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, January 15, 2025
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

COMMISSION MEMBER REORGANIZATION

1. Commission members to elect a chairman, co-chairman, and other officers they deem necessary for the 2025 term. **ACTION**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

2. 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. Presentation by Michael Hutson, Chipman Jr. High, regarding Friends of Panorama Park; **HEAR PRESENTATION**

   II. Public Comments and Requests

CONSENT AGENDA

3. 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 November 20, 2024; **APPROVE**

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. 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

5. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET FEBRUARY 2025 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 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

7. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for February 19, 2025, 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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Kern County

Parks and Recreation Commission

Public Presentations, Comments and Requests


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PANORAMA PARK
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Please respect and protect our parks

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PLEASE DON'T LITTER



Student Artwork



History



Wildlife



Volunteer Work



Litter

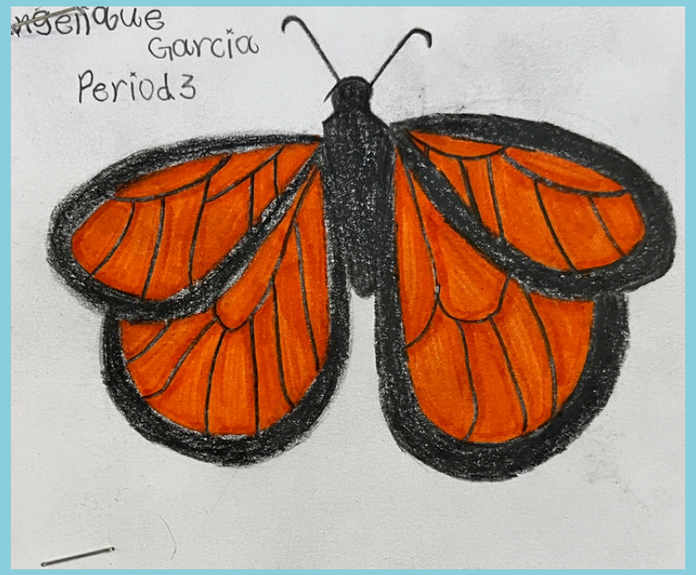


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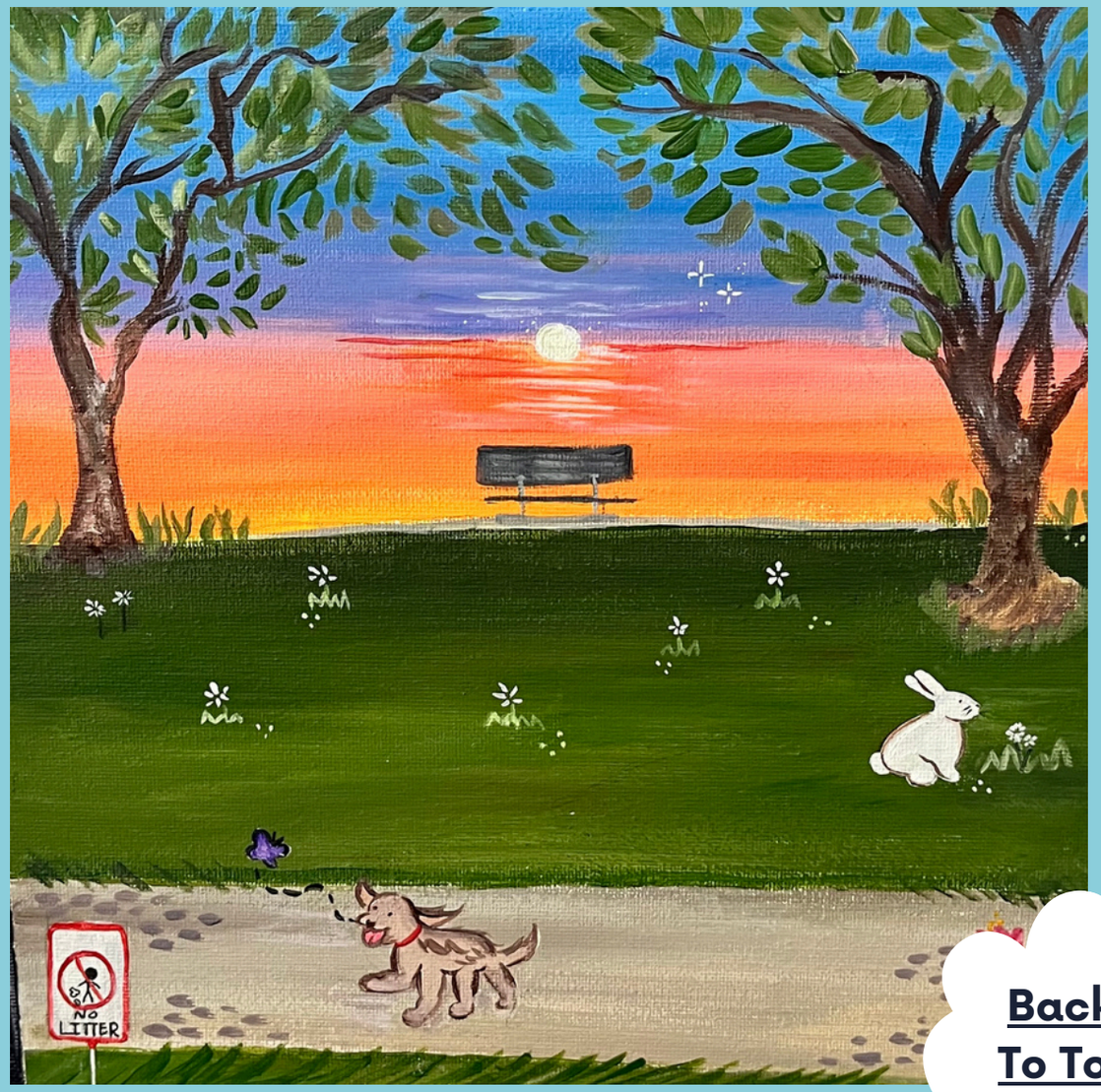




