

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

**County Administrative Center
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Commissioner Arnold-Chambers presided.

Present: Commissioner William Chapman, District II; Commissioner Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Absent: Vacant, District I; and Chairman Ucedrah Osby, District V

Staff: Ryan Alsop – County Administrative Officer; Brian Van Wyk – Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill – Chief General Services Officer; 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 twenty-six (26) others present

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

Meeting called to order at 6:38 P.M.

1. Approval of the Minutes of January 20, 2021

The minutes from January 20, 2021, were reviewed. Ch - Ce, to approve the minutes as written. 3 Ayes, 0 Opposed. Motion carried - minutes were approved as written.

2. Public Presentations

Harry Love was present before the Commission to make a recommendation regarding language on County signage.

Bill Cooper was present before the Commission to recommend that the disc golf group look at the Kaiser Permanente Sports Village as an alternate location for a disc golf course.

Grady LaCamp was present before the Commission to provide a presentation

regarding the National Jet Boat Association (NJBA) and their use of Lake Ming for special events.

Mike DeClark was present before the Commission to inform them that Lake Ming was designed and built for boating recreation.

3. Public Requests

Bill Cooper was present before the Commission to request that the Commission utilize its resources to look at Camp Okihi and Shell Park's future so that a single source does not use them.

4. Correspondence

Staff provided the Commission with the written correspondence dated January 26, 2021, from Eddy Laine to the Office of Grants and Local Services regarding the Proposition 68 Per Capita funding the County of Kern received. The written correspondence dated February 11, 2021, from Eddy Laine to Supervisor Phillip Peters regarding funding opportunities for Kern County parks Ch - Ce, to receive and file the correspondence. 3 Ayes, 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

5. Department Staff Report

1. General Services – Status Update

i. Hart Memorial Park – Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer, was present before the Commission to report that the Hart Memorial Park Adobe project documents have been submitted for plan review and permitting. Geoffrey Hill further advised that once the plan check and permitting process are completed, the project will be sent out to bid, a contractor will be selected, then the project will begin. Additionally, Geoffrey Hill reported a washout along River Rd. due to a collapsed draining culvert. The culvert has been repaired, and the road has been reopened.

ii. Proposition 68 – Statewide Park Program Grant Projects – Isaac Preston, General Services Manager, was present before the Commission to review and discuss the Statewide Park Program (SPP) Round Four and the park grant applications that will be submitted on or before the deadline date. Isaac Preston presented in-depth details and the conceptual designs, as devised by the community members for Heritage Park, Virginia Park, Potomac Park, Lamont Park, and Mojave East Park.

iii. Proposition 68 – Per Capita – Isaac Preston, General Services Manager, was present before the Commission to inform them that the Per Capital funding award will be allocated to continuing with the Hart Memorial Master plan's execution as presented to the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

iv. Proposition 68 – Regional Parks Program – Isaac Preston, General Services Manager, was present before the Commission to report that Staff is working with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. to identify parks with the best opportunity of receiving funding awards. Some possible locations include Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area, Frazier Mountain Park, and Kern River Campground/Lake Ming.

v. Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Park – Isaac Preston, General Services 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.

vi. Kern County OHV 2021 Grant Cycle – Isaac Preston, General Services Manager, was present before the Commission to report that the County will be advertising the 2021 OHV grant at the beginning of March with the expectation that applications will be presented to the Commission for review and funding consideration in April or May.

2. **Park Ranger – Status Update**

Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger, provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the 30-day Ranger Status Report.

3. **Park Showcase – Randsburg Park** – Staff provided the Commission with a showcase of Randsburg Park located in District 1 of Randsburg, CA. Randsburg Park is a neighborhood park with a restroom, a covered group picnic area, and a barbecue grill.

6. **New/Unfinished/Other Business**

1. Per Capita/Per District Park Budgets – The Commission unanimously decided to postpone the review and discussion of this agenda item until the March 17, 2020, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

2. Lake Ming Guidelines / Closures – Committee Report/Follow-up – The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft Mission and Vision Statements that were provided by the Committee. It was determined by the Commission that further review, discussion, and action regarding the draft Mission and Vision Statements would be postponed until the March 17, 2020, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Grady LaCamp and Mike DeClark heard.

Staff recommended that Deputy County Counsel Brain Van Wyk be included in all future Committee meetings.

7. **Commission Comments**

The Commission thanked Staff for their work on the Statewide Park Program grant applications.

8. **Dates and Locations of Future Meetings:**

The meeting time is 6:30 P.M.

Future meeting dates and locations (subject to change):

- March 17, 2021, Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

9. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Arnold-Chambers adjourned the meeting at 8:18 P.M.