

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Commissioner Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner(s): William Chapman, District II

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Isaac Preston, Senior CAO Manager; and Michael Deleon, Sheriff's Commander, Kern County Sheriff

Others: There were 14 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 ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS
- II. **ABIGAIL RODELA**, FAITH IN THE VALLEY, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF PARKS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FORD CITY; SHARE FATH IN THE VALLEY OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY; SHARE LEADER NOTES AND REMARKS FROM FORD CITY PARK TOWN HALL
- III. **ELIZABETH LOPEZ** WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF PARKS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FORD CITY AND PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON RECENT ENGAGEMENTS
- IV. **CHRISTOPHER RAMIREZ** WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO HIGHLIGHT REMARKS AND ACTIVITIES FROM RECENT FORD CITY PARK TOWN HALL

- V. **SOPHIA RODELA** WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING THE CURRENT FORD CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND UPCOMING ANTICIPATED RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
- VI. **EMILIA RODELA** WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING UPCOMING FAITH IN THE VALLEY EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2025 TO CONTINUE MOMENTUM
- VII. **DANIEL RODELA** FAITH IN THE VALLEY, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO HIGHLIGHT AND APPRECIATE THE PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNITY YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY OF FORD CITY

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on October 16, 2024; **La:Ce TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES; 1 ABSENT – CHAPMAN**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT OF PROPOSED OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE DEVELOPMENT RENDERED UNFEASIBLE AND PROBLEMATIC
- II. **HART PARK AND LAKE MING MONOFILIMENT STATIONS** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT ON NOVEMBER 14, 2024, THE KERN AUDOBON SOCIETY ENTERED INTO A GRATUITOUS SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY TO DESIGN, BUILD AND MAINTAIN ALL MONOFILIMENT CONTAINERS INSTALLED AT AND AROUND HART PARK AND LAKE MING
- III. **CASA LOMA PARK** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON VANDALISM AND RESTROOM DESTRUCTION SUSTAINED AT THE PARK
- IV. **HERITAGE PARK** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON VANDALISM, MURAL WALL GRAFFITI AND RESTROOM DESTRUCTION SUSTAINED AT THE PARK

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; PARK RANGER TRAINEE POSITION NOW OPEN; WILL WORK TO COORDINATE RANDOM PATROL CHECKS AT CASA LOMA PARK AND HERITAGE PARK

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- I. Proposal to recommend renaming Lake Isabella Dog Park to Murphy's Dog Park; Isaac Preston, Senior CAO Manager, was present before the Commission to recommend the renaming of the Dog Park in Lake Isabella to "Murphy's Dog Park" to the Kern County Board of Supervisors; **Ce:Ab MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO RENAME LAKE ISABELLA DOG PARK TO MURPHY'S DOG PARK; MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES; 1 ABSENT – CHAPMAN**
- II. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE JANUARY 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. COMMISSIONER OSBY PROVIDED UPDATE ON SKATE PARK AT HERITAGE PARK

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:30 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for January 15, 2025, 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.