

MINUTES

**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.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, September 20, 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; Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Staff: Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager; Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; David Kessler, Chief Deputy, Kern County Sheriff

Others: There were 4 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 REPRESENTING THE SIERRA CLUB, TO DISCUSS KERN COUNTY'S ORV APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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. Ch-Ce to approve the AUGUST 16, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. **4 Ayes; 1 Absent - Osby**
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Ch-Ce TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING A REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR AUGUST 2023. MOTION CARRIED. **4 Ayes; 1 Absent – Osby**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Update
 - I. **CASA LOMA PARK** – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PARK PROJECT
 - II. **BELLE TERRACE PARK** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PARK PROJECT
 - III. **PANORAMA PARK** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PARK PROJECT
 - IV. **INCREASE OF SERVICE** - CARL BREWER. SENIOR CAO MANAGER. WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY ELITE LANDSCAPING
 - V. **GRANT OPPURTUNITY** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER. WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
 - VI. **GRAFFITTI ABATEMENT** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON AN AGREEMENT IN PLACE WITH THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD FOR ASSISTANCE WITH GRAFFITTI ABATEMENT

VII. **FULLER ACRES** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER. WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON FULLER ACRES PARK PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

4. Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. DAVID KESSLER, CHIEF DEPUTY, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF; CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES WITHIN KERN COUNTY PARKS INCLUDING CITATIONS ISSUED, CALLS FOR SERVICE, RESCUE CALLS, TRAFFIC STOPS, AND VESSEL STOPS

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER OSBY REPORTED THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE ONGOING; MEETING SCHEDULED WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS; UPDATE FORTHCOMING
6. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE – COMMISSIONER ABLER REPORTED THAT TESTING OF THE ALL-TRAILS APP IS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTIED

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Referral from Commissioner Lair requesting consideration of the development of a Resource Management Plan - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS REQUEST
8. Referral from Commissioner Osby requesting information regarding photographs previously displayed on the walls of the Veteran's Hall previously located at Martin Luther King Jr. Park - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT KERN COUNTY GENERAL SERVICES – PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, RELEASED ALL MEMORIBILIA TO DEE SLADE WITH THE KERN COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN NETWORK
9. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(d); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE OCTOBER MEETING AT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE., 1ST FLOOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301

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.

- I. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN READ INTO RECORD WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM DANIEL RODELA, DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
- II. COMMISSIONER LAIR PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES BEING HELD AT THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER AND EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING PUBLIC USE OF THE NATURE CENTER RESTROOM
- III. COMMISSIONER OSBY PROVIDED REMARKS REGARDING PARK UPDATES

Adjourn at 7:54 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for October 18, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Ave. 1st Floor, Bakersfield, CA. 93301 unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or cancelled by the Commission.