

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Commissioner presided and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; William Chapman, District II; and Carol Lair, District III; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

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

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager; and David Kessler, Chief Deputy, Kern County Sheriff

Others: There were 52 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, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

- I. **KATIE WESTMORLEN**, HART PARK COUNTRY CLUB, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AND VIDEO ON THE DISC GOLF AT AW NOON
- II. **MR. GONZALEZ-GARCIA**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY OF TAFT TO EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED AT FORD CITY PARK

- III. **NESTOR ALVARADO**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS THE NEED FOR WORKOUT EQUIPMENT AT COUNTY PARKS
- IV. **MARGIE BELL**, THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING A SCHEDULED PARK CLEAN UP HOSTED BY THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER
- V. **JEFF GOINES**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INTRODUCE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CREATION OF A KERN RIVER BIKE PATROL
- VI. **SHAWN BIGLARI**, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION, NATIONAL SKI PATROL-NATIONAL BIKE PATROL, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A KERN RIVER BIKE PATROL
- VII. **DANIEL RODELA**, FAITH IN THE VALLEY, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS COMMUNITY CONCERNS REGARDING FUNDING FOR VALLEY ACRES PARK AND FORD CITY PARK

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on January 21, 2024; Ab;Ch TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES – 2 ABSENT – Cervantes; Osby**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: RECEIVE AND FILE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 26, 2024, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED FEBRUARY 08, 2024, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED FEBRUARY 08, 2024, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR; DOCUMENTS TITLED “FORD CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT SURVEY RESULTS” SUBMITTED ON JANUARY 21, 2024. MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES – 2 ABSENT – Cervantes; Osby**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION** – KATHERINE WINTERS AND STEVEN WINTERS, WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A YEAR END REPORT REGARDING CAMP OKIHI

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. 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 MARCH 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 PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON AW NOON & REQUESTED KIOSK SET UP AT AW NOON
- II. COMMISSIONER LAIR REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON SINK HOLES AT HART PARK

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:29 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for March 20, 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.