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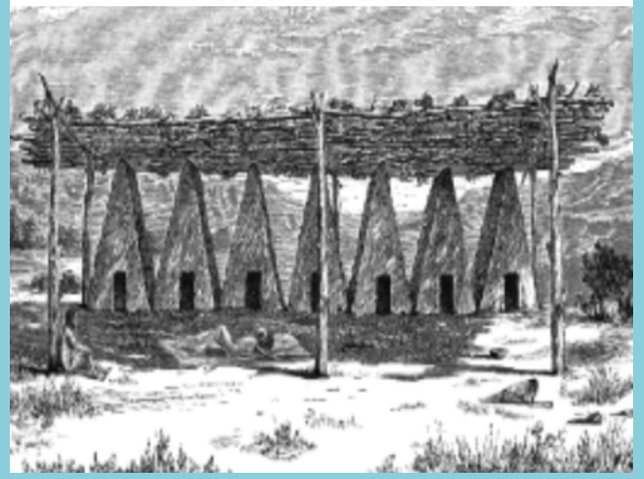
HISTORY

Gordon's Ferry was an overhead cable type of ferry operated by Captain John Gordon. It was placed on one of the lowest points on the Kern River and used to transport people and their belongings across the river with more ease than attempting to cross on foot.



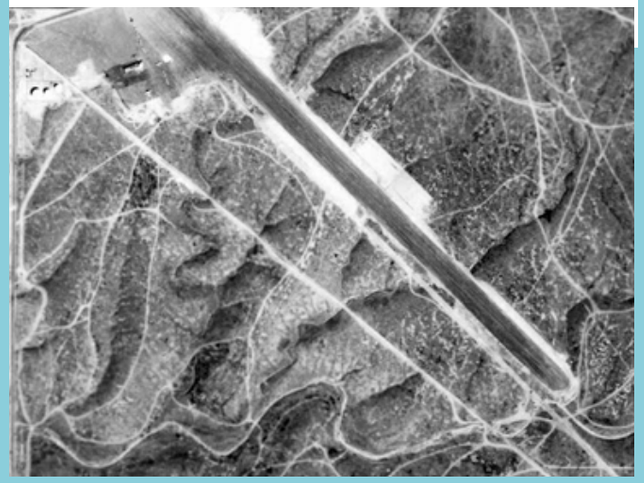
GORDON'S FERRY

Before colonization, Yokuts culture shared many features with other California Indians. They gathered plant foods such as seeds and roots, and used elaborate systems to snare deer and hunt antelope and elk. The Yokuts found home along the Kern River below the bluffs.



THE YOKUTS

The land that Panorama Park is on used to be an airfield in the 1930's. The La Cresta Airfield was a WWII Airstrip that started as civil defense and later offered flight training to locals. It closed due to growth in the area



LA CRESTA AIRFIELD

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(SOME) BIRDS OF THE PARK



California Quail



American Coot



Bullock's Oriole



American Kestrel



Black Phoebe



Green Heron



Hairy Woodpecker



Yellow-Rumped Warbler

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(SOME) PLANTS OF THE PARK



Opuntia
Prickly Pear



Salt Bush



Platanus Sycamore



Claytonia



Rosa Rose



Typha Cattail



Conyza Horesweed



Alnus Alder

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INVASIVE PLANTS IN THE PARK



Tobacco



Hirschfeldia



Semibaccata

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These invasive plants take up land and resources for plants native to the park. However, you can take initiative! The Panorama Vista Preserve takes volunteers to help clean the preserve and extract things harmful to the gentle ecosystem of the preserve.

THE PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE

Panorama Vista Preserve Website

Please DON'T litter. There are no trash cans in the Preserve. Pack out what what you pack in

Once you step off of the hillside, you are a guest in the preserve

You're a guest at the preserve! Leave it better than you found it!



The Preserve is a biologically sensitive area on private property but open to all.

@PANORAMAVISTAPRESERVE

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LITTER

This park is home to wildlife and litter interferes with their ecosystem

The trash cans are hard to miss and they're there for a reason!

There are plenty of trash cans in the park! Be sure to throw away your trash!

