "Give Big Kern," which takes place on the first Tuesday of May, to build awareness about the Committee and generate donations and sponsorships.

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez mentioned she would reach out to the Kern Foundation to see if this is something the Committee could participate in.

5) **Receive and File a Presentation by Karina Mendez, Public Works Maintenance Worker II on recent and upcoming community clean-up efforts**

Household Hazardous Waste/Temporary Collection Events

- Saturday, August 19, 2023 – Kern Valley Transfer Station
- Saturday, August 26, 2023 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- Friday, September 1, 2023 – Tehachapi Landfill
- Saturday, September 2, 2023 – Tehachapi Landfill & Mojave Special Waste Facility
- Saturday, September 9, 2023 – McFarland-Delano Transfer Station & Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- Saturday, September 16, 2023 – Lebec Transfer Station

Bulky Waste Collection Events

Past

Rosamond – August 5, 2023, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Waste Management Yard
- Traffic Count: 39 vehicles
- Tons Collected: 2.43 tones

Upcoming

Taft – September 30, 2023, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- County Administrative Building

Bakersfield – October 7, 2023, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Meadows Field Airport, Kern Medical, and Kern County Fairgrounds

Buttonwillow – October 14, 2023, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Buttonwillow Park

Shafter – November 4, 2023, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- County Administrative Building

Roberts Lane Transfer Station

Roberts Lane Transfer Station – 1900 Roberts Lane

- Thursdays: 5-8 p.m.
- Saturdays: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Clean CA Tire Drop-off Day

We are continuing our partnerships with District 9 & and District 6

- In District 9, this weekend, Saturday, 8/19/23, there will be a tire amnesty event occurring at our Eastern Kern Landfills – Ridgecrest, Boron, Mojave-Rosamond & Tehachapi from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. or until capacity is met
- For District 6, we expect some events coming our way in September/October. They are just beginning to collaborate with us on possible dates and we look forward to sharing those opportunities with our residents

Committee Member Gary Ananian suggested having a bulky waste collection event at Tank Park in Lake Isabella.

MOTION: *To receive and file a presentation on recent and upcoming community clean-up efforts*

Motioned by Christopher McGehee; seconded by Karen Sanders

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

6) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

Committee Member Karen Sanders mentioned a presentation on August 26, 2023 about native drought-tolerant plants.

Committee Member Gary Ananian mentioned several upcoming community clean-up dates with his organization, the Kern River Conservancy:

- September 16, 2023: Great River Clean-up at 10 a.m. will be a 15-mile clean-up
- September 23, 2023: Annual Whitewater Rafting Trip at 10 a.m. in the Kern River
- September 30, 2023: Standup Paddle Boarding Clean-up on Lake Isabella (Wofford Heights side). He mentioned the possibility of setting-up a Keep Kern Beautiful outreach booth at this event.

7) Staff Comment

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez mentioned the possibility of meeting quarterly and the Committee Members were receptive to it.

County Counsel Stephanie Bouey confirmed during the meeting that it would require a change to the Keep Kern Beautiful Committee bylaws and a 2/3 vote at the Committee's next meeting. She stated that County Counsel would help prepare the amendment and it would need to be reviewed and on the meeting agenda to circulate to the Committee ten (10) days prior to the next meeting to vote on.

8) Public Comment

No comments from the public

9) Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 2-3 p.m.

10) **ADJOURN**

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting*

Motioned by Karen Sanders; seconded by Olivia Franzen

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.