

AGENDA

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, August 18, 2021
6:30 P.M.*

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Commissioners: Vacant, District I;
William Chapman, District II;
Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III;
Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and
Ucedrah Osby, District V

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Salute to the Flag

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of Former Commissioner, Gary Bray of District 1; **PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO FORMER COMMISSIONER.**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

2. Item number one 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. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.**
3. Scheduled Presentation by Jim Ahrens regarding a request for the "Jedediah Strong Smith Trail" Monument at Panorama Park; **HEAR PRESENTATION; TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY REQUEST, CONTINUE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO DEPARTMENT OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.**

4. Scheduled Presentation by the Kern River Parkway Foundation/Hart Park Working Group – Adobe/Peacock House Interpretive Center Phase II Rankings; **HEAR PRESENTATION**

CONSENT AGENDA

5. 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 July 21, 2021; **APPROVE**
 - ii. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6. General Services – This portion of the meeting is reserved for General Services staff to provide a report regarding new and ongoing projects, programs, and plans relating to Kern County Parks, including the items listed below; **INFORMATIONAL**
- i. Hart Memorial Park area
 - ii. California Ave. Property
 - iii. Proposition 68 – Per Capita
 - iv. Proposition 68 – Regional Parks Program
 - v. Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Park
 - vi. Miscellaneous small projects
7. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**
8. Park Showcase – Inyokern Park – District 1; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

9. Virtual and/or televised access to future Parks and Recreation Commission meetings; **DISCUSS**
10. Request of Chairman Osby for a review and presentation regarding the Kern County Parks and Recreation Master Plan; **HEAR PRESENTATION; DISCUSS**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

12. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for September 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted at the County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Bakersfield, CA 93301

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Kern County
Parks and Recreation Commission

**Public Presentations,
Comments, and
Requests**

Possible Location of "Jedediah Strong Smith Trail" Monument
On west end of panorama Park on Bluff overlooking the Kern River.



View from Panorama Park to the Northwest.