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VOLUNTEER WORK

Monthly park clean-ups are held by LITTLEHIKERSOFBAKERSFIELD on the first Friday of every month



Clean-ups benefit the ecosystem of the park and make it a better place to enjoy.

@LITTLE@LITTLEHIKERSOFBAKERSFIELD

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pick up litter you see and throw it away

Don't feed the squirrels

Encourage people you know to visit the park

Join litter clean ups with Tykes That Hike and Grizzly Cycles

Research more about the animals and plants

Share this website and spread the word!

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CONTACTS
WANT TO KNOW MORE

Litter Clean Ups

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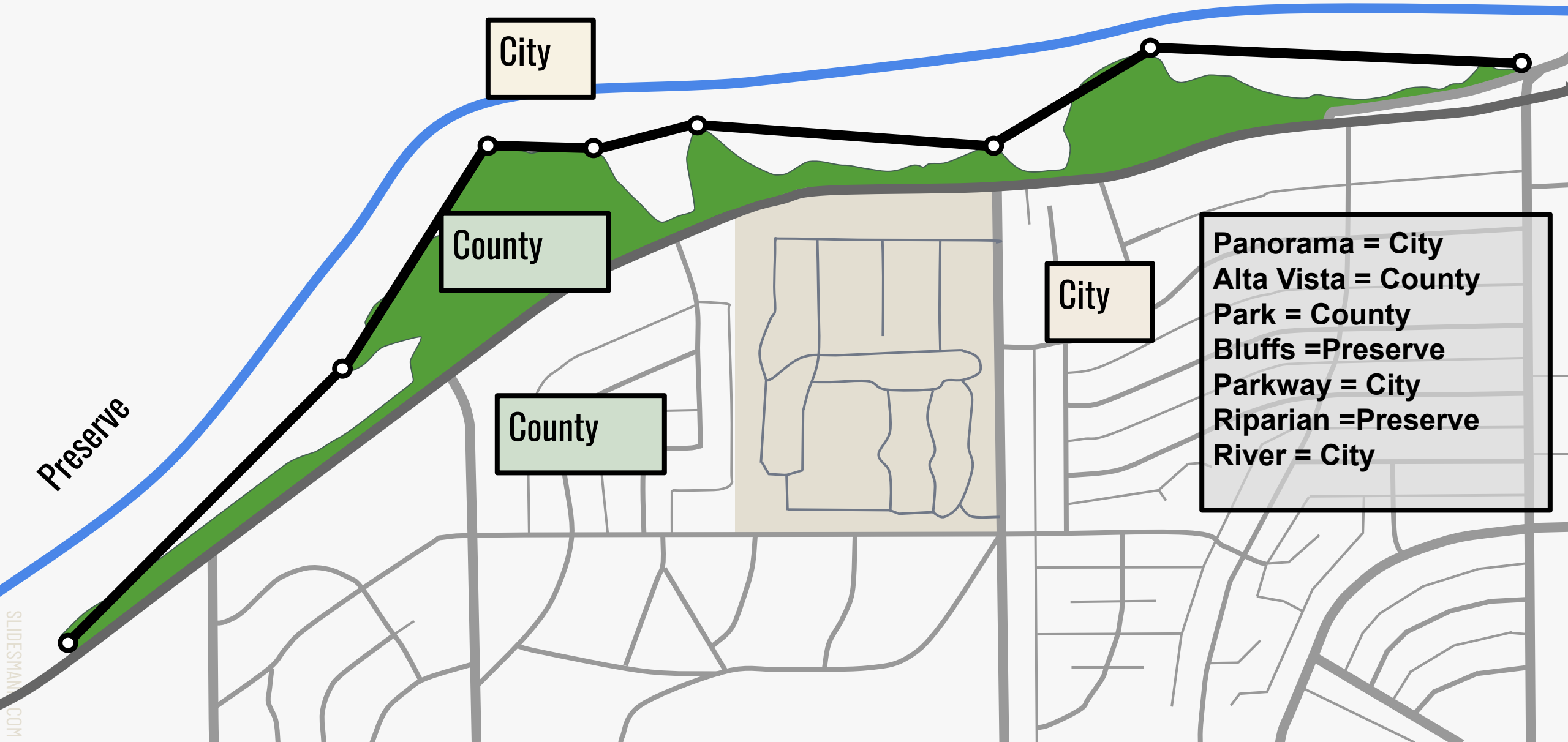
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REIMAGINING PANORAMA PARK by Chipman Jr. High

One Park, Multiple Agencies



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DRIVING QUESTION

How can we transform Panorama Park into a vibrant and inclusive community space that meets the needs of residents, instills stewardship and protects the environment as well as our history?

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Panorama Park

Panorama Park has proven over the years to be a landmark of Bakersfield. People come to the park to enjoy the park's rich history, panoramic view, and 1.5 mile long walking path. As a whole, the park represents Bakersfield and its past. Over time, it has seen the arrival of new culture, and new people as they come and go.



