

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
October 19, 2022
Microsoft Teams
2:00-3:00 P.M.

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Gary Ananian, Lynnda Martin, and Karen Sanders (a quorum was met)

Committee Members Not Present

Brian Duhart, Daniel Harrison (Chairperson), David Kadel, Steve Kinsey, and Christopher McGehee

2) Welcome and Roll Call

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

3) Approval of resolution for Keep Kern Beautiful Committee to hold remote meetings

MOTION: *To approve the resolution for the Committee to hold remote meetings*

Motioned by Karen Sanders; seconded by Lynnda Martin

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting on August 17, 2022

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from the August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting*

Motioned by Karen Sanders; seconded by Gary Ananian

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

5) New Business

A. Keep Kern Beautiful Committee Fundraising

I. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES AND IDEAS**

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez mentioned how in past meetings the topic of developing a sponsorship letter and form had been discussed by the Committee and a consensus to move forward with drafting a letter and form had been established.

Committee Member Karen Sanders did provide additional input and stated that it is a good idea to move forward with the sponsorship letter and form.

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez stated that before the next meeting she would work with Committee Members Daniel Harrison and Lynnda Martin in drafting a sponsorship letter and form for the Committee's review.

6) Presentation by Karina Mendez, Public Works Maintenance Worker II on recent and upcoming community cleanup efforts

As of October 19, 2022, KCPWD Illegal Dumping & Events Update:

R.A.P.I.D. Stats

Countywide Dump Sites Cleared = 4,067

Countywide Tonnage = 876 tons

Mattresses Collected Countywide = 884

Recycled: 731

Encampments Cleared = 378

Household Hazardous Waste/Temporary Collection Events

Upcoming Collection events will be:

- Saturday, October 22, 2022 – Ridgecrest & Boron
- Saturday, October 29, 2022 – Taft
- Saturday, November 5, 2022 – Mojave & Tehachapi
- Friday, November 11, 2022 – Lebec
- Saturday, November 12, 2022 – Ridgecrest

Bulky Waste Collection Events

Bakersfield – October 8, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Roberts Lane Yard – 1900 Roberts Lane
- Kern Medical – 1700 Mt. Vernon Avenue
- Kern County Fairgrounds – 1142 South P Street
- Partners: Cesar Chavez Environmental Corps., Howard's Garbage, Superior Sanitation, Varner Bros., and Price Disposal

Shafter – October 15, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- County Administration Building – 329 Central Valley Highway
- Partners: Cesar Chavez Environmental Corps. & American Refuse

Rosamond – November 5, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Waste Management, Inc. Yard – 1731 Sierra Highway
- Partners: Cesar Chavez Environmental Corps. & Waste Management, Inc.

Karina Mendez also asked if Committee Member Lynnda Martin had any input to include regarding the recent event in Shafter and American Refuse.

Committee Member Lynnda Martin responded that they had a joint event, and partnered with Women's Club Kern Tree, where they had a compost giveaway and pistachio trees.

7) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

Committee Member Karen Sanders shared that she hosted a community clean-up in California City on Saturday, September 17 from 7:30-11 a.m. in conjunction with the

California City Chamber of Commerce. They had 32 volunteers and picked up around 3 tons of trash.

Committee Member Lynnda Martin shared that they were happy with participation during the event in Shafter and that they plan to partner with Wasco code enforcement to do a community clean-up, which may also include graffiti removal, not sure yet, but will keep us posted. She also mentioned that a church in her community had been vandalized and many community members came together to do a clean-up but going forward there might be an opportunity to help get the church back in order because vandals took paint and put it on the pews. A lot of things had to be thrown away. They put paint on the walls so it might be an opportunity to get community members together to repaint the building.

Committee Member Gary Ananian shared that he also hosted a community clean-up event along the upper Kern River in Wofford Heights on Saturday, September 17 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. He stated the clean-up went great and that they had around 100 volunteers and picked up around 500 lbs. of trash.

8) Staff Comment

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez announced that District 5 Committee Member Andrea Medina was no longer with the committee as of September 2022. She provided her letter of resignation, and we are working on getting that vacancy filled as soon as possible.

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez made a second announcement on the Keep Kern Beautiful tax I.D. #, which is 81-1938788, and made note that we would provide this I.D. # on our sponsorship details.

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez made a third announcement that she is working with the CAO Manager regarding the purchasing of the clean-up items within the next few weeks and providing an update.

Lastly, Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez announced that Keep Kern Beautiful is working on its annual report for Keep America Beautiful and that there are a few obligations our affiliate needs to follow to stay in good standing. So, with the help of her co-worker Mayra Chamale, they will be reaching out to all Committee Members for past event reporting and information on upcoming events.

9) Public Comment

No comment from the public.

10) Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 from 2-3 p.m.

11) ADJOURN

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting*

Motioned by Lynnda Martin; seconded by Karen Sanders

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.