

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, CA 93241
Wednesday, October 25th, 2017
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, October 25th, 2017. 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)

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

Others: There were no others 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 September 27th, 2017 were reviewed. Mc-Ar, motion to approve the minutes. All ayes - minutes were approved with no corrections.

2. Public Presentations

No one heard.

3. Correspondence

There was no reported correspondence.

4. **New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

5. **Old Business**

County Recreation Day

General Services Parks is working to identify possible dates for the event. A couple of suggested Spring dates for this event are March 11th and March 17th. Bret Haney discussed having the Board designate a day/month and asked the Commissioners for their input. Bret also discussed the possibility of having a future position within General Services for marketing these types of Parks events dependent upon the budget.

6. **Department Staff Report**

Hart Park After Dark

Event was held on October 21, 2017, sponsored by the Library. The event was a success, it was very well attended. There is discussion of possibly coordinating with the Library for a spring event. Kathleen Arnold-Chambers asked that Andie Apple attend the next Commission meeting to discuss.

Boats on Lake Ming operating hours

Bret suggested adding this as a topic for discussion to the January agenda.

Websites

Bret reported that staff is working to update the Volunteer Opportunities webpage as there are a lot of volunteer opportunities available. The Wall of Fame webpage is being updated so the volunteers can be recognized. And the Department's webpage is being updated overall to be more aesthetically pleasing to the viewer.

Certificates of Recognition

Next month past Commissioners Jamison and Parks will attend the meeting to be recognized and presented certificates for their years serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Notable/Completed/Ongoing Projects Update

District 5

Relocating power supply at Casa Lomas Park;
Irrigation pump at Virginia Park;
Spray Park closed for the winter;
Rexland Acres ownership transfer and mural completion

District 3

Lighting at Pioneer Park

At the Commissioners request Bret will invite Ryan Alsop to attend an upcoming Commission meeting.

7. Commission Comments

Commissioner Arnold-Chambers heard: She welcomed the new District 1 Commissioner, Gary Bray.

Commissioner McGiffney heard: He would like for the Commission to be more present/visible to its constituents.

Commissioner Bray heard: He has an interest in the Parks Department structure and will meet with Bret Haney in the near future to discuss. He also requested a list of all County Parks (Commissioner Arnold-Chambers asked to be provided a list as well).

Commissioner Barrera heard: He welcomed Commissioner Bray. He requested that each Commissioner talk to their respective Supervisor about the proposed County Recreation Day to ask for their input and support.

8. Dates and Locations of Future Meetings:

Next Meeting will be November 29th, 2017, 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.

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

December 2017 – No Meeting

January 24th, 2018, 6:30 PM at the County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor – Multipurpose Room, Bakersfield, CA 93301

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Barrera motioned to adjourn. All ayes.
Commissioner Barrera adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.