

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Commissioner Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioner(s): William Chapman, District II; Carol Lair, District III; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Absent: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; and 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 25 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 CHAPMAN

COMMISSION MEMBER REORGANIZATION

1. Commission members to elect a chairman, co-chairman, and other officers they deem necessary for the 2025 term. **CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

- I. **DAVID SCHAD** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION REPRESENTING KERN AUDOBON SOCIETY TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PARK MONOFILAMENT RECYCLING BINS INSTALLATION REQUEST
- II. **MICHAEL HUTSON**, CHIPMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO FACILITATE A PRESENTATION BY CHIPMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TITLED, “FRIENDS OF THE PANORAMA PARK”

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on November 20, 2024; **Ch:Ce TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES; 2 ABSENT – ABLER; OSBY**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Written Correspondence dated December 16, 2024, submitted by Eddy Laine; Written Correspondence dated December 14, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair; Written Correspondence dated December 14, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair; Written Correspondence dated December 14, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair; Written Correspondence dated December 14, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair; Written Correspondence dated December 14, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair; Written Correspondence dated December 14, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair; and Written Correspondence dated January 2, 2025, submitted by Carol Lair; **Ch:Ce TO RECEIVE AND FILE; MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES; 2 ABSENT – ABLER; OSBY**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **BUENA VISTA LAKE** - ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE PROJECTS TO INSTALL TWO NEW RESTROOMS WITH SHOWERS AND NEW RAMP INSTALLATION; PROJECTS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY
- II. **STRAMLER PARK** - ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT ON NEW UPGRADES INCLUDING A WALKING PATH, LIGHTING, SHADE STRUCTURES OVER SEATING, ADA WALKING PATH, CORNHOLE AND UPGRADES TO THE VOLLEYBALL COURT; PROJECTS TO BEGIN SOON
- III. **HERITAGE PARK** – ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER , WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON CURRENT AND FUTURE ANTICIPATED PROJECTS

- IV. **OHV PARK** - ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER , WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO STATE THAT A GRANT EXTENSION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THROUGH DECEMBER 2026 TO CONTINUE PROPERTY SEARCH

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; HIRING IS ONGOING
- II. **JASON NELSON**, SHERIFF'S LIEUTENANT, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PARK RANGER BOATS CURRENTLY IN CONSTRUCTION; ANTICIPATED RECEIPT IS SET FOR EARLY SUMMER

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- I. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE FEBRUARY 19, 2025 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 PROVIDED COMMENTS ON INSTALLATION OF DISC GOLF AT HERITAGE PARK
- II. COMMISSIONER LAIR PROVIDED COMMENTS EXPRESSING CONCERN REGARDING BANK EROSION AT HART PARK
- III. COMMISSIONER LAIR REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE SPRAY PARK AT HART PARK

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:10 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for February 19, 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.