

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, October 16, 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 September 18, 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**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

4. Commissioner Chapman requested information on OHV Green Sticker Grant Funds process; **GENERAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE UPDATE**
5. Commissioner Chapman requested a report on salary allocated to the part-time director contracted at the Kern River Parkway Nature Center through District III funding; **GENERAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE UPDATE**
6. Commissioner Lair requested information on posting signage at Hart Park regarding fishing line disposal; **GENERAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE UPDATE**
7. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET NOVEMBER 2024 MEETING LOCATION**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. 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

9. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for November 20, 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, September 18, 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; Carol Lair, District III; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Absent: Commissioner(s): Ucedrah Osby, District V

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Isaac Preston, Senior CAO Manager; 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 UPDATE ON THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER; EXPRESS CONCERN FOR DISGARDED FISHING LINE
- II. **RICH O'NEIL** - WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST UPDATE ON OHV PARK; EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING WEED KILLER USED AT HART PARK

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on August 21, 2024; Ce:Ch TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MOTION CARRIED. **4 AYES; 1 ABSENT-OSBY**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Written Correspondence dated September 5, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair; Written Correspondence dated September 12, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair. Ce:Ch TO RECEIVE AND FILE; MOTION CARRIED. **4 AYES; 1 ABSENT-OSBY**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **RIVERSIDE PARK** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN; ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE, JANUARY 2025
- II. **FRASIER MOUNTAIN PARK** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY; ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE, SEPTEMBER 2025
- III. **SAM LYNN BALLPARK** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT CONSTRUCTION HAS IS UNDERWAY; ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE, SEPTEMBER 2025
- IV. **DELANO PARK** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION START DATE OF SEPTEMBER 2024; ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE, FEBRUARY 2025
- V. **HERITAGE PARK** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN; ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE, SEPTEMBER 2025; RIBBON CUTTING EVENT SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 9, 2024
- VI. **OHV PARK UPDATE** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT PROJECT IS IN CONSULTING TO CREATE SITE PLAN NEEDED TO SUBMIT FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT; PROJECT EXTENSION REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. MICHAEL DELEON, SHERIFF'S COMMANDER, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A PARK RANGER UPDATE
- II. JASON NELSON, SHERIFF'S LIEUTENANT, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PARK RANGER ACQUISITIONS

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- I. REFERRAL FROM COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN TO REMOVE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT FROM THE AGENDA MOVING FORWARD

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- I. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE OCTOBER 16, 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 REQUESTED INFORMATION ON OHV GREEN STICKER GRANT FUNDS PROCESS
- II. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN REQUESTED A REPORT ON SALARY ALLOCATED TO THE PART-TIME DIRECTOR CONTRACTED AT THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER THROUGH DISTRICT III FUNDING
- III. COMMISSIONER LAIR REQUESTED INFORMATION ON POSTING SIGNAGE AT HART PARK REGARDING FISHING LINE DISPOSAL

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:09 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for October 16, 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 SEPTEMBER 2024
Date: Saturday, October 05, 2024 7:27:23 AM

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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

9-3-24 A Canadian Goose had fishing line wrapped around its leg so tightly the leg was nearly severed. It was rescued and transported to a rehab in Morro Bay. The goose was euthanized.

9-6-24 A possum was killed by a car on AHH.

9-9-24 Four cats trapped and taken to Critters without Litters to be fixed and returned to the park. TNR

9-10-24 Two cats taken to KCAS.

9-10-24 Two cats taken to CWL and returned to the park. TNR

9-12-24 Orange tabby picked up by a park visitor.

9-13-24 A Tortie was picked up by a park visitor.

9-13-24 A small brown dog abandoned and KCAS was called and they picked up the dog.

9-14-24 A 5 month old kitten picked up and taken to KCAS.

9-15-24 A park visitor picked up four 8 week old kittens and they are in foster care.

9-18-24 A small white dog abandoned and KCAS called.

9-19-24 Two cats picked up and taken to CWL to be fixed and then returned to the park TNR

9-20-24 A 4 month old kitten picked up and taken to KCAS.

9-21-24 An adult cat picked up by a park visitor.

9-22-24 Another adult cat picked up by a park visitor.

9-22-24 We trapped 5 cats and took them to CWL to be fixed and they were returned to the park. TNR

9-22-24 A Raccoon found dead cause unknown.

9-23-24 A young adult cat taken to CWL and returned to the park. TNR

9-23-24 A cat was killed by a car on AHH.

9-24-24 A possum was killed by a car on River Road.

9-24-24 One kitten and one adult cat taken to CWL.
The kitten is in foster care and the other cat returned to the park. TNR

9-25-24 Two cats taken to CWL. One cat was returned to the park and the other is in foster care and will be adopted.

9-25-24 An adult cat picked up and is in foster care pending adoption.

9-3-24 Elderly ill cat taken to KCAS and had to be euthanized.

SUMMARY:

16 Cats TRN

4 Cats taken to KCAS and one had to be euthanized

4 Cats picked up by park visitors

7 Cats in foster care

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 15

TOTAL DOGS ABANDONED: 2

This month was a very busy month and we made a

concerted effort to spay/neuter as many feral cats as we could as well as remove cats for adoption. Additionally, we helped rescue a Canadian goose with fishing line wrapped tightly around its leg. The goose was taken to Pacific Wildlife Care in Morro Bay. The goose had to be euthanized.

Two possums were killed by cars--one on AHH and one on River Road. One cat killed by cars on AHH. One raccoon found dead from unknown cause..

Carol Lair



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