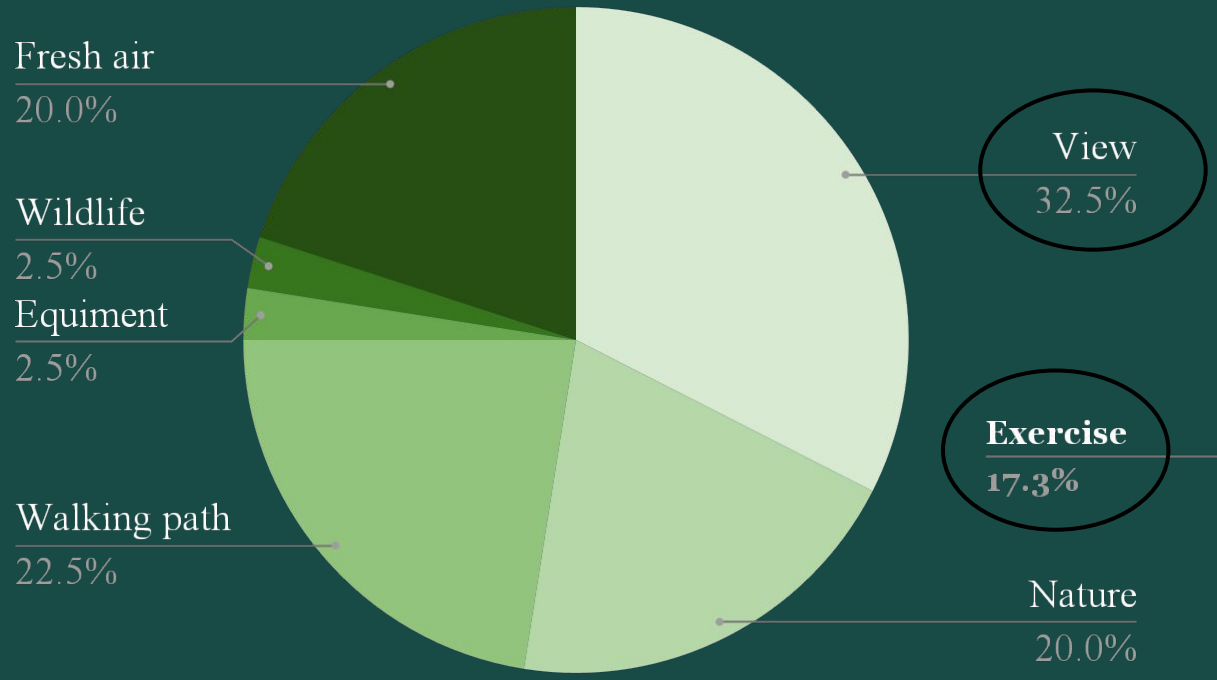
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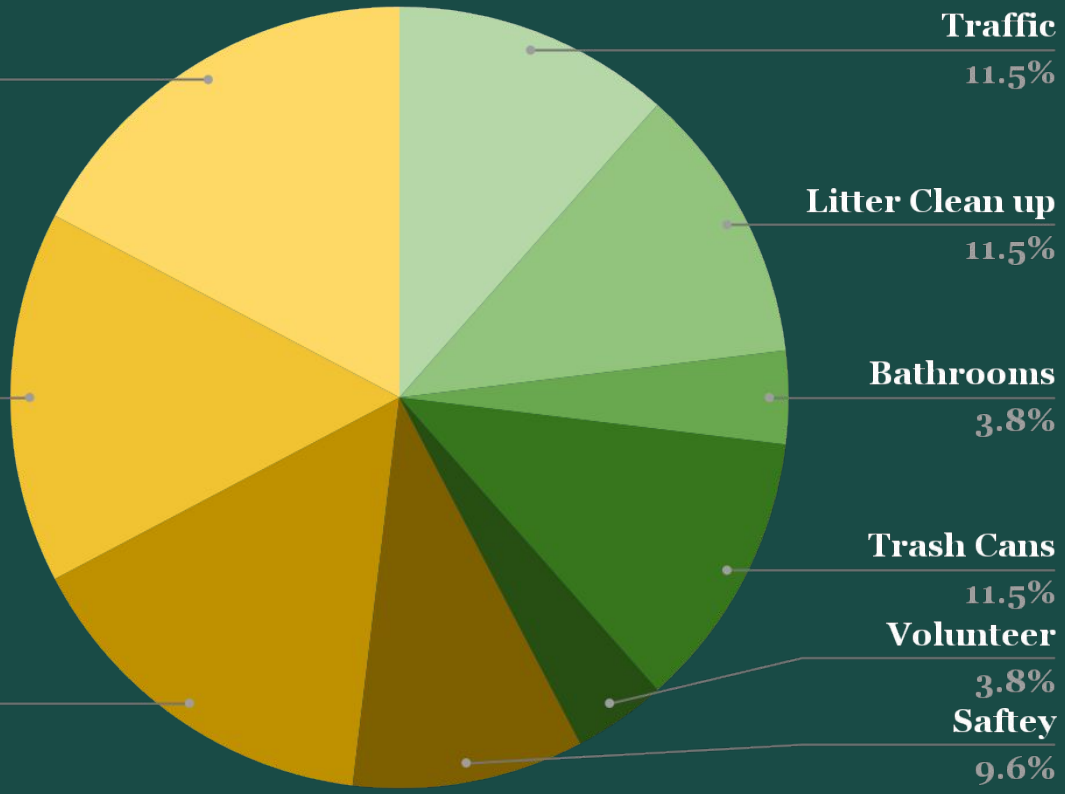
Survey Results



