

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Wednesday, July 26, 2017
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 26, 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 June 28, 2017 were reviewed. Ar-Ba, motion to approve the minutes. 3 ayes, 1 absent - motion carried.

2. Public Presentations

John Knox heard regarding disc golf at Hart Park. He discussed the disc golf community's continued support towards the local parks that offer this sport and their desire to help keep the parks great and making them better.

Julie Jordan Scott heard regarding "Writing Poetry & Prompts at the Park" and her and the follower's of her workshops appreciation for the beauty of Hart Park.

3. Correspondence

There was no reported correspondence.

4. New Business

Budget Presentation

Nancy Lawson provided the Commission with a budget update.

Vacancy of the Chairman

Commissioner Jamison made a motion to appoint Commissioner Manuel Barrera as the new Chairman of the Commission, Commissioner Kathleen Arnold-Chambers 2nd the motion. 3 ayes, 1 absent - motion carried.

5. Old Business

Recreation Day

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

6. Department Staff Report

Hart Park Vision

Currently in draft form being reviewed by the CAO. Once approved it will be presented to the Board of Supervisors shortly after adoption, which will most likely be the early part of September.

Signage for the River

There was a meeting last week to provide options for river signs at Kern County parks (Hart, Lake Ming, etc...). In the interim Roads has placed electronic signs at these areas warning of river danger. There was a request that signs be in both English and Spanish. Bret Haney confirmed that they will be in both languages.

Clinica Sierra Vista is running a billboard campaign advertising river dangers.

Fiscal Year Budget Cuts

Budgets have been submitted and there will be cuts (as discussed by Nancy Lawson in her presentation). The department has discussed ways to create saving now that Parks and GS are one department and efforts are combined.

7. Commission Comments

Commissioner Kathleen Arnold-Chambers asked about new trash cans at Hart Park. Bret Haney reported that there are new cans at the park that have replaced old/broken cans.

Commission Bob Jamison announced his resignation from the Commission. He gave advice to the other Commissioners to stay out of the politics, leaving that to the Supervisors, to always keep the public's best interest at heart, and to have fun. A thank you to Commissioner Jamison from Commissioners Barrera and Arnold-Chambers for his many years of service to the Commission. Commissioner Bob Jamison served for 12 years, 9 months.

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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| ▪ August 23, 2017 | District 5, County Administrative Center |
| ▪ September 27, 2017 | District 3, NOR Veterans Center |
| ▪ October 25, 2017 | District 1, Shafter |
| ▪ November 29, 2017 | Bakersfield, County Admin Center |

9. Adjournment

Ba-Ar motion to Adjourn. 3 ayes, 1 absent - motion carried.

Commissioner Jamison adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.