# 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, July 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**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

1. 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. Public Comments and Requests

## CONSENT AGENDA

2. 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 May 15, 2024; **APPROVE**

   II. Approval of Minutes: Cancelled meeting on June 19, 2024; **APPROVE**

   III. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. 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

4. 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**

## NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5. Referral from Commissioner Lair requesting the name of Arborist being used at Hart Park and the name of the weed killer utilized at Hart Park – INFORMATION UPDATE ON NAME OF PRODUCTS USED REQUESTED FROM GENERAL SERVICES

6. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET AUGUST 2024 MEETING LOCATION**

## COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. 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 agendized 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

8. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for August 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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Parks and Recreation Commission

# Public Presentations, Comments and Requests

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# Consent Agenda

**MINUTES**

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

**Regular Meeting**
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Commissioner Osby presided and called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioner(s): Carol Lair, District III; Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

**Absent:** Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; and William Chapman, District II

**Staff:** Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer, and David Kessler, Chief Deputy, Kern County Sheriff

**Others:** There were 6 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 LAIR

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

I. **KATHLEEN ARNOLD CHAMBERS** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER

II. **MARGIE BELL** - WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC

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## CONSENT AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on May 15, 2024; Lc:Cl TO APPROVE THE MARCH 20, 2024 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; Cancelled meeting on June 19, 2024; Lc:Cl TO APPROVE THE JUNE 19, 2024 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES**

II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: RECEIVE AND FILE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED APRIL 19, 2024, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 5, 2024, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR; DOCUMENT TITLED "FAITH IN THE VALLEY PRC PRESENTATION" SUBMITTED ON APRIL 17, 2024. MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES**

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

I. **DANIEL RODELA**, FAITH IN THE VALLEY, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION REGARDING FORD CITY PARK

II. **GEOFFREY HILL**, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON COMPLETED OR SOON TO BE COMPLETED PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR 2024 CALENDAR YEAR.

a. **ROSAMOND POOL** – OPEN DATE OF JUNE 1, 2024

b. **FORD CITY PARK** – ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION START DATE IN JUNE 2024

c. **BUENA VISTA** – GRANT RECEIVED; ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION START DATE IN JUNE 2024

d. **HART MEMORIAL PARK** – NEW SPLASH PAD, ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION START DATE AUGUST 2024

e. **LA COLONIA PARK** – POCKET PARK; ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION START DATE IN AUGUST 2024

f. **FULLER ACRES** – POCKET PARK; ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION START DATE IN SEPTEMBER 2024

g. **BELLE TERRACE PARK** – CURRENTLY IN USE BY COMMUNITY

h. **HERITAGE PARK** - CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY; ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE IN AUGUST

i. **MILLING STONE MOVED**

j. **LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE**

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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 JULY 17, 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 – INVESTIGATED AND FILLED AND REPAIRED IRRIGATION LEAKS

II. Referral from Commission Osby requesting information regarding profits from the sale of the African American Veterans Hall – REFERRED TO DISTRICT V

III. Referral from Commissioner Lair requesting information regarding Arborists and/or Landscapers responsible for the tree care and management at Hart Park – ASSESSED COUNTYWIDE; INTERNAL ARBORIST AND CONTRACTED ARBORIST – KERN COUNTY ARBORIST

IV. Referral from Commissioner Lair requesting information regarding the use and type of weed killer utilized at Hart Park – CHEMICALS USED ARE CERTIFIED AND APPROVED WITH PERMITS. CHEMICALS NOT PERMITTED ARE NOT USED

V. Referral from Commissioner Lair requesting information regarding the brand name of weed killer utilized at Hart Park – CONTINUED TO NEXT MEETING FOR INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FROM GENERAL SERVICES

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VI. Referral from Commissioner Lair requesting update regarding Boron Park Skatepark and Rosamond Park Skate Park – CONTRACTS AWARDED

VII. Referral from Commissioner Chapman requesting information regarding a ribbon cutting at Ford City Park – Splashpad – RIBBON CUTTING AT CLOSE OF PROJECT; LEAD COMES FROM DISTRICT II SUPERVISOR

VIII. Referral from Commissioner Chapman regarding the request to purchase a replacement Disc Golf Basket stolen from Hart Park – COUNTY REPLACING DISC GOLF BASKET

IX. JUNE MEETING CANCELLED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE JUNTEETH HOLIDAY

## ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:40 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for July 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.

