

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Commissioner Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer; Michael Deleon, Sheriff's Commander, Kern County Sheriff; and Jason Nelson, Sheriff's Lieutenant, Kern County Sheriff

Others: There were 4 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

COMMISSION MEMBER REORGANIZATION

1. Commission members to elect a chairman, co-chairman, and other officers they deem necessary for the 2025 term.
 - I. Ch-Ce TO APPOINT RYAN ABLER AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR. MOTION CARRIED. **4 AYES - 1 ABSENT - Osby**
 - II. Ab-Ce TO APPOINT WILLIAM CHAPMAN AS THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR. MOTION CARRIED. **4 AYES - 1 ABSENT - Osby**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

- I. **KATY WESTMORELAND** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE MARCH DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT; REQUEST ADDITIONAL TRASH CANS; AND REQUEST UPDATE ON HERITAGE PARK DISC GOLF PROJECT
- II. **DAVID SCHAAD** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION REPRESENTING KERN AUDOBON SOCIETY TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON STATUS OF PARK MONOFILAMENT RECYCLING BINS INSTALLATION REQUEST; COMMENTS REGARDING HART MEMORIAL PARK PLAY AREA AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SPEED BUMPS ADDED TO THE ROADS OF HART MEMORIAL PARK

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on January 15, 2025; **Ch:Ab TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Written Correspondence dated January 24, 2025, submitted by Carol Lair; **Ch:Ab TO RECEIVE AND FILE; MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

2. General Services – Status Update

- I. **ADOPT-A-PARK** – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRAM
- II. **PARK SIGNAGE** - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON AT KERN COUNTY PARKS; EACH PARK HAS A MINIMUM OF ONE SIGN WITH A QR CODE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD THE KERN COUNTY APP
- III. **2023 FLOOD REPAIR PARK PROJECTS** – MICHELLE BURNS-LUSICH, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, PROVIDED A PRESENTATION REGARDING KERN COUNTY PARK PROJECTS:
 - a. COUNTY EFFORTS WITH FEMA
 - b. COUNTY EFFORTS TO COMPLETE REPAIRS
 - c. HART PARK EMBANKMENT REPAIR

- IV. **HART MEMORIAL PARK** - GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS, REPAIRS AND TRAIL RESTORATION AT HART MEMORIAL PARK
- V. **HART MEMORIAL PARK ADVENTURE PLAY AREA** - MICHELLE BURNS-LUSICH, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, PROVIDED A PRESENTATION REGARDING HART MEMORIAL PARK ADVENTURE PLAY AREA AND SPLASH PAD

3. 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; INCLUDING STOPS, INCIDENT REPORTS, STAFFING STATUS, AND LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE PREPARATION
- II. **JASON NELSON**, SHERIFF'S LIEUTENANT, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PARK RANGER FLEET AND BOAT ACQUISITIONS

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- 4. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE MARCH 19, 2025 MEETING AT THE RICHARD PRADO EAST BAKERSFIELD SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 2101 RIDGE ROAD, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. COMMISSIONER LAIR PROVIDED COMMENTS REGARDING AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A CAT IN DISTRESS AND THANKED THE KERN COUNTY RANGERS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:30 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for March 19, 2025, at 6:30 P.M., at the Richard Prado East Bakersfield Senior Center, 2101 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, CA 93305, unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or canceled by the Commission.