

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

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

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, April 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; and Carol Lair, District III; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

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

Others: There were 10 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. **JOHN KNOX**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING DISC GOLF AT AW NOON
- II. **KATHLEEN ARNOLD-CHAMBERS**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO ANNOUNCE EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES BEING HELD BY THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER
- III. **KATIE WESTMORLEN**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON DISC GOLF AND REQUEST A STOLEN BASKET REPLACEMENT AT HART PARK

- IV. **ABIGAIL RODELA**, VOLUNTEER YOUTH ORGANIZER, FAITH IN THE VALLEY, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION WITH A PRESENTATION REGARDING FORD CITY PARK AND VALLEY ACRES PARK
- V. **DANIEL RODELA**, FAITH IN THE VALLEY, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION WITH A PRESENTATION REGARDING FORD CITY PARK AND VALLEY ACRES PARK

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on February 21, 2024; Ce;Ch TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; Cancelled meeting on March 20, 2024; Ce;Ch TO APPROVE THE MARCH 20, 2024 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. **5 AYES**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: RECEIVE AND FILE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 13, 2024, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR; DOCUMENT TITLED "KERN RIVER PATROL PRESENTATION" SUBMITTED ON FEBRUARY 21, 2024. MOTION CARRIED. **5 AYES**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **ISAAC PRESTON**, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON COMPLETED OR SOON TO BE COMPLETED PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR 2024 CALENDAR YEAR.
- a. **BELLE TERRACE PARK** - CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE
 - b. **CASA LOMA PARK** - ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE, MAY 2024
 - c. **HERITAGE PARK** - ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE, AUGUST 2024
 - d. **BELLE TERRACE PARK** - SOCCER FIELD RENOVATIONS, ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE, FEBRUARY 2025
 - e. **PATOMAC PARK** - PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT, ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE, FEBRUARY 2025
 - f. **LAMONT PARK** - ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE, DECEMBER 2025

- g. LINDA KISSACK SKATE PARK - ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION
COMPLETION DATE, AUGUST 2024

Park Ranger – Status Update

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

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 MAY 15, 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. Referral from Commissioner Lair requesting information regarding sink holes at the west exit of Hart Park from Commissioner Lair – CONTINUED TO NEXT MEETING FOR INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FROM GENERAL SERVICES
- II. Commissioner Chapman requested information regarding grants to local entities – REFERRED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM
- III. Commissioner Abler requested information on possible Pickle Ball Courts – THERE ARE NO PLANS CURRENTLY IN PLACE
- IV. Commission Osby requested information regarding profits from the sale of the African American Veterans Hall – COMMISSIONER OSBY WILL REACH OUT TO GENERAL SERVICES FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- V. Referral from Commissioner Lair requesting information regarding Arborists and/or Landscapers responsible for the tree care and management at Hart Park – CONTINUED TO NEXT MEETING FOR INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FROM GENERAL SERVICES
- VI. Referral from Commissioner Lair requesting information regarding the use and type of weed killer utilized at Hart Park – CONTINUED TO NEXT MEETING FOR INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FROM GENERAL SERVICES
- VII. Referral from Commissioner Lair requesting update regarding Boron Park Skatepark and Rosamond Park Skate Park – CONTINUED TO NEXT MEETING FOR INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FROM GENERAL SERVICES
- VIII. Referral from Commissioner Chapman requesting information regarding a ribbon cutting at Ford City Park – Splashpad – CONTINUED TO NEXT MEETING FOR INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FROM GENERAL SERVICES
- IX. Referral from Commissioner Chapman regarding the request to purchase a replacement Disc Golf Basket stolen from Hart Park – CONTINUED TO NEXT MEETING FOR INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FROM GENERAL SERVICES

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:32 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for May 15, 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.