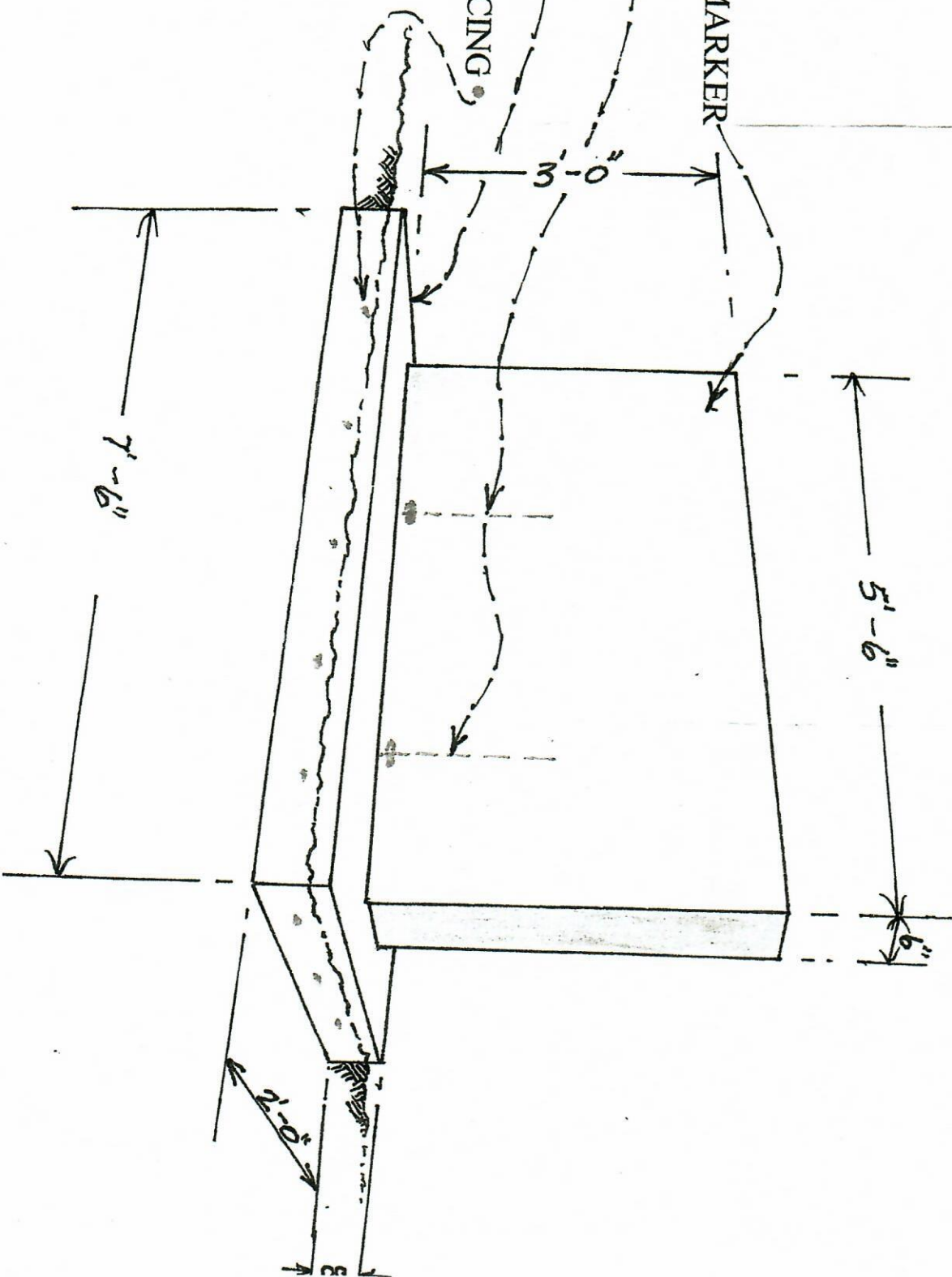
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