

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.