

KERN COUNTY HERITAGE COMMISSION
County of Kern, California

Minutes of the Regular Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, December 7th, 2016
Parks and Recreation Department Building Administrative Conference Room
Bakersfield, California
5:30PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Blythe - District 1 (Secretary)
Michele Slade - District 2 (Vice Chair)
Scott Knoeb - District 2
Trenton Spears - District 3
Norma Jackson - District 5 (Chair)

Robert Lerude, Commission Advisor

GUESTS:

Brent Haney, General Services

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Ruby Dodds - District 1
David Dennison - District 4
(three vacancies)

Commission Chair N. Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

Quorum Established; 5 Commissioners present

N. Jackson gave the invocation and T. Spears gave the flag salute.

Approval of the Minutes of the March 2nd, 2016. Secretary J. Blythe read the minutes of the previous meeting. There were informal commission meetings in June (held in Mojave) and in September (held in Lake Isabella) but no quorum for either two of those meetings. S. Knoeb made a motion to approve minutes; second by T. Spears. All in favor. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Commission Vacancies: Advisor Lerude mentioned that the commission received a letter of resignation from David Dennison who represents District 4. This now leaves the vacancies on the commission to four. Mr. Lerude recommends to the commission that we need to reach out to the Supervisors to get appointments filled and mentioned that the Bylaws could be amended for flexibility regarding appointments.

B. 2017 Calendar - Liberty Bell Dates: Commissioners discussed dates of future commission meetings and set the dates of the liberty bell and which commissioner would be assigned to each date.

Commission Meetings:	March 1st - Bakersfield 1115 Truxtun Ave. 3rd Floor
	June 7th - Mojave Airport
	Sept. 6th - Lake Isabella
	Dec. 6th - Bakersfield

Liberty Bell Dates for 2017:

Presidents Day:	Scott Knoeb
Armed Forces Day:	Scott Knoeb
Memorial Day:	Scott Knoeb
Flag Day:	Michelle / Trenton
4th of July:	Norma
Constitution Day:	-
Patriots Day - 9/11:	Michelle / Scott
Veterans Day:	John
Pearl Harbor Day:	Norma

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

District 1:

Commissioner Blythe reports he has had an extremely busy schedule with travels lately but commented that on Pearl Harbor Day the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce put out flags along Isabella Blvd. Commissioner Blythe said that he missed out on Veteran's Day this year due to a conference commitment in Wyoming. He was recently elected President of the KRVR in Lake Isabella which is a 'de-facto' form of a town council. The area was extremely devastated due to the Erskine Fire in June. He also reports that Ridgecrest recently had their annual Parade of 1000 Flags on 9/11.

District 2:

Commissioner Slade reports that she has had a lot of positive development in the Mojave/Rosamond area and working with Supervisor Scrivner. Saturday December 2nd there was an event at the Mojave Airport commemorating the 30th Voyager and there was also a commemoration for the Spaceship II that Commissioner Slade's son-in-law was involved with. She also reports that they want to promote the local feline compound for tourists.

Commissioner Knoeb reports that he has also had a busy schedule and commented about the recent Presidential election. On Armed Forces Day back in May, they had 4000 people sing God Bless America and while it did not get into the World Record, it still was the most people singing. His area of District 2 has been very productive lately.

District 3:

Commissioner Spears reports that the Color Guard honored the veterans on Veterans Day and on Memorial Day. They also participated in the parade. Commissioner Spears still takes the kids into the schools to talk about American heritage such as the Revolutionary War and the Civil War.

District 4: No report

District 5:

Commissioner Jackson mentioned that Arvin is still actively doing the "We the People" program and it was recently mentioned in The Bakersfield Californian. Centennial High School will do finals in February 3rd and 4th for the same program for State Championship. She mentioned it would be good to have certificates passed out to the students who participate.

OTHER REPORTS:

Advisor Lerude reports that he has recently retired as Director for the Kern County Parks and Recreation Department and as such, this will be his final meeting as an advisor to the Kern County Heritage Commission. Mr. Lerude introduced the Commissioners to Mr. Haney from General Services who will be the new advisor to the Commission. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Lerude for his service and appreciate his time and efforts to the commission. Commissioner Blythe gave Mr. Lerude a parting gift to express his thanks and gratitude.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD on Wednesday March 1st @ 5:30PM at the new location 1115 Truxtun Ave. 3rd Floor in the Administrative County Building.

ADJOURNMENT: Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM on a motion by S. Knoeb and second by J. Blythe. All in favor and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by

John Blythe, Secretary
Commissioner for 1st District County of Kern