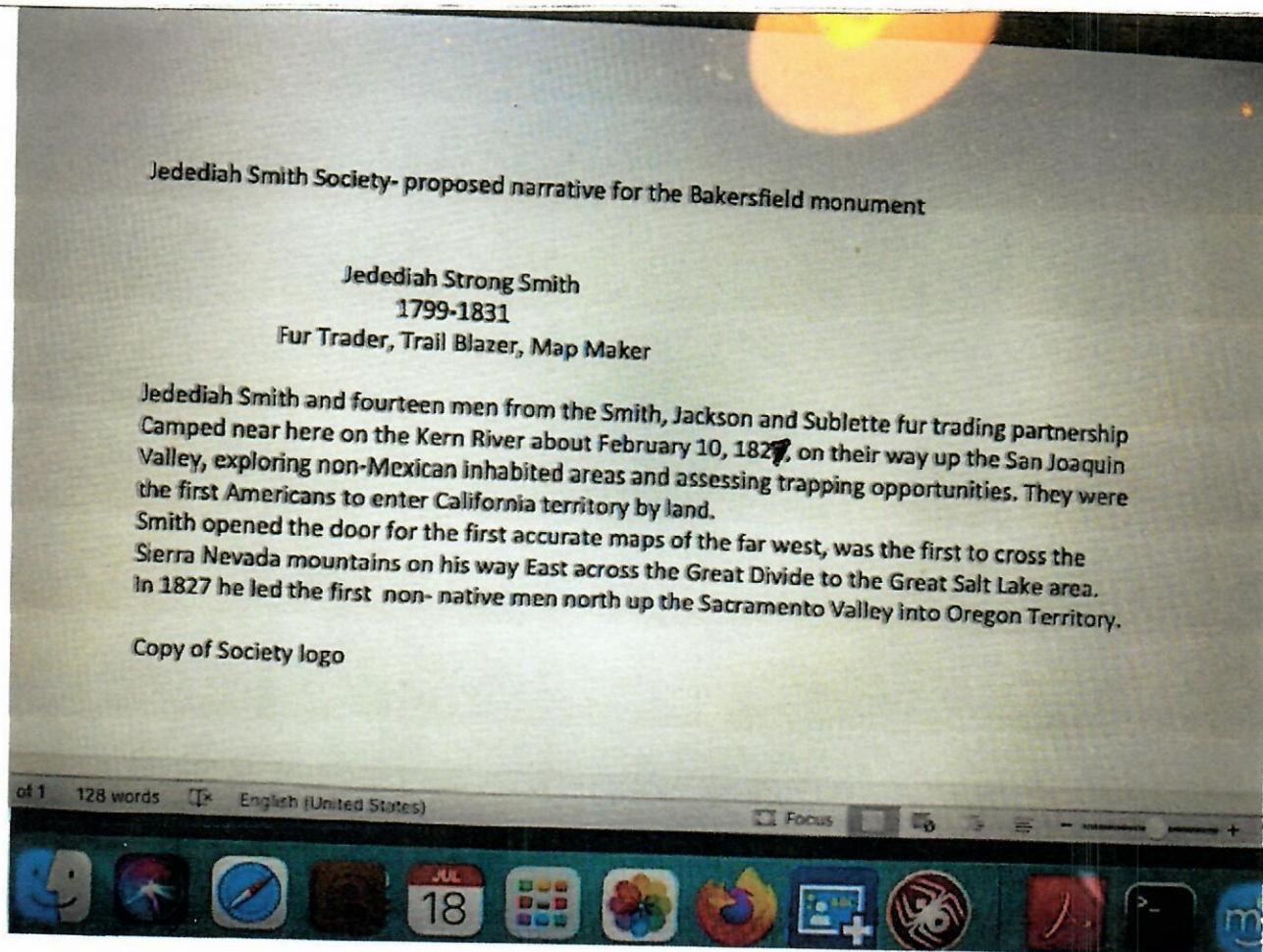
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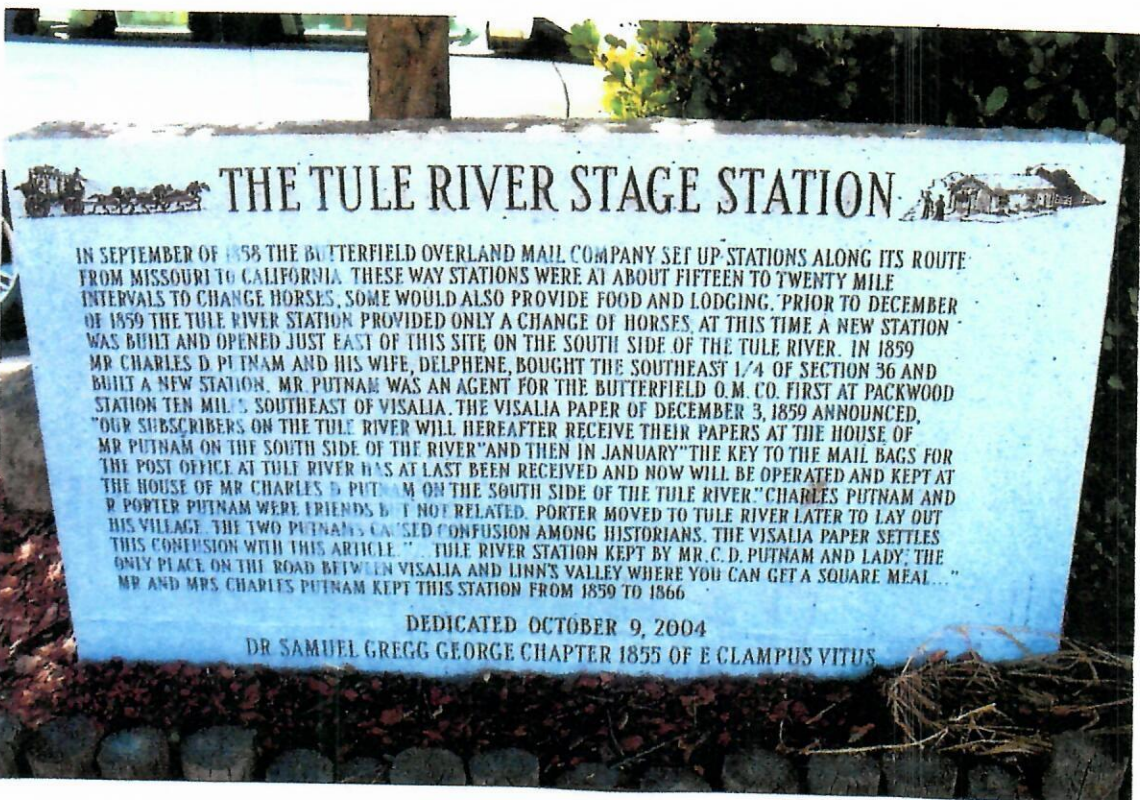
