

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

**County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue,
3rd Floor Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, January 24th, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 24th, 2018. Commissioner Barrera presided.

Present: Commissioner Gary Bray, District I; Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; Commissioner McGiffney, District IV; Manuel Barrera, District V

Absent: Commissioner, District II (Vacant); Bret Haney, Division Chief, Kern County General Services

Staff: Sandi Formhals, Division Chief, Kern County General Services Department

Others: There were 15 others present

NOTE: Ja, Mc, Ba, Ar, Br are abbreviations for Commissioners Jamison, McGiffney, Barrera, Arnold-Chambers, and Bray. As an example, Mc-Ja denotes Commissioner McGiffney made a motion and Commissioner Jamison seconded the motion.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Flag Salute: Chairman Barrera

1. Approval of the Minutes of November 29th, 2017

The minutes from November 29th, 2017 were reviewed. Br-Ar, motion to approve the minutes. All ayes - minutes were approved with no corrections.

2. Public Presentations

Sergeant Williams, Kern County Sheriff's Department (Search & Rescue) – Heard regarding the need for signage improvements on trails in Tehachapi Mountain Park. There has been an increase in rescues in the past 12 months. KCSO installed some but are recommending more. This will be coordinated with General Services.

Marion Vargas Heard – She would like a PSA on status of Hart Park Vision plan. Sandi Formhals to follow up with the CAO.

3. Correspondence

There was no reported correspondence.

4. New Business

Election of Chairman/Vice Chair

Ar-Mc motion to approve to keep Commissioner Manual Barrera as the Chairman of the Commission. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ar-Br motion to approve to keep Commissioner Gregory McGiffney as the Vice Chairman of the Commission. All ayes, motion carried.

2018 Meeting dates and locations

The Commission determined that they would like to have at least one meeting in each district for the 2018 schedule. Locations will be determined at the next meeting in February.

5. Old Business

County Recreation Day

Commissioner Arnold-Chambers provided an updat on the status and discussed using the library platform. Discussion was turned over to Andie Apple and Jasmine for their ideas. The Sheriff's office offered to assist with safety maps to share with the public. Andie spoke about her passion for Parks and what Library staff can do. Jasmine discussed challenges and combining story time (Library) with celebration of Parks as a good option. Commissioner Barrera suggested not focusing on Hart Park for this. Jasmine suggested specific parks. Commissioner Bray talked to Superintendent of Schools who indicated they would be willing to help. Sergeant Williams suggested some business partners/vendors to participate. Discussion tabled to next month's meeting.

6. Department Staff Report

Hart Park Plan Consultant

The consultant was selected to put together a Hart Park Plan consolidating all of the popular ideas from the public meetings. The stakeholders will review it. The plan is expected to be complete in April and subsequently be presented to the Board of Supervisors in April/May.

MOU with SEIU

Approval was received to amend the MOU with SEIU to privatize using a new definition of "remote": 3 mile radius from this building. There will be no layoffs. The first implementation is Frazier Mountain Park.

District 2 Commission Seat

Question of when Scrivner will fill the position.

Volunteer Wall of Fame

Is now up on the Parks webpage. There are photos of past Commissioners and once the Board is full again a new photo will be taken to be posted on the webpage.

Reservations

Upgraded version of Camava, reservations system, should be ready for use by May 1st. The user friendly program will allow for online reservations at the Kern River Campground, automatic refunds, and more functionality for staff.

Org Charts

Shows where Park functions fall within the GS Division.

7. Commission Comments

Commissioner Arnold-Chambers heard: She shared her appreciation for the Library staff discussing the Hart Park After Dark event.

Commissioner Bray heard: He shared his appreciation for all the information provided about Hart Park After Dark. Prior to meeting he had a conversation with some Bakersfield College students, which were in attendance, and suggested that they may be a resource to use in the future, possibly for volunteer efforts.

Commissioner Barrera heard: He thanked the students for attending the meeting and extended an invitation to them for this year's County Recreation Day.

8. Dates and Locations of Future Meetings:

Next Meeting will be February 28th, 6:30 PM at the County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor – Multipurpose Room, Bakersfield, CA 93301

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

9. Adjournment

Ar-Br, motioned to close the meeting. All ayes.

Commissioner Barrera adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.