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**MINUTES**

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Wednesday, June 19, 2024
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# NOTICE OF MEETNG CANCELLATION IN OBSERVANCE OF THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

In observance of the Juneteenth Holiday, the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, has been canceled. All agenda items will be addressed at the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, July 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 canceled by the Commission.

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Parks and Recreation Commission

# Department Staff Report(s)

# Ford City Park

## Parks Are Sacred Campaign

## Presentation

May 15, 2024

# PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

**Goals for today:**

- Parks Are Sacred Campaign Update
- Ford City & Valley Acres Park Surveys
- Ford City Park Priorities
- Adopt-A-Park Update
- Questions
- Conclusion

# KIDS & YOUTH @ FORD CITY PARK

# CREATIVE SURVEY @ FORD CITY PARK

# FIV LEADERS @ FORD CITY PARK

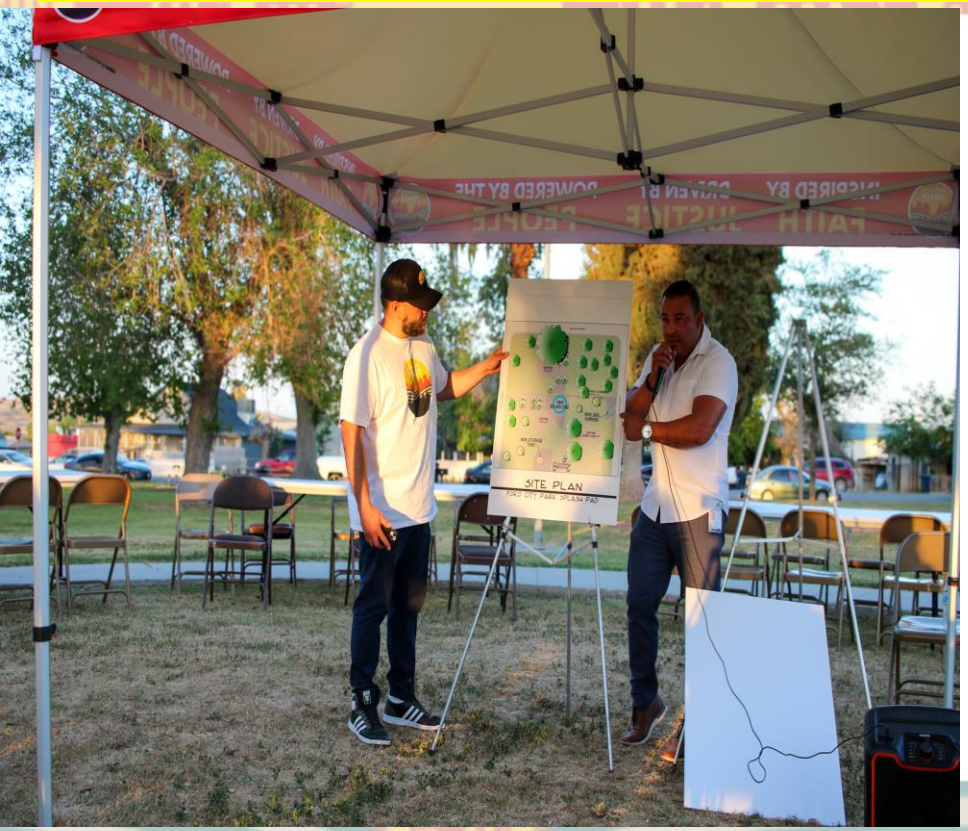
# COMMUNITY @ FORD CITY PARK

# DISTRICT 2 PARKS SURVEYS

**Over 40% of 400 people want:**

- **New restrooms, lights, splash pad, new basketball**
- **courts, new play equipment, new tables, new grills,**
- **new soccer play area, new shading areas, new**
- **exercise areas, cultural murals, and other things at**
- **Ford City Park.**
- **Valley Acres Park** survey outreach underway.
- ***Funding needed for FY24/25.***

