

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue,
3rd Floor Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, November 29th, 2017
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, November 29th, 2017. Commissioner Barrera presided.

Present: Commissioner Gary Bray, 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 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 July 26, 2017

The minutes from October 25th, 2017 were reviewed. Ar-Br, 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

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation for past Commissioners – Carl Park & Mark Faull were in attendance and were presented certificates for the time they shared on the Commission; 4 years for Faull and 22 years for Park.

Hart Park After Dark – Andie Apple, Director of Libraries heard regarding the Hart Park After Dark event (planning & outcome).

General Community Outreach – Commissioner Arnold-Chambers , Commissioner Bray, Andie Apple, and Jasmin Labasso all heard. All discussed this year's efforts and needs for next year.

5. Old Business

County Recreation Day

Chairman Barrera gave an introduction for audience members. Commissioner Bray and Andie Apple heard. Organization and process ideas discussed.

6. Department Staff Report

Hart Park Master Plan

Proposals have been received from vendors for the Hart Park Plan. They will go before the evaluation committee and it is hopeful that the review will be completed and a selection will be made within the next couple of weeks.

Kudos

Bret recognized his General Services staff that have been making changes and improvements at some of the Parks. Bret briefly discussed some obstacles that staff has been up against including dealing with the homeless population living at the parks.

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 January 24th, 2018, 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*)

9. Adjournment

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

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