

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.