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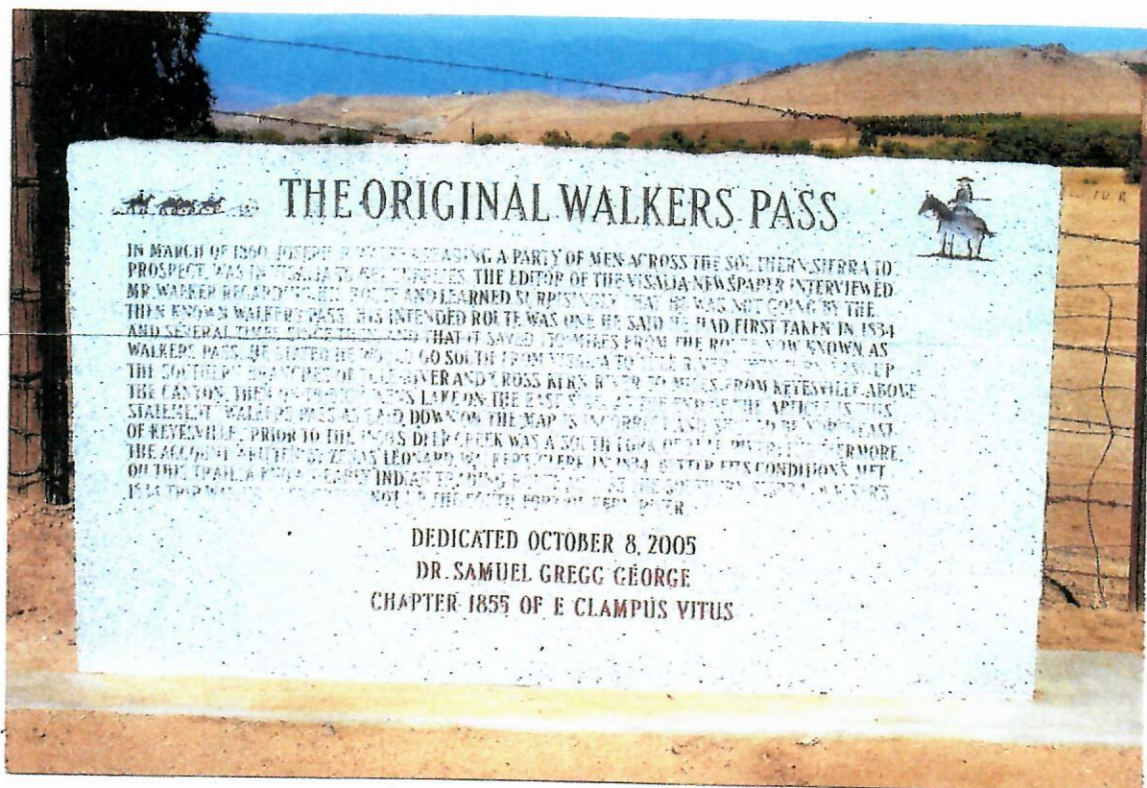


