

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, September 18, 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 August 21, 2024; **APPROVE**
 - II. 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. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET OCTOBER 2024 MEETING LOCATION**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. 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 agendaized 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

7. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for October 16, 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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MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. Commissioner Osby presided and called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner(s): Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Isaac Preston, Senior CAO Manager; David Kessler, Chief Deputy, Kern County Sheriff; Michael Deleon, Sheriff's Commander, Kern County Sheriff; and Jason Nelson, Sheriff's Lieutenant, 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 ABLER

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. **GILBERT GUAYDUCAN** - WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON GREENVILLE PARK

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on May 15, 2024; Canceled meeting on June 19, 2024; Canceled meeting on July 17, 2024; Ch:La TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Document titled "Faith in the Valley PRC Presentation" submitted on May 15, 2024; Written Correspondence dated June 15, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair; Written Correspondence dated July 6, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair; and Written Correspondence dated August 8, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair. Ch:La TO RECEIVE AND FILE; 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. **ISAAC PRESTON**, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON INFORMATION REQUESTED BY COMISSIONER LAIR REGARDING ARBORIST AND WEED KILLER USED AT HART PARK.

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. 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 – KERN COUNTY GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION ARBORIST, JOSE EURIOLES; ROUND-UP PRO AND PENDULUM, WATER BASED AND CERTIFIED FOR USE
- II. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE., 1ST FLOOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:20 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for September 18, 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.

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR JULY 2024
Date: Thursday, September 05, 2024 8:36:35 AM

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7-3-24 Gray tabby kitten picked up and was in foster care before being taken to KCAS.

7-6-24 An adult black/white cat was picked up by a park visitor.

7-16-24 A German Shepard dog abandoned and KCAS called.

7-16-24 A cat was killed by a car on AHH.

7-18-24 Two adult gray tabby cats picked up and taken to KCAS.

7-23-24 A 10 week old black kitten was found by a park volunteer at the trough near the Nature Center. Kitten was close to death and died very shortly after being picked up. It was not a cat we were familiar with and possibly was abandoned by someone.

7-28-24 A 7 week old black/white kitten picked up and was in foster care briefly then taken to KCAS.

7-28-24 Two feral kittens disappeared from an area where there were several raccoons. They are presumed

dead.

4 Cats taken to KCAS

1 Cat picked up by park volunteers for adoption

4 cats died at the park--one hit by car on AHH, one found dying, two killed by apparent animal attacks

1 Dog abandoned

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 9

Typically more cats are removed from the park during July. However, this July was the hottest on record for the past 125 years. It was brutally hot with 24 days over 100 degrees and 16 of those days were over 105.

Trying to get cats in the extreme heat is quite stressful for them and for us. Further, we couldn't take cats to KCAS for a time due to no space available. In spite of the heat we made sure all park cats were fed and had water. So far this year we have removed 4 mother cats and their 19 kittens.

Carol Lair

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR AUGUST 2024
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024 8:30:21 PM

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8-1-24 Seven 7 week old kittens picked up--five from the maintenance yard and two abandoned at the mill by two men in a white pickup truck. All were taken to KCAS.

8-2-24 A 6 week old kitten and was in foster care and then taken to KCAS.

8-3-24 Two dogs abandoned and were picked up by a park visitor.

8-6-24 A mother cat and her five 4 week old kittens picked up and were briefly in foster care before taken to KCAS.

8-15-24 A 1 year old cat picked up by a park visitor.

8-15-24 Five Guinea Pigs abandoned. It is unknown what happened to them. If someone didn't pick them up then predators got them.

8-16-24 Two young adult cats picked up and taken to KCAS.

8-16-24 A 5 month old kitten picked up and was briefly in foster care before being taken to KCAS.

8-20-24 A 5 month old kitten picked up and was briefly in foster care then taken to KCAS.

8-21-24 A 1 year old female cat and her three 6 week old kittens were picked up and are in foster care and will go to KCAS.

8-23-24 A young adult tabby was picked up and taken to KCAS.

8-25-24 A female cat and her three 7 week old kittens picked up and were briefly in foster care then taken to KCAS.

8-26-24 A brown pit bull dog was abandoned and KCAS called.

8-26-24 A ground squirrel was hit by a car on AHH.

8-27-24 A rooster and two hens abandoned. One of the hens disappeared and was likely killed by predators. The rooster is surviving.

8-27-24 Two adult cats picked up and taken to KCAS.

8-28-24 A cat was hit by a car on AHH.

8-29-24 A ground squirrel was hit by a car on River Road.

8-29-24 a red squirrel was hit by a car on AHH.

25 Cats to KCAS

4 Cats in Foster Care

1 Adopted by park visitor

1 Killed by a car

3 Dogs abandoned

5 Guinea Pigs abandoned

1 Handsome rooster and 2 hens abandoned

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 31

One cat, one ground squirrel, and one red squirrel killed by cars on AHH. One ground squirrel killed by a car on River Road.

Since the beginning of the year 7 mother cats and their 27 kittens were rescued from the park.

In April 3 mother cats and their 14 kittens were picked up.

One mother cat was returned to the park because she wasn't friendly enough for adoption and her 4 kittens went to our sanctuary. Another mother cat was taken to KCAS and her 5 kittens went to our sanctuary. The third mother cat and her 5 kittens are in foster care. Three of the kittens have had eye infections and are being treated. They and the mother cat will all go to our sanctuary.

In May a mother cat and her 2 kittens were taken to KCAS.

In August a mother cats and her 5 kittens were taken to KCAS. Another mother cat and her 3 kittens went to KCAS. The third mother cat and her 3 kittens are in foster care and will go to KCAS.

This was a very busy month with 31 cats rescued from the park as compared to August 2023 when 13 cats were removed.

Carol Lair



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