What They Like

Each student surveyed several people to find out how they felt about Panorama Park

What It Needs



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The Spirit Of Panorama Park

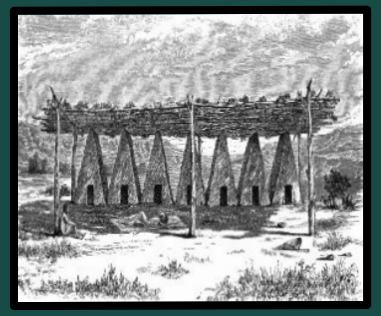


- A park that extends far beyond its boundaries, encompassing the spirit of Bakersfield and our past.
- A place that has witnessed the life and times of the Kern River
- Home to the valley’s first peoples
- Garden to the Chinese immigrants that helped build this town
- Gateway through New Spain and early California
- Site of an oil well that would ignite the economy and spirit of Bakersfield.
- Entrance to one of the most biologically diverse and sensitive areas in our town
- Bakersfield destination for walking, hiking and panoramic views
- Never intended to be commercialized (vendors), bathrooms, lights, BBQs etc



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Historical Significance of Park and Kiosks











Yokuts

- Lived along the river below the bluffs. Records indicate there may have been a village named T'sinleu on the north side of the Kern near present day Gordon's Ferry bridge

Gordon's Ferry

- Operated by Captain John Gordon
- Connected communities on both sides of the Kern River

La Cresta Airfield

- WWII Airstrip that started as civil defense and later offered flight training to locals. Closed due to growth in the area

Chinese

- In the mid 1800's Chinese laborers worked on the Kern Island Canal below the Panorama Bluffs.
- China Grade named after Chinese that grew vegetables and harvested watercress below the bluffs

Discovery Well

- Kern River Discovery Well; 1899 discovery of oil on a farm just upstream of Gordon's Ferry. Once one of the most active oil fields in the State

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Panorama Drive; Traffic, Access and Safety

City Traffic Studies

- 12,000 vehicles per day
- Nearly 70% exceed maximum speed limit of 45 mph

- Most accidents related to vehicles making u-turns or stopped to find parking

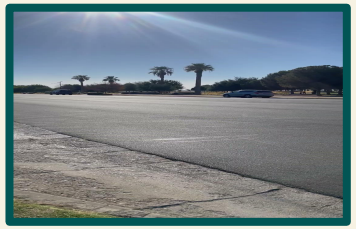
Access & Safety

- Alta Vista neighborhood has no safe way to cross Panorama to Park
- Bike lane puts cyclists in the "**Door Zone** " or speeding traffic.
- ***Blue Zone*** *goal of access and walkability*

Suggestions

Traffic Calming/Diet

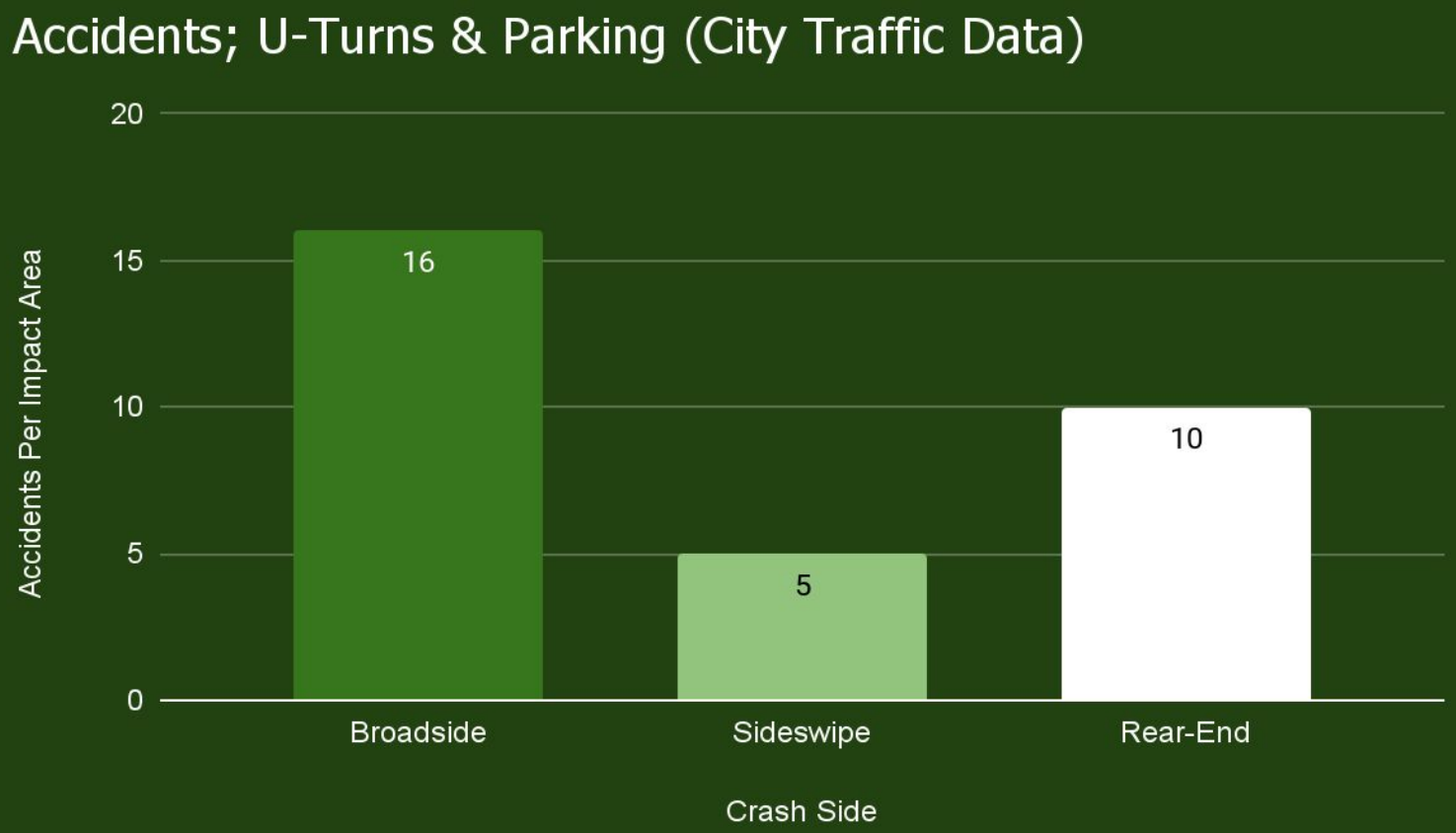
- Reduce to two lanes
- Center Divider to control u-turns
- Radar Signs (2)
- Additional enforcement
- *Cross Walks*