THE TULE RIVER STAGE STATION

IN SEPTEMBER OF 1858 THE BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND MAIL COMPANY SET UP STATIONS ALONG ITS ROUTE FROM MISSOURI TO CALIFORNIA. THESE WAY STATIONS WERE AT ABOUT FIFTEEN TO TWENTY MILE INTERVALS TO CHANGE HORSES. SOME WOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOOD AND LODGING. PRIOR TO DECEMBER OF 1859 THE TULE RIVER STATION PROVIDED ONLY A CHANGE OF HORSES. AT THIS TIME A NEW STATION WAS BUILT AND OPENED JUST EAST OF THIS SITE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE TULE RIVER. IN 1859 MR. CHARLES D. PUTNAM AND HIS WIFE, DELPHENE, BOUGHT THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36 AND BUILT A NEW STATION. MR. PUTNAM WAS AN AGENT FOR THE BUTTERFIELD O.M. CO. FIRST AT PACKWOOD STATION TEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF VISALIA. THE VISALIA PAPER OF DECEMBER 3, 1859 ANNOUNCED, "OUR SUBSCRIBERS ON THE TULE RIVER WILL HEREAFTER RECEIVE THEIR PAPERS AT THE HOUSE OF MR. PUTNAM ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIVER" AND THEN IN JANUARY "THE KEY TO THE MAIL BAGS FOR THE POST OFFICE AT TULE RIVER HAS AT LAST BEEN RECEIVED AND NOW WILL BE OPERATED AND KEPT AT THE HOUSE OF MR. CHARLES D. PUTNAM ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE TULE RIVER." CHARLES PUTNAM AND R. PORTER PUTNAM WERE FRIENDS BUT NOT RELATED. PORTER MOVED TO TULE RIVER LATER TO LAY OUT HIS VILLAGE. THE TWO PUTNAMS CAUSED CONFUSION AMONG HISTORIANS. THE VISALIA PAPER SETTLES THIS CONFUSION WITH THIS ARTICLE: "...TULE RIVER STATION KEPT BY MR. C. D. PUTNAM AND LADY. THE ONLY PLACE ON THE ROAD BETWEEN VISALIA AND LINN'S VALLEY WHERE YOU CAN GET A SQUARE MEAL..." MR. AND MRS. CHARLES PUTNAM KEPT THIS STATION FROM 1859 TO 1866.

DEDICATED OCTOBER 9, 2004

DR. SAMUEL GREGG GEORGE CHAPTER 1855 OF E. CLAMPUS VITUS



THE ORIGINAL WALKER'S PASS

IN MARCH OF 1860 JEREMY WALKER LEADING A PARTY OF MEN ACROSS THE SOUTHERN SIERRA TO PROSPECT, WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE EDITOR OF THE VISALIA NEWSPAPER. THE EDITOR INTERVIEWED MR. WALKER REGARDING HIS ROUTE AND LEARNED SURPRISINGLY THAT HE WAS NOT GOING BY THE THEN KNOWN WALKER'S PASS. HIS INTENDED ROUTE WAS ONE HE SAID HE HAD FIRST TAKEN IN 1834 AND SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THEN. THAT IT SAVED 100 MILES FROM THE ROUTE NOW KNOWN AS WALKER'S PASS. HE SAID HE WOULD GO SOUTH FROM VISALIA TO THE TULE RIVER, THEN UP THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE RIVER AND CROSS RIVER TO MILES FROM REYESVILLE ABOVE THE CANYON. THEN ON TO THE MOUNTAINS LAKE ON THE EAST SIDE. AT THE END OF THE ARTICLE IS THIS STATEMENT: WALKER'S PASS AS Laid DOWN ON THE MAP IS INCORRECT AND SHOULD BE NORTH EAST OF REYESVILLE. PRIOR TO THE 1860S DEEP CREEK WAS A SOUTH FLOWING RIVER. THEREFORE THE ALLEGED ROUTE OF ZEPHYRUS LEONARD IN 1834 BETTER FITS CONDITIONS MET ON THE TRAIL. A FURTHER CLARIFYING INDIAN TRADING ROUTE TO THE SOUTHERN SIERRA. WALKER'S IS A TRAIL NOT A PASS. NOT IN THE SOUTH BOW OF DEEP CREEK.

DEDICATED OCTOBER 8, 2005

DR. SAMUEL GREGG GEORGE

CHAPTER 1855 OF E. CLAMPUS VITUS



ADOBE/PEACOCK HOUSE INTERPRETATIVE CENTER PHASE II RANKINGS

What follows are rankings and comments from those who attended the Community Meeting held the Hart Park Working Group (a Kern River Parkway Foundation Committee) on May 19, 2021.

This meeting was held in preparation for a grant proposal for California Parks and Recreation Department Regional Parks Program Proposition 68 funding.

