

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Wednesday, August 23, 2017
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Commissioner Barrera presided.

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

Absent: Commissioner, District I (Vacant); 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: Chairman Barrera

1. Approval of the Minutes of July 26, 2017

The minutes from July 26, 2017 were reviewed. Ar-Mc, motion to approve the minutes. All ayes with one change to date of previous minutes approved.

2. Public Presentations

Bob Rutledge was heard regarding Hart Park food services/concessions.

3. Correspondence

There was no reported correspondence.

4. New Business

Parks Department Volunteer Program

Kathleen Arnold-Chambers requested discussion for the agenda due to applications that were received. Bret Haney briefly discussed the vision process for Hart Park and how volunteer hours are now being tracked and how there will be future recognition for the work completed by these services.

5. Old Business

County Recreation Day

Commissioners discussed having a day set aside for recreation activities in each District in Neighborhood parks. The Commission discussed a possible brochure and having a Proclamation by the Board of Supervisors for a Recreation Day or Month.

6. Department Staff Report

Hart Park Vision – Tentatively going to the Board on September 25th, 2017. Information will be sent out to everyone who gave their e-mail.

2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget for Parks - Major Maintenance list was approved as submitted, approximately \$5.3 million. Capital Projects is proposing near \$2 million, of which approximately \$1 million would be used towards Hart Park and the remainder for other parks. The Board is set to review and approve the Budget for the 2017/2018 fiscal year on Tuesday the 29th. Budget results will be reported at the next meeting. Bret Haney discussed some of the projects to be completed including a water line project, park lot improvements, and the re-roofing of many parks restrooms.

Kern River Signage – Board approved a number of signs to be posted throughout the County owned parks near access points to the river. They will be in both English and Spanish.

Parks Website – In the process of being redesigned.

7. Commission Comments

Discussed the following topics:

- Appreciation certificate and recognition for past Commissioners
- Grant applications
- Tracking volunteers
- District boundaries and adding hyperlink to webpage to link to parks
- Using Lamont, David Head Center, for October meeting if it's available (motion to change locations for the October meeting was made by Commissioner Barrera. Ch-Mc motion to approve; all ayes.

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*):

- September 27, 2017 District 3, NOR Veterans Center
- October 25, 2017 District 1, David Head Center Lamont
- November 29, 2017 Bakersfield, County Admin Center

9. Adjournment

Mc-Ch motion to Adjourn. All ayes.

Commissioner Barrera adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.