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Panorama Drive; Traffic, access and safety are a major concern for park users.



Majority of crashes related to parking

- U-turns (leave or find a spot)
- Stopped (to find a spot)
- Compounded by speeding

Suggestions;

- Center divider to limit u-turns
- Speed reduction



Concerns; Squirrels, Erosion, Litter

Litter

- Not enough trash/recycling cans
- Hillside doesn't get cleaned up

Suggestions

- Trash/Recycling cans
- Volunteer cleanups

(Little Hikers of Bakersfield, Grizzly Cycles)

Erosion

- Broken sprinklers/water lines causing erosion to the bluffs
- Squirrel activity causing instability to bluffs and holes in the park

Suggestions

- Fill the holes
- Educate public about problems associated with feeding squirrels
- Check bluffs and park for broken water lines

Squirrel Overpopulation

- Large population of squirrels
- Feeding increases population and threatens health of wildlife

Suggestions

- Warning signs of not feeding squirrels
- Abatement

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The Park is a gateway and a rare opportunity to educate people about the fragile habitat of the Preserve

Park And The Preserve

- In Panorama Park and the Preserve there are many types of animals that end up migrating into Panorama Park from the Preserve.
- Feeding squirrels and litter threatens the food chain and the health of these animals.

Protecting the Ecosystem of the Park and Preserve:

- Bakersfield School District should have park advocates talk to students about protecting our parks.
- Install signs with a QR code to a website to inform people about the sensitive habitat in the Park and Preserve.







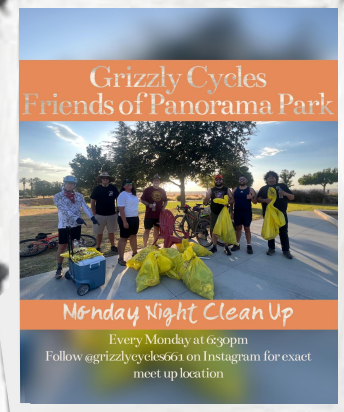
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Panorama Park Website

Community Involvement

Bringing People to the Park	Getting People Involved	Making the Park Seen	Equestrian Input
- QR codes around town leading to the Panorama Park website - Hold community events like painting classes in the park	- Community hour incentive system - Parents and their children visiting the preserve with Tykes That Hike.	- Panorama park art exhibit at the Bakersfield Museum of Art - Have advocates for the park be present at community events	- Nearly all paths along the side of the panorama bluffs were made by horses. - Panorama Park was, at a point in time, a rest stop for people to tie their horses after riding up the bluffs.







