

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

**County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019. Madam Chair Arnold-Chambers presided.

Present: Commissioner Gary Bray, District I; Commissioner William Chapman, District II; Madam Chair Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Absent: Vacant, District V

Staff: Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager – General Services; Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services; and Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger – General Services

Others: There were six (6) others present

NOTE: Br, Ch, Ar, Ce are abbreviations for Commissioners Bray, Chapman, Arnold-Chambers, and Cervantes. As an example, Br-Ch denotes Commissioner Bray made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion.

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. Flag Salute: Madam Chair Arnold-Chambers

1. Approval of the Minutes of October 16, 2019

The minutes from October 16, 2019 were reviewed. Ce - Br, to approve the minutes. 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion carried - minutes were approved as written.

2. Public Presentations

Craig Smith was present before the Commission to request, on behalf of the Kern River Parkway Foundation, that the Commission add the topic “Establishment of “Managing Organization” for Hart Memorial Park Peacock Adobe” to the January agenda for review and consideration.

3. Public Requests

There were no public requests before the Parks and Recreation Commission for review and/or consideration.

4. Correspondence

Staff provided the Commission with the written correspondence dated October 16, 2019 from Marion Vargas regarding the issue of jet skis on Lake Ming and the process for ordinance changes; the written correspondence dated October 17, 2019, November 5, 2019, and November 9, 2019 from Carol Lair regarding the recent cat statistics at Hart Memorial Park; and the written correspondence dated November 12, 2019 from Eddy Laine to Councilman Ken Weir regarding the City of Bakersfield's agreement with Jet-Jam Racing, Inc. Br – Ce, to receive and file the correspondence. 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

5. Department Staff Report

i. Hart Memorial Park – Matt Howard, General Services Manager was present before the Commission to discuss the Water Poppy remediation plan at Hart Memorial Park. It was noted that at this time, the grounds staff was going to be eradicating the Water Poppies by hand.

ii. Proposition 68 - Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager was present before the Commission to discuss Staff's efforts on the various Proposition 68 funding opportunities, which currently include the Regional Park Program, Urban Greening, and Environmental, Enhancement and Mitigation.

iii. Camp Okihi - Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager was present before the Commission to provide an update regarding water at Camp Okihi. It was noted by Carl Brewer that the engineers were exploring options for bringing water to the site.

iv. Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Park – Status – Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager was present before the Commission to provide an update regarding the status of the Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) grant for a future OHV Park in Kern County.

Park Ranger – Status Update

Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger provided the Commission with a monthly overview and statistics report for the Kern County Park Ranger Division. Mr. Denton reported that in the past 30-days:

Felony Arrest	2
Misdemeanor Arrest	7
Incident Reports	12
Parking Citations	49
Traffic Citations	21
Administrative Citations	9
Vehicle Impounds	2
Vessel Rescues	2

6. New/Unfinished/Other Business

Monthly Park Showcase – Staff provided the Commission with a showcase of Lake Woollomes located in Delano, CA. Owned by the Bureau of Reclamation and leased by the Kern County Parks Division, Lake Woollomes is an equalizing reservoir for the Friant-Kern Canal, which is used for irrigation of the surrounding fields. The waters attract as many ducks, geese and other waterfowl as people. The surrounding area includes almond groves and grape vineyards.

Litter in Parks – The Commission discussed the issue of litter in the parks as well as options for addressing it. The Commission requested that Staff continue this topic on the January agenda.

Hart Memorial Park – Peacock House Support – The Commission reviewed and discussed the written correspondence dated October 4, 2019, from Eddy Laine regarding a request for the Commission to request that the Kern County Board of Supervisors amend the Kern County Ordinance which currently permits jet ski usage on Lake Ming, to not allow jet ski usage on Lake Ming. Br - Ce to carry the request to the January 15, 2020 agenda. 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion carried. Ch was opposed. Motion carried.

7. Commission Comments

None

8. Dates and Locations of Future Meetings:

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

Future meeting dates and locations (subject to change):

- January 15, 2020, County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield,
1st Floor - Board of Supervisors Chambers.

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Arnold-Chambers adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.