Interpretative Centers are one of the top four priorities for these funds—which are designated more broadly for Regional Parks (with Hart Park being such as park). Funding of \$23,125,000 is available statewide. Applications are due on November 5, 2021. Community meetings such as this one are an essential aspect of preparing for a grant application.

This Community Meeting was held in front of the Peacock/Adobe House (Interpretative Center) in Hart Park. Kern River Parkway President Bill Cooper chaired the meeting. The meeting began a little after 10:00 A.M.

Those who attended this meeting were:

**Margie Bell, Co-Chair, Buena Vista Group, Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter
Sharon Briel, Co-Chair, Buena Vista Group, Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter
and Member, Executive Committee of the Chapter
Fred Chyenothe, California Native Plant Society
Bill Cooper, President, Kern River Parkway Foundation
Dr. Douglas Dodd, History Professor, California State University, Bakersfield
Ann Gallon, Sierra Club, Hart Park Working Group and Emmanuel Lutheran
Church
Eddy Laine, Executive Committee, Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter
Harry Love, President Kern Audubon Society, a Chapter of the National Audubon
Society
Lia Mendez, Kern River Parkway Interpretative Center Development Consultant
Rich O'Neil, Vice-President, Kern River Parkway Foundation
Stephen Montgomery, Chair, Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter
David Schaad, Kern Audubon Society**

**Richard Spjut, California Native Plant Society
Suzanne Weller, California Native Plant Society
Peter Wollesen, Member, Kern River Parkway Foundation Board of Directors**

Those who attended were requested to rank from a list of 15 priorities (beyond the rehabilitation of the Adobe/Peacock House itself) previously adopted by the Parkway's Working Group. Additional comments and suggested were also encouraged.

From the ranking sheet:

"In order of preference, please rank the following items as a Phase II for the Interpretative Center. Choose as few or many items to rank as you wish. Also, please add additional comments or suggestions on the back of this page.

_____ Designating the existing storage building near the Peacock House for storage use by the Interpretative Center

_____ Developing a meeting area behind the Interpretative Center

_____ Re-purposing/rehabilitating the existing concrete platform near the Interpretative Center into a stage/platform (with covering for shade) for educational purposes

_____ Developing of a San Joaquin Valley Native Plant Garden

_____ Constructing a peacock roost near the Peacock House

_____ Repair and reinforcing the Multi-use Trail in Hart Park near the Peacock House (which is now a safety hazard)

_____ Replicating the WPA Water Wheel somewhere in the park

_____ Re-developing the fishing peninsula

_____ The development of the beach at the east end of Hart Lake

_____ Bike path-related improvements (the widening of the Class 2 bike lane into the east end of Hart Park and entry point signage improvements)

_____ The development of an equestrian trail management plan

_____ The development of a bank erosion plan

_____ The development of a management plan for Hart Park.

_____ **The need to address the degradation of the hills above the Sheriff's shooting Range (the development of a resource management plan)**

_____ **Upgrading canal area near the Peacock House. It has historical significance as a source of water for Hart Lake, but needs to be upgraded in a way that protects the nearby riparian habitat and addresses the seemingly permanent stagnant water and as well as trash issues.**

The results (taken from the filled-out ranking forms):

- 1. The development of a management plan for Hart Park:
Six ranking 1, one ranking 2, one ranking 5, two ranking 7, one ranking 9, and one ranking 10**
- 2. Designating the existing storage building near the Peacock House for storage use by the Interpretative Center:
Four ranking 1, one ranking 2, two ranking 3, one ranking 4, one ranking 6, one ranking 7, one ranking 9 and one ranking 11**
- 4. Repair and reinforce the Multi-use Trail in Hart Park near the Peacock House-- which is now a safety hazard:
Three ranking 1, one ranking 2, two ranking 3, one ranking 4, two ranking 5, one ranking 6, three ranking 8, and one ranking 10**
- 3. Re-purposing/rehabilitating the existing concrete platform near the Interpretative Center into a stage/platform (with covering for shade) for educational purposes:
Three ranking 1, three ranking 2, one ranking 4, two rankings 6, one ranking 8, one ranking 10 and two ranking 12**
- 5. Developing a meeting area behind the Interpretative Center:
Two ranking 1, three ranking 2, two ranking 3, one ranking 5, one ranking 6, one ranking 8, and two ranking 9**
- 6. Developing a San Joaquin Valley Native Plant Garden:
Two ranking 1, two ranking 2, three ranking 3, three ranking 4, three ranking 7, one ranking 9 and one ranking 11**
- 7. The need to address the degradation of the hills above the Sheriff's Shooting Range (the development of a resource management plan):
One ranking 1, five ranking 2, one ranking 5, two ranking 6, two ranking 8 and one ranking 9**
- 8. Replicating the WPA Water Wheel somewhere in the park:
One ranking 1, one ranking 3, one ranking 4, three ranking 5, one ranking 6,**