# FORD CITY PARK PRIORITIES




**Ford City Park**
Park Improvement Priorities
April 2024

**SUMMARY**
This document highlights critical improvements the community wants to see at Ford City Park as of April 2024. Over 100 people attended a community meeting on April 23, 2024, regarding the park's future. 82 attendees completed surveys, and 20 children completed creative surveys. In total, we have collected nearly 400 surveys from two community engagement events since the fall of 2023. Survey questions and outcomes are included in this document. Faith in the Valley (FIV), community members, and the County of Kern agreed on having two more community meetings in 2024 regarding Ford City Park.

FIV is also in the process of identifying the community's needs and priorities regarding Valley Acres Park. Future meetings regarding Valley Acres Park will be determined.

**FUNDED IMPROVEMENTS**
*Improvements that are covered in the base bid of $900,000:* Installation of new splash pad, new water recovery and storage system for reuse of water for irrigation, construction of new ADA parking and accessible path of travel, site electrical upgrades, modification of existing irrigation as required for the installation of new splash pad and storage tank.

*Improvements that Isaac recently found new money for:* Lighting at basketball court area, resurface and re-stripe the basketball court, install a new fence around the basketball court, $100,000 for restroom repairs, and sand and rubber blocks replacement with PIP safety surfacing at play area A.

**NON-FUNDED IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES**
The critical needs and priorities shared by community members via surveys or conversations that require robust funding in FY24/25 are:

- New children's play area equipment with shading, swings, sand and PIP safety surfacing at play area B.
- Extend basketball court concrete play area, install new basketball boards and hoops (4), install new spectator benches in basketball court play area, install poles and netting for basketball court area, build a new soccer play area, and develop an exercise area with equipment.
- New shade structures, concrete pads, grills, benches, and picnic tables.
- New mural/cultural art area, noise reduction brick wall separating homes and church from park, mini pavilion for community events, human and pet water fountains, and expand the park to adjacent vacant lot.
- New grass, plant new trees, and trim or remove several trees for better visibility.
- Install security cameras and electrical outlets throughout the park.

# ADOPT-A-PARK @ VALLEY ACRES PARK

KERN COUNTY

GROUNDED & BOUNDLESS

Kern County General Services – Parks and Recreation

Adopt-A-Park Interest Form

Desired Start Date: 6/1/2024

Preferred Location: Valley Acres Park

Second Choice:

Third Choice:

Are you a part of an organization or Agency? Yes

If yes, which Organization/Agency?

Faith in the Valley Kern

Number of volunteers: 30+

Lead volunteer name ( must be at least 18 years of age):

Daniel Rodela

Phone Number: 661-800-7566

Email: daniel@faithinthevalley.org

Do you plan on Monthly or Bi-Monthly clean-ups? Monthly

Additional Comments: Trash bags, gloves, trash pickers, paint, paint rollers, paint brushes, and any other materials needed

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# QUESTIONS

1. How can we obtain a list of all funded improvements along with the costs involved pertaining to Ford City Park?
2. How can we obtain a cost estimate for the non-funded improvements the community wants to see at Ford City Park?
3. How soon can Valley Acres Park be assessed to develop a cost estimate based on evident needs such as new swings, new shading, basketball court repairs, children play area improvements and new parking?

# CONCLUSION

Daniel Rodela

Community Organizer

**Faith in the Valley-Kern**

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**From:** Carol Lair
**To:** Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence
**Subject:** REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR MAY 2024
**Date:** Saturday, June 15, 2024 9:58:03 AM

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5-6-24 Ground squirrel hit by car on AHH.

5-6-24 Dead possum appeared to have died by an animal attack. Found on bank of the river.

5-7-24 Mother cat and her 5 tiny kittens found in a cardboard box on River Rd opposite the bathroom.

5-8-24 Dead chicken found near Nature Center. Appeared to have died by an animal attack.

5-8-24 Orange cat picked up by a park visitor.

5-10-24 Two kittens 8 weeks old found dead in the habitat (cat house on River Rd) Likely killed by raccoons because they were in the habitat.

5-12-24 Rattlesnake killed by car on River Rd.

5-12-24 Baby Red Eared Slider turtle killed by car on River Rd.

5-13-24 Six 6 month old kittens were closed up in a clothes hamper and dumped in the canal that runs along River Rd. Three kittens escaped and were rescued by park volunteers and then they heard more kittens meowing and rescued the 3 still in the hamper. They were in foster care before being taken to KCAS

5-13-24 Black/white pit bull abandoned near bathrooms on Bison Rd and KCAS called.

5-15-24 Two goslings killed by raccoons according to a park visitor who witnessed the attack.

5-17-24 An adult pale calico rescued near the bathrooms on Bison Rd.

5-17-24 An adult gray tabby picked up and taken to KCAS

5-19-24 An orange cat rescued and taken to KCAS. Cat had ringworm and is in foster care for treatment.

5-20-24 An orange cat rescued and taken to KCAS

5-21-24 An adult female cat and her 2 kittens found in a cardboard box on River Rd. They were taken to KCAS

5-22-24 An adult black dog was abandoned near the Nature Center.and KCAS called.

5-24-24 A small terrier type dog abandoned. Unknown what happened to the dog.

5-24-24 An adult black/brown dog abandoned and was picked up by a park visitor.

5-30-24 An adult gray tabby/white cat picked up and taken to KCAS.

14 Cats taken to KCAS

5  Kittens went to our sanctuary

2  Cats picked up by park visitors

2  Cats in foster care

4 Dogs were abandoned

**TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK:  23**

A rattle snake and one Red Eared Slider turtle killed by cars on River Rd.  One ground squirrel killed by a car on Alfred Harrell Hwy.  Two goslings killed by a raccoon. One possum and one and one chicken killed by animal attacks.

Carol Lair

**From:** Carol Lair
**To:** Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence
**Subject:** REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR JUNE 2024
**Date:** Saturday, July 06, 2024 9:10:43 PM

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6-4-24 A cat was killed by a car on River Road.

6-4-24 We assisted a park visitor in the removal of a fish hook from a goose's leg.

6-5-24 An adult orange tabby picked up and taken to KCAS.

6-8-24 Three 6 week old kittens and one injured adult cat rescued and taken to KCAS. The adult cat not friendly and was TNR back to the park.

6-10-24 A red squirrel was hit by a car on River Road.

6-11-24 An adult gray tabby rescued and is in foster care being treated for a skin condition. He will be adopted by the foster parent.

6-11-24 An adult gray tabby is being adopted.

6-11-24 An adult cat was rescued and taken to KCAS.

6-11-24 A long haired orange tabby adopted by a park volunteer.

6-12-24  A brown dog abandoned and KCAS was called.

6-12-24  Four 8 week old kittens rescued and taken to KCAS.

6-17-24  An adult cat was rescued and taken to KCAS. He was not friendly and was returned to the park TNR.

6-18-24 A raccoon was hit by a car on AHH.

6-20-24  A baby skunk was hit by a car on River Road.

6-25-24  A small brown dog abandoned and KCAS called.

6-25-24  A teen age gray tabby cat rescued and is in foster care.  It had a collar with a little bell.

6-27-24  A sibling to the above cat rescued and it too had a collar and bell. Both in foster care and were found to have ringworm. They are being treated and will go to KCAS after treatment.

10  Cats taken  to KCAS

3  Cats in foster care that will be adopted.

2  Cats in foster care that will go to KCAS

1 Cat killed by a car

2 Cats TNR

2 Dogs abandoned

**TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 16**

In addition to the 1 cat killed by a car on River Road there were 3 other animals killed by cars--a red squirrel and a skunk were killed on River Road and a raccoon was killed on AHH. We assisted a park visitor in removing a fish hook from a goose's leg.

Carol Lair

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# New/Unfinished/ Other Business

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# Commission Member Presentations or Announcements