

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

**County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers
March 27, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Madam Chair Arnold-Chambers presided.

Present: Commissioner Gary Bray, District I; Commissioner William Chapman, District II; Madam Chair Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III

Absent: Gregory McGiffney, District IV; Vacant, District V

Staff: Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer – General Services; Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager – General Services; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services; Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services; Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger – General Services; and Amanda Ruiz, Senior Fiscal and Policy Analyst – County Administrative Office.

Others: There were twenty-two (22) others present

NOTE: Br, Ch, Ar are abbreviations for Commissioners Bray, Chapman, and Arnold-Chambers. As an example, Br-Ch denotes Commissioner Bray made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. Flag Salute: Madam Chair Arnold-Chambers

1. Approval of the Minutes of February 27, 2019

The minutes from February 27, 2019 were reviewed. Br - Ch, to approve the minutes. 3 Ayes, 2 Absent, Motion carried - minutes were approved as written.

2. Public Presentations

Margie Bell was present before the Commission to suggest that places such as Wind Wolves Preserve be looked and considered for Hart Park. Additionally, Ms. Bell raised her concerns regarding the cleanliness of the water in the Kern River.

Maria Polite was present before the Commission to voice her concerns regarding the use of jet skis on Lake Ming. Ms. Polite was of the opinion that there are other

more suitable lakes in the area for the use of jet skis other than Lake Ming

Marion Vargas was present before the Commission to advise them that in preparation for the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, she was unable to locate prior meeting minutes, the agenda, etc. on the County website. Ms. Vargas was appreciative to see the 2010 Master Plan for parks on the website, but requested that the Hart Park plan be made available on the website as well.

Lupe Yubeta was present before the Commission to voice her concerns regarding the lighting at and around Bell Terrace Park, the dismantling of the perimeter fence by vandals, and the ongoing rodent issue in the park.

Jasmine Del Aguila was present before the Commission to offer her assistance to the public as it relates to the Casa Loma neighborhood as she is part of the County's Leadership Council and that particular neighborhood is part of her outreach area.

3. Public Requests

There were no public requests before the Parks and Recreation Commission for review and/or consideration.

4. Correspondence

Carl Brewer provided the Commission with the Kern County Parks and Recreation Department – Park Naming Policy, as it outlines the process that will need to be followed for the plaque recognition for former Director of Kern County Parks & Recreation, Robert Lerude. Based on the Park Naming Policy, the final recommendation on the plaque will be made by the Board of Supervisors for ratification.

5. New Business

Proposition 68 - Amanda Ruiz, Fiscal and Policy Analyst for the County Administrative Office provided the Commission with an updated regarding the Prop 68 application package process and requested a recommendation regarding project site (park) selection. Ms. Ruiz presented the Commission with two options on project site selection based on use of the California State Parks Community FactFinder as required by the application guidelines: (1) the most competitive project sites based on data and (2) the most competitive project sites based on Supervisor District. Br – Ch to recommend that staff proceed with the most competitive project sites based on data. 3 Ayes, 2 Absent. Motion carried – recommendation approved.

6. Old Business

There was no old business before the Commission for review and/or consideration.

7. Department Staff Report

Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager provided the Commission with a Department Staff Report. Mr. Brewer reported:

Hart Park

- Installed three (3) security cameras
- Security camera notification signage has been installed
- The brush/foliage clean-up along the equestrian trail has been completed
- Four (4) of the illegal “animal dumping” signs which include a fine notification have been installed
- One (1) restroom renovation has been completed

Delano Memorial Park

- Notice to proceed regarding LED lighting for ballfield #1 will be issued in the beginning of April 2019
- Construction will begin in May 2019 and completed in June 2019

Shade Structure Proposals – Notice to proceed will be issued on April 16, 2019 and construction will be completed in June 2019 for the LeRoy Jackson Park, Tank Park, Inyo Kern Park, Mojave East Park, and Park

Lake Ming – Jet Skis – Bret Haney, Senior CAO Manager – General Services is currently in the process of drafting an ordinance change for the Commission to review and consider regarding the use of jet skis on Lake Ming.

Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger provided the Commission with a monthly overview and statistics report for the Kern County Park Ranger Division. Ms. Denton reported that in March:

Felony Arrest	4
Misdemeanor Arrest	5
Incident Reports	10
Parking Citations	61
Misdemeanor Citations	3
Traffic Citations	6
Certified Field Trainers	2

8. Commission Comments

The Commission requested that staff include the following topics on the April meeting agenda: Lake Ming – jet skis, a monthly showcase park, Nature Park plan, litter and trash overflow in major parks in busy weekends, proposed meeting date change, and informational packet prior to each meeting.

9. Dates and Locations of Future Meetings:

The meeting time is at 6:30 p.m.

Future meeting dates and locations (subject to change):

- April 24th, 2019, County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield,
1st Floor - Board of Supervisors Chambers.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Arnold-Chambers adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.