

MINUTES

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
1115 Truxtun Ave, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA. 93301
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Commissioner 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; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Absent: Ucedrah Osby, District V

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

Others: There were eight (8) 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

COMMISSION MEMBER REORGANIZATION

- I. Ch-Ce TO APPOINT RYAN ABLER AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR. MOTION CARRIED. **4 AYES - 1 ABSENT - Osby**
- II. Ch-Ce TO APPOINT CAROL LAIR AS THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR. MOTION CARRIED. **4 AYES - 1 ABSENT - Osby**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

- I. **DANIEL RODELA** WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A BRIEF PRESENTATION FROM FAITH IN THE VALLEY REGARDING FORD CITY PARK CONCERNS
- II. **ABIGAIL RODELA** WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING FORD CITY PARK CONCERNS
- III. **DIANA** WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING FORD CITY PARK CONCERNS
- IV. **CHRIS RUIZ** WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING FORD CITY PARK CONCERNS
- V. **JEREMY ROWEL** WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE BAKERSFIELD TRAILBLAZERS 4X4 CLUB TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED OHV PARK
- VI. **KATHLEEN ARNOLD-CHAMBERS** WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE NATURE CENTER

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on November 15, 2023; La:Ab TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 15, 2023 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. **4 AYES – 1 ABSENT – Osby**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: RECEIVE AND FILE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED DECEMBER 11, 2023, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 6, 2024, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR. MOTION CARRIED. **4 AYES – 1 ABSENT – Osby**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **POTOMAC PARK** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7.4 MILLION DOLLARS

- II. **FORD CITY SPLASH PAD** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE PROJECT UPDATES
- III. **MOJAVE EAST BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE PROJECT UPDATES
- IV. **LINDA KISSACK SKATE PARK** - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE PROJECT UPDATES

Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. DAVID KESSLER, CHIEF DEPUTY, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON RANGER ACTIVITIES

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- I. COMMISSIONER ABLER PROVIDED AN UPDATE REGARDING THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE PROGRESS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS. SIGNAGE HAS BEEN PLACED AT THE TRAILHEAD; UPDATE ITEM TO BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE AGENDA
- 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 FEBRUARY 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 LAIR PROVIDED COMMENTS REGARDING DECEASED ANIMALS LOCATED WITHIN HART PARK
- II. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN PROVIDED UPDATE REGARDING AW NOON DISC GOLF COURSE
- III. COMMISSIONER ABLER PROVIDED COMMENTS REGARDING BIKE PATH CLEAN UP AND CLEAN UP ACTIVITY HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:30 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for February 21, 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.