

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
December 15, 2021
Microsoft Teams
2:00-3:00 P.M.

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Gary Ananian, Daniel Harrison (Chairperson), Lynnda Martin, Andrea Medina (Vice Chairperson), and Christopher McGehee (a quorum was met)

Committee Members Not Present

Lynn Black, David Duckett, David Kadel, Steve Kinsey, and Karen Sanders

2) Welcome and Roll Call

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

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

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

Motioned by Andrea Medina; seconded by Christopher McGehee

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2021

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from the November 17, 2021 Regular Meeting*

Motioned by Daniel Harrison; seconded by Gary Ananian

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

5) New Business

- A.** Reminded Committee about upcoming "Your Neighborhood" Clean-up Event taking place on Saturday, January 22, 2022, where volunteers can decide the location and time of day to commit to cleaning-up a littered area for 30 minutes.

- B. Committee Member Christopher McGehee provided additional information on a specific location near Victory Square (behind apartment complexes and a vacant lot) for the Taft Community Clean-up Event scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 8-10 a.m. and included an update on participating organizations and groups that will also be assisting: Taft City Council Members, rotary club, etc. He also mentioned if a Bulky Waste Collection Event could take place on the same day in Taft around the Clean-up time and area to encourage more residents to participate that day in cleaning up the community. Kern County Public Works staff member Karina Mendez said she would look into scheduling a Bulky Waste Collection Event in Taft on that day and would get back to the Committee with an update.
- C. Asked Committee Members to come up with a location and event logistics for the Earth Day/Great American Clean-up Event taking place on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Asked them to provide an update by mid-January to be shared at our next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 2 p.m.

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

Highlights:

RAPID Stats

Countywide Dump Sites Cleared = 3,376

Countywide Tonnage = 867.79 tons

Mattresses Collected Countywide = 939

Recycled: 531 – 56.55%

Encampments Cleared = 337

Household Hazardous Waste/Temporary Collection Events

December 4 – Tehachapi Landfill

December 11 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility

January 8 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility

January 8 – Tehachapi Landfill

January 15 – Mojave Special Waste Facility

January 22 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility

January 29 – Tehachapi Landfill

Bulky Waste Collection Event

Still discussing the schedule for next year's events. This year we held eight (8) events in seven (7) communities, we look forward to hosting even more events next year and will be expanding to northern and eastern Kern communities! We also will be partnering with the Cesar Chavez Environmental Corps to host E-Waste and Tire Collection events throughout Kern County.

Upcoming Event:

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

Meadows Field Airport, Kern County Fairgrounds, Kern Medical

7) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

Andrea Medina mentioned meeting with District 5 Representatives along with Christopher McGehee to discuss problem areas and locations for clean-ups. She also mentioned trying to get in contact with Union Pacific for community clean-up efforts near the railroad and not being able to make a direct connection.

Dan Harrison mentioned following up with Supervisor District Field Representatives in each district to discuss clean-up locations for the Earth Day/Great American Clean-up Event on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

8) Staff Comment

No comment from staff.

9) Public Comment

Ray Scott, with Keep Bakersfield Beautiful, provided an update on the America Recycles Day that took place on Saturday, November 13 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Mechanics Bank Arena parking lot and thanked everyone involved for helping make the event a success.

10) ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.