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Safety was a primary concern according to survey results

Safety; a primary concern for users

Park Safety	Panorama Safety	Bluffs/Parkway Safety
- Additional patrols and supervision - Morning and evening hours	- Traffic calming - Traffic and parking control	- Bluffs need patrols or supervision - Parkway needs additional patrols to prevent encampments and vagrants - Morning and evening hours

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Maintenance Repairs Improvements

Maintenance

- Erosion (hillside needs regular inspection)
- Litter (contractor needs to check perimeter)



Repairs

- Tagging (trash cans/benches)
- Water fountains
- Signs



Improvements

- Exercise Stations
- Monarch Garden
- History Kiosks













Cost Estimates

City: Traffic Improvements

- Crosswalk(s) $2,000
- 2 Radar Signs $20,000
- 2-4 lane striping $60,000

Total = $82,000

County: Repairs/Improvements

- Signs $5,000
- Benches $5,000
- Drinking Fountains $10,000
- Historical Kiosks $10,000
- Exercise Equipment $10,000
- Trash/Recycling Containers $5,000
- Monarch Garden $1,500

Total= $50,000

Conclusion/Action Items: we hope that you enjoyed our presentation and will consider joining us at our next meeting

- Quarterly follow up meetings for friends of Panorama Park to be held at Chipman
- Committee/reports at next meeting
  - Traffic,
  - History,
  - Community,
  - Improvements/Repairs
- Next meeting; Friday, December 6th from 12-1

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Friends of Panorama Park 2024-2025 Community Representatives

Chipman Jr. High

Kern County Supervisor; Jeff Flores

City Council; Andrae Gonzalez,

Kern County Sheriff; Jeff Sawaske

Bakersfield Police Department; Mitch Galland

Bakersfield Roads Department; Ryan Starbuck, Ed Murphy

Bakersfield Parks Department; Rick Anthony

Historian/Educator; Gilbert Gia

First Chipman Class President; Mike Maggard

Native American Student Support; Bakersfield College, Johnny Nieto

Blue Zones; Karina Funez

Bike Bakersfield; Cindy Parra

Tykes that Hike; Gregoria Gonzalez

Grizzly Cycles; Priscilla Talley

Panorama Vista Preserve; Jeff Finch

Kern Historical Society; Ken Hooper

Kern County Museum; Mike McCoy, Ashleigh Meyers

Kern County Library; Lynne Kemmer

CSUB Archives; Donato Cruz

Resident; Tony Robles

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Kern County

Parks and Recreation Commission

Consent Agenda

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

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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 VANDALISIM 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 VANDALISIM, MURAL WALL GRAFFITI AND RESTROOM DESTRUCTION SUSTAINED AT THE PARK

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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.

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December 16, 2024

Elsa Martinez, Chief Financial Officer
Kern County Administrative Office
County of Kern
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA. 93301

Dear Ms. Martinez:

Not being quite sure who to address this letter to, I chose you—as Chief Financial Officer. This formalizes a request made by email on December 12, 2024.

The request:

Before a FEMA application under discussion is finalized by the CAO's office this request is that the Kern River Parkway Foundation and Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter have an opportunity to review and comment upon that element of the application having to do with Kern River bank restoration issues. Our understanding is that there is a consulting firm (possibly an engineering firm) working on recommendations. Permit me to be specific: this request is that the Kern River Parkway Foundation and Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter have an opportunity to review and comments upon those recommendations. Again, those recommendations relate to bank restoration work along the Kern River in Hart Park (hopefully also including the bridge from Hart Lake to the Kern River).

The reason for this request: after the high water year of 2022-23 there was major bank erosion in at least one portion of Hart Park bordering the Kern River. A firm (local firm) was contracted to provide "fill." Well...that "fill" washed away during 2023-24. Funding was basically wasted. We do not want to see another "fill" that is easily washed away.

At a recent event Garrison Moretto of Supervisor Flores's office indicated that the Kern County Administrative Office was handling the FEMA application—that is the reason this letter is addressed to you representing the County Administrative Office.

Let me also take this opportunity to request that the County of Kern follow the lead of the City of Bakersfield regarding the handling of issues of concern regarding Kern County Parks and develop a procedure to address complaints in a timely manner. In the City of Bakersfield calls are answered by a staff person in the Recreation and Parks office. And, critically important, follow-up return calls are made back to the person initiating the call—usually within 24 hours.

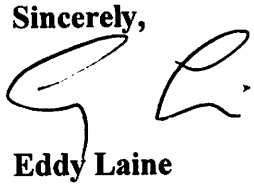
There was never a response from Kern County Parks (General Services) about the recent serious complaint about public safety regarding bank erosion and the

unusable bridge issues along the Kern River in Hart Park. Rather, Kern County Supervisor Jeff Flores responded. It should not be necessary for a member of the Kern County Board of Supervisors (who set policy to be implemented by staff) to become directly involved in responding to such issues. This should be a staff function.

I will forward this letter to the Kern River Parkway Foundation and other interested parties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Eddy Laine

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cc: Supervisor Jeff Flores
Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
Kern County General Services

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Good morning--

I just sent you some past reports for the cats at the park. If I have sent them previously I apologize but I couldn't find any thing showing I had sent them.

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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES

2-5-22 Cat at west entrance died

2-7-22 Large long haired orange cat was taken to KCAS and found not to be adoptable in January. He was returned to the park briefly and is now in foster care with us receiving treatment. There is a family that wants him.

2-14-22 Husky dog abandoned and not sure what happened to it.

2-15-22 An injured gray cat was taken to KCAS.

2-16-22 Medium sized black dog abandoned and was rescued by a park visitor.

2-19-22 Calico cat found dead.

2-20-22 Gray cat was in foster care briefly and then taken to KCAS for adoption.

2-27-22 Brown pitbull abandoned and not sure what happen to it.

