

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

Kern County Administrative Building
General Services
3rd Floor Multipurpose Room
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Wednesday, June 28, 2017
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Commissioner Jamison presided.

Present: Bob Jamison, District I; Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III;
Manuel Barrera, District V.

Absent: Commissioner McGiffney, District IV; Commissioner, District II (Vacant)

Staff: Bret Haney, Division Chief, Kern County General Services Department

Others: There were 4 other people present

NOTE: Ja, Mc, Ba, Ar are abbreviations for Commissioners Jamison, McGiffney, Barrera, and Arnold-Chambers. 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: Commissioner Jamison

1. Approval of the Minutes of April 26, 2017

The minutes from April 26, 2017 were reviewed. Ba-Ar, motion to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations heard.

3. Correspondence

There was no reported correspondence.

4. New Business

Vacancy of the Chairman: The resignation of Chairman Faull discussed. A recommendation to table this topic to the next meeting was suggested by Commissioner Jamison. A motion to

create discussion/action step to discuss the vacancy and possible appointment at the next meeting was made. All ayes, motion carried.

Location of future Commission meetings: Commissioner Jamison stated future dates and locations.

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Kern River Access: This topic was discussed at the request of Commissioner McGiffney. Bret Haney gave an overview of his conversation with Commissioner McGiffney, providing that in light of the current conditions and recent tragedies surrounding the Kern River there is concern for individuals who are accessing the river. Discussion of having a forum for the public to voice their concerns as well as what can and should be done to monitor the river access points through County parks and how city/county boundaries assign responsibility of these areas in the parks.

Public Comments: John Knox heard regarding access through Kern River Valley at the raft launch area. Marion Vargas heard. She expressed concern about possible river bank issues below the bluffs along the equestrian trail. She suggested more signage and educational push to the public.

Commissioner Jamison reminded attendees that as a general rule the authority of the Commission only extends to issues that are in connection to a County park.

Recreation Day: This topic was suggested for discussion at the request of Commissioner McGiffney. The item will be tabled to the next meeting for discussion.

5. Old Business

Update of Hart Park Public Meetings: Bret Haney updated the Commissioners and public attendees regarding meeting results stating that there was a good public turnout and a lot of public input. The meeting feedback will be compiled into a report and will be brought before the Board of Supervisors later this summer.

6. Department Staff Report

Bret Haney reported that Suzanne Boyd has transferred to another department and will no longer be the secretary to the Commission. Future Commission meetings will be recorded and summary minutes will be produced from the recording until it is decided, at a later time, what will be done about the vacant position of secretary. Bret discussed the webpage and assured Commission that the plan remains the same with updating and doing special projects, such as the Wall of Fame, and that it may not be as timely as Suzanne Boyd was an instrumental part in these updates.

Bret reported that Nancy Lawson will attend the next meeting and will make a budget presentation.

7. Commission Comments

Commissioner Arnold-Chambers commented that she really likes the idea of the Wall of Fame and honoring people, including the public, for doing special things for the Parks.

Commission Barrera echoed Commissioner Arnold-Chambers comments and reminded everyone that all county parks need our attention.

Commissioner Jamison congratulated staff on successful public meetings for Hart Park.

8. Dates and Locations of Future Meetings for 2017:

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

Future meeting dates and locations (*subject to change*):

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9. Adjournment

Ba-Ar motion to Adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Jamison adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.