

MINUTES

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, March 17, 2021
6:30 P.M.*

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Chairman Osby presided.

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

Absent: Vacant, District I;

Staff: 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-four (24) 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 6:32 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. No response is required from the Commission or staff, and no action can be taken on items not on the agenda; however, Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. Commissioners may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting.

MARION VARGAS HEARD REGARDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BEING GIVEN TO FORMER COMMISSIONER BRAY FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AND THE LANGUAGE REGARDING ITEM 8 ON THE AGENDA.

EDDY LAINE HEARD REGARDING THE HART PARK PLAN AND MONIES BEING SPENT IN OTHER COUNTY PARKS.

ELIZABETH RAMOS HEARD REGARDING CLARIFICATION ON MONIES THE COUNTY IS SPENDING IN COMMUNITY PARKS.

2. Scheduled Presentation by Jason Allenberg: Positive Effects of Jet Boating Events at Lake Ming.

JASON ALLENBERG HEARD REGARDING POSITIVE EFFECTS OF BOATING EVENTS AT LAKE MING FOR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by staff. Consent items will be considered first and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Commission or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence.
 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on February 17, 2021. AR-CH TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. CE-CH TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM CAROL LAIR DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2021 AND MARCH 10, 2021 REGARDING THE RECENT CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK. 4 AYES 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. General Services – Status Updates
 - I. Hart Memorial Park – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE PROJECT DOCUMENTS FOR THE HART MEMORIAL PARK ADOBE 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 PROJECT WILL BEGIN.
 - II. Camp Okihi and Shell Park – Received Use Proposals – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT A USE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR CAMP OKIHI FROM THE WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION TO BRING THEIR COMMUNITY YOGA, MEDITATION, SOUND AND SELF-EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM TO THE FACILITY.
 - III. Proposition 68 – Per Capita – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT THE PER CAPITAL FUNDING AWARD WILL BE ALLOCATED TO CONTINUING WITH THE EXECUTION OF THE HART MEMORIAL MASTER PLAN AS PRESENTED TO THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. STAFF IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH FIRMS ON THE DESIGNS FOR A PALY AREA AND WATER FEATURE.
 - IV. Proposition 68 – Regional Parks Program – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER

WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT A KICKOFF MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED WITH THE COUNTY'S GRANT CONSULTING FIRM TO BEING THE PROCESS FOR THE REGIONAL PARKS PROGRAM.

V. Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Park – 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.

Kern County OHV 2021 Grant Cycle – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE ADVERTISING THE 2021 OHV GRANT IN MID-MARCH WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT APPLICATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION FOR REVIEW IN APRIL AND FUNDING CONSIDERATION IN MAY.

5. Park Ranger – Status Update - SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE 30-DAY RANGER STATUS REPORT
6. Park Showcase – A.W. Noon Park – District 2; STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF A.W. NOON PARK LOCATED IN DISTRICT 2 OF TAFT, CA. A.W. NOON HAS A LARGE COVERED PICNIC AREA, A 2-5 YEAR OLD TOT-LOT, A RESTROOM, PICNIC TABLE WITH BBQS, MATURE TREES, AND OPEN MANICURED SPACE.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Election of Co-Chairman and other officers as necessary; CH-CE TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER ARNOLD-CHAMBERS AS THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR. 4 AYES - 0 OPPOSED
8. Consideration of Administrative and Procedural Rules for the Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Commission; BRIAN VAN WYK – DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL RULES FOR THE PROCESSING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WERE REVIEW. COMMISSION INSTRUCTED STAFF TO PLACE THIS ITEM ON THE APRIL MEETING AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION.
9. Review of per capita and per district park budgets; STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A BUDGETARY EXPENSE BREAKDOWN BY DISTRICT AND PARK. FOLLOWING REVIEW, THE COMMISSION INSTRUCTED STAFF TO PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF DAILY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND MAJOR MAINTENANCE EXPENSES PER DISTRICT AND PARK.
10. Lake Ming Guidelines/Closures Committee Report; AR-CH TO FORMALLY DISSOLVE THE LAKE MING GUIDELINES/CLOSURES COMMITTEE (AKA FACT FINDING COMMITTEE). 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
11. Consideration of proposed Lake Ming Guidelines/Closures Committee Mission Statement and Vision Statement; NO ACTION WAS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION DUE TO THE COMMITTEE BEING DISSOLVED.

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. On their own initiative, Commission members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. Commissioners may request that an item be agendaized at a future meeting, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request that staff report back to the Commission at a later meeting. IT WAS REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION THAT STAFF PLACE THE TOPIC OF RECOGNIZING FORMER COMMISSIONER BRAY ON THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA.

ADJOURNMENT

13. Adjourn at 8:48 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for April 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted as a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams.