

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

**County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Madam Chair Arnold-Chambers presided.

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

Absent: Vacant, District V

Staff: Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer; Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager – General Services; Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services; and Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger – General Services

Others: There were nine (9) others present

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

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m. Flag Salute: Madam Chair Arnold-Chambers

1. Approval of the Minutes of August 21, 2019

The minutes from August 21, 2019 were reviewed. Ce - Br, to approve the minutes. 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion carried - minutes were approved as written.

2. Public Presentations

Craig Smith was present before the Commission to request, on behalf of the Kern River Parkway Foundation, that the Commission add the topic of creating the “Kern County Kern River Parkway” in controlled sections of the parkway to the October agenda for review and consideration.

3. Public Requests

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

4. Correspondence

Staff provided the Commission with the written correspondence dated September 11, 2019, from Eddy Laine regarding the issue of jet skis on Lake Ming and the process for ordinance changes. Br – Ce, to receive and file the correspondence. 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

5. Department Staff Report

i. Current Jet Ski Ordinance/History of Changes – Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer was present before the Commission to discuss the history of changes related to the Special Events Ordinance that were completed through the Board of Supervisors, County Counsel, Planning Department and the Clerk of the Board. It was noted that the changes were made to the Special Events Ordinance which permit jet skis during special events; there were no changes made to the actual Jet Ski Ordinance.

ii. Major Maintenance – Park Improvements – Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer was present before the Commission to review and discuss the master list of major maintenance projects that will be commencing in parks in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. It was noted by Geoffrey Hill that the Board of Supervisors is demonstrating value in our County parks. It was further noted by Geoffrey Hill that the Board of Supervisors has approved \$250,000.00 per district for park improvements; projects for each district are currently being determined. Additionally, Geoffrey Hill advised that the Board of Supervisors approved \$2,975,000 for specific parks projects to be completed in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

iii. Proposition 68 - Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager was present before the Commission to discuss Staff's efforts on the various Proposition 68 funding opportunities, which currently include the Regional Park Program, the Rural Recreation and Tourism Program, and the Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant Program.

iv. Hart Memorial Park - Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager was present before the Commission to provide an update regarding projects at Hart Memorial Park. It was noted by Carl Brewer that on September 9, 2019, Staff completed the third restroom renovation. It was further noted by Carl Brewer that Staff has turned their efforts towards the stage renovation in Section 7 for Hart Park After Dark which is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 5PM to 8PM.

v. Camp Okihi - _Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager was present before the Commission to provide an update regarding water at Camp Okihi. It was noted by Carl Brewer that the engineers were exploring options for bringing water to the site.

Park Ranger – Status Update

Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger provided the Commission with a monthly overview and statistics report for the Kern County Park Ranger Division. Mr. Denton reported that in the past 30-days:

Felony Arrest	3
Misdemeanor Arrest	9
Incident Reports	24
Parking Citations	21
Traffic Citations	15
Administrative Citations	17
Vehicle Impounds	3
Vessel Rescues	9

6. New/Unfinished/Other Business

Monthly Park Showcase – Staff provided the Commission with a showcase of Frazier Mountain Park located at Frazier Mountain Park Rd. and Monterey Trail in Frazier Park, CA as the monthly park showcase. Frazier Mountain Park is a community park a recreation building, restroom building, ceremonial stone circle, war memorial, 2-5 yr. old and 5-12 yr. old play equipment, lighted basketball court, 2 ball field (one with bleachers and dugouts), covered picnic area, skate park, and horseshoe pits.

Litter in Parks – The Commission discussed the issue of litter in the parks as well as options for addressing it. The Commission requested that Staff continue this topic on the October agenda.

Hart Memorial Park – Peacock House Support – The Commission reviewed and discussed the written correspondence dated August 12, 2019, from Eddy Laine regarding a request for the Commission to support the restoration of the Peacock House at Hart Memorial Park. Br – Ce to support the restoration of the Peacock (Adobe) House in Hart Park as a Kern River Parkway Foundation Interpretative (Visitor) Center. 3 Ayes, 1 Opposed and 1 Absent. Motion carried. Ch was opposed. Motion carried.

7. Commission Comments

None

8. Dates and Locations of Future Meetings:

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

Future meeting dates and locations (subject to change):

- October 16, 2019, County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield,
1st Floor - Board of Supervisors Chambers.

9. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Arnold-Chambers adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.