2 cats died at the park

1 cats taken to KCAS

1 cat in foster care

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 4

TOTAL DOGS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 3

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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR MAY 2024

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.

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From: Carol Lair
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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR AUGUST 2024

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.

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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR OCTOBER 2024

10-1-24 Five cats trapped and taken to Critters Without Litters and returned to the park TNR.

10-1-24 Four cats taken to KCAS.

10-1-24 One bunny caught and was taken to KCAS.

10-2-24 A kitten taken to KCAS.

10-2-24 a cat was taken to CWL and then returned to the park TNR.

10-4-24 A kitten taken to KCAS.

10-4-24 A cat was killed by a car on AHH.

10-5-24 A baby raccoon was killed by a car on River road.

10-6-24 A baby skunk was killed by a car on Bison Road.

10-8-24 A kitten taken to an adoptive home.

10-8-24 Three cats taken to KCAS and two had to be euthanized.

10-14-24 Cat taken to CWL and then to an adoptive home.

10-15-24 Cat taken to CWL and then to an adoptive home.

10-16-24 A cat taken to KCAS and had to be euthanized.

10-16-24 A cat went to a special adoptive program at Cal Poly.

10-22-24 A cat picked up and taken to KCAS.

10-23-24 A cat went to a special program at Cal Poly.

10-27-24 A cat taken to KCAS not friendly but a home was found.

10-29-24 A cat was taken to CWL and returned to the park TNR.

TO SUMMARIZE:

12 Cats went to KCAS (3 had to be euthanized)
6 Cats adopted (5 out of county and 1 local)

1 Cat killed by a car
7 Cats TNR
1 Dog abandoned
1 Bunny

TOTAL CATS REMOVED: 19

We were able to TNR seven cats this month. Of these five cats two were relocated and one returned to its original spot. Five animals died by being hit by cars at the park. Two skunks killed, one on AHH and one on Bison Road. One ground squirrel died on AHH. One baby raccoon died on River Road and one cat died on AHH. Drivers being careless or speeding is resulting in animals killed every month on Alfred Harrell Highway.

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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR NOVEMBER 2024

11-2-24 Two cats were picked up taken to Critters Without Litters and then to adoptive homes.

11-5-24 Two cats picked up and taken to KCAS.

11-6-24 Two cats picked up and taken to CWL and then to adoptive homes.

11-7-24 Two cats removed from the park and taken to KCAS.

11-13-24 One cat taken to KCAS.

11-15-24 Eight dead Coot ducks were found in the north west parking area along Hart Lake. They appeared to have been mutilated but manner of death unknown. This incident reported to KCAS, two Park Rangers and Dept of Fish and Game.

11-18-24 Two cats were picked up and taken to KCAS

11-19-24 Four cats were picked up and taken to KCAS.

11-20-24 Two white bunnies seen at the park, they disappeared and it is not known what happened to them.

11-23-24 A brown and white dog was abandoned and rescued by a park visitor.

11-23-24 A cat was picked up and taken to KCAS. The cat had a microchip and the cat was reunited with its owner.

11-27-24 Two cats taken to KCAS and one was not friendly enough for adoption. However, we were able to find an adoptive home for the cat.

SUMMARY:

12 Cats taken to KCAS--including 1 cat returned to owner

5 Cats went to adoptive homes out of county

1 Dog abandoned

2 Bunnies abandoned

8 Coots found dead

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 17

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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR DECEMBER 2014

12-2-24 A Tortie and a long haired pale orange cat taken to KCAS.

12-4-24 Three kittens were abandoned and were attacked by a Great Blue Heron that killed one kitten and the other two were rescued by a park visitor.

12-5-24 Two brown/white dogs abandoned. KCAS called.

12-6-24 The oldest cat in the park, Audrey Hepburn, disappeared and is presumed dead.

12-10-24 A skunk was killed by a car on AHH.

12-13-24 A raccoon killed on AHH.

12-16-24 The partial skull of a cat found next to the habitat.

12-17-24 A raccoon was killed by a car on River Road.

12-18-24 A long haired gray cat was taken to Critters Without Litters and was relocated to an appropriate feeding location. Cat returned next day to it home turf next day. TNR

12-18-24 A long haired gray/black cat taken to CWL and returned to the park. TNR

12-19-24 A skunk killed on AHH.

12-27-24 We finally,after several attempts, rescued a duck with a fishing hook in it leg and the hook removed.

12-29-24 Two adult beavers were killed by a car on River Road

SUMMARY:

2 Cats taken to KCAS

3 Cats died at the park--1 killed by Great Blue Heron, 2 cats died of unknown causes

2 Cats rescued by park visitor

2 Cats Fixed and returned to park TNR

2 Dogs abandoned

TOTAL CATS REMOVED: 7

This was another deadly month for park wildlife. One skunk and two beavers killed by cars on River Road. Two skunks and one raccoon killed on AHH. Two cats were taken to Critters Without Litters and both returned to the park. One was relocated to an appropriated feeding location but returned to its home turf. After several attempts, we also rescued a duck with a fish hook in its leg and removed the hook

Carol Lair

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