

AGENDA

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
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

COMMISSION MEMBER REORGANIZATION

1. Commission members to elect a chairman, co-chairman, and other officers they deem necessary for the 2024 term. **ACTION**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

2. This portion of the agenda 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. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.**
 - I. Presentation by Danel Rodela, Faith in the Valley regarding Ford City Park concerns; **HEAR PRESENTATION**
 - II. Public Comments and Requests

CONSENT AGENDA

3. 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 November 15, 2023; **APPROVE**
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. 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
 - I. General Services Division; **INFORMATIONAL**
 - II. 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. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING LOCATION**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. 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

9. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for February 21, 2024, 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 Ave, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA. 93301
Board of Supervisors Chambers

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Commissioner Lair presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioner(s): William Chapman, District II; and Carol Lair, District III

Absent: Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

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

Others: There were six 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.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

- I. **EDDY LAINE**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO SUBMIT COMMENTS REGARDING EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD REGARDING THE REPORTING OF RANGER ACTIVITY AND PARK SIGNAGE
- II. **KATHLEEN ARNOLD-CHAMBERS**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER
- III. **JAKE SORENSON**, KERN COUNTY RANGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS CONCERNS REGARDING PARK RANGER SALARY

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on September 20, 2023; La-Ch TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; Regular meeting on October 18, 2023, 2023; La-Ch TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 18, 2023 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES – 2 ABSENT – Cervantes; Osby**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, SUBMITTED BY CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, FROM DANIEL RODELA; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, FROM EDDY LAINE; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED OCTOBER 9, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED OCTOBER 10, 2023, FROM EDDY LAINE, SIERRA CLUB; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR. MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES – 2 ABSENT – Cervantes; Osby**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **FORD CITY PARK** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING MEETING HELD AT TAFT COLLEGE
- II. **LINDA KISSACK SKATE PARK** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED; PROJECT MOVING FORWARD

Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. DAVID KESSLER, CHIEF DEPUTY, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A STATISTICAL UPDATE ON RANGER ACTIVITIES WITHIN KERN COUNTY PARKS INCLUDING CITATIONS ISSUED, CALLS FOR SERVICES, RESCUE CALLS, TRAFFIC AND VESSEL STOPS, DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE AND BUILDING DISTURBANCE ASSISTANCE

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- I. CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER PROVIDED AN UPDATE REGARDING THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS. SIGNAGE HAS BEEN PLACED AT THE TRAILHEAD.
- II. NO REPORT FROM THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING, IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES AND PROJECTS REGARDING THE PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE. CONTINUED TO A FUTURE MEETING.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- I. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE JANUARY 2024 MEETING AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE., 1ST FLOOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN RECOMMENDED PLACING DISC GOLF AT AW NOON PARK; CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER TO EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR CONDUCTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY
- II. COMMISSIONER ABLER ANNOUNCED A PARK CLEAN-UP IN THE FOOTHILL MOUNTAINS ON DECEMBER 9, 2023; CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR TRASH PICK UP
- III. CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER REPORTED ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONER OSBY THAT THE KERN COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE HAS CONDUCTED SEVERAL MEETINGS AND LOCATION TOURS; COSTS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:04 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for January 17, 2024, 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.

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR NOVEMBER 2023
Date: Monday, December 11, 2023 8:07:24 AM

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11-1-23 Large gray tabby was in foster cater care then taken to KCAS.

11-4-23 Long haired black cat killed by a car on Alfred Harrell Highway.

11-5-23 Two gray tabbies and a brown tabby were in foster care then taken to KCAS.

11-7-23 A white husky dog abandoned at the park and rescued.

11-8-23 A brown tabby was in foster care then taken to KCAS.

11-10-23 Long haired gray cat in foster care then taken to KCAS.

11-18-23 A pregnant brown tabby was in foster care and then taken to KCAS.

11-26-23 A raccoon was killed by a car on Alfred Harrell Highway.

11-30-23 an adult pale orange cat disappeared and is presumed dead.

7 Cats and kittens taken to KCAS

1 Cat died at the park

1 cat killed by a car

1 Raccoon killed by a car

1 Dog abandoned

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM PARK: 9

TOTAL DOGS REMOVED F2ROM PARK: 1

Two more animals killed by cars--one cat and a raccoon. Both were killed on Alfred Harrell Highway. We are starting to see a slow down on number of cats and dogs abandoned which is typical this time of year as the weather gets colder. Some of the

cats were in foster care much longer than usual due to the very high number of cats at KCAS and other difficulties such as other rescues being full to the brim also.

Carol Lair

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR DECEMBER 2023
Date: Saturday, January 06, 2024 6:32:43 AM

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12-5-23 A black/white cat picked up and is in foster care.

12-10-23 A possum was killed by a car on River Road across from the old mill.

12-10-23 Another possum hit by a car on River Road near the west entrance.

12-11-23 A kitten was picked up by a park visitor.

12-12-23 A raccoon was hit by a car on Alfred Harrell Highway.

12-18-23 Three kittens rescued and taken to KCAS. They had ringworm and they are in foster care being treated.

12-26-23 Two young Husky dogs were rescued and KCAS responded and picked them up.

12-29-23 A baby raccoon killed by a car on AHH.

12-31-23 An adult Siamese believed to be pregnant rescued and was in foster care and then taken to KCAS 1-2-24.

12-31-23 Two 8 week old kittens rescued and are in foster care.

12-31-23 A large orange tabby rescued and found to have a chip. We called the chip company and attempted to contact owner with no response. Cat was taken to KCAS for followup.

6 Cats in foster care

1 Cat rescued by park visitor

2 Cats taken to KCAS

2 Possums killed by cars

2 Raccoons killed by cars

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM PARK: 9

TOTAL DOGS ABANDONED: 2

The two possums were killed by cars on River Road and the two raccoons were killed by cars on Alfred Harrell Highway.

Carol Lair



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