one ranking 11, one ranking 12, one ranking 13 and one ranking 15

9. The development of a bank erosion plan:
Two ranking 2, one ranking 3, one ranking 4, two ranking 5, two ranking 6, one ranking 8, one ranking 9, one ranking 11 and one ranking 12
10. Bike path-related improvements--the widening of the Class 2 bike lane into the east end of Hart Park and entry point signage improvements:
Four ranking 3, one ranking 4, one ranking 5, one ranking 6, one ranking 7, one ranking 8, two ranking 10, one ranking 12 and one ranking 13
11. Upgrading canal area near the Peacock House. It has historical significance as a source of water for Hart Lake, but needs to be upgraded in a way that protects nearby riparian habitat and addresses the seemingly permanent stagnant water as well as trash issues:
One ranking 2, one ranking 3, one ranking 4, one ranking 5, one ranking 6, two ranking 7, one ranking 8, two ranking 9, one ranking 10 and one ranking 13
12. Constructing a peacock roost near the Peacock House:
One ranking 1, two ranking 5, one ranking 8, one ranking 9, one ranking 10, one ranking 11 and one ranking 12
13. The development of an equestrian trail management plan:
One ranking 2, one ranking 3, one ranking 4, one ranking 5, two ranking 7, one ranking 8, one ranking 11, one ranking 12, and one ranking 14
14. Re-developing the fishing peninsula:
One ranking 4, one ranking 6, one ranking 7, one ranking 8, one ranking 9, two ranking 10, one ranking 14 and two ranking 15
15. The development of a beach at the east end of Hart Lake:
One ranking 4, one ranking 7, two ranking 8, two ranking 9, two ranking 10, one ranking 13, and two ranking 14

Additionally there were several comments and suggestions. These are not listed preferentially:

Comments by one participant:

1. The first six items listed (Designating the existing storage building near the Peacock House for storage use by the Interpretative Center, Developing a meeting area behind the Interpretative Center, Re-purposing/rehabilitating the existing concrete platform near the Interpretative Center into a stage/platform (with

covering for shade) for educational purposes, Developing of a San Joaquin Valley Native Plant Garden, Constructing a peacock roost near the Peacock House and Repairing and reinforcing the Multi-use Trail in Hart Park near the Peacock House (which is now a safety hazard) are “All part of Peacock House project.”

2. Two items (the development of a management plan for Hart Park and the need to address the degradation of the hills above the Sheriff’s shooting Range--the development of a resource management plan) indicated the “need for planning.”

3. Two items (Bike path-related improvements--the widening of the Class 2 bike lane into the east end of Hart Park and entry point signage improvements and The development of an equestrian trail management plan) related to the “Trails Plan”

Comments by another participant:

“Work with Trust for Public Land and other potential funders to acquire bluff lands with trails above park.”

Comment by another participant:

Re-purposing/rehabilitating the existing concrete platform near the Interpretative Center into a stage/platform (with covering for shade) for educational purposes was designated with an asterisk (unlike any other item) along with the number one.

Comments by another participant:

1. “Add develop public transit to park on weekends and holidays.”

2. In addition to “The development of a bank erosion plan” this person added, “and hiking behind adobe.”

3. With regard to “The need to address the degradation of the hills above the Sheriff’s Shooting Range (the development of a resource management plan), this person added, “Must include South Sierra Hiking Club on this goal.”

Comments by another participant (e-mailed after the meeting):

1. “Add the word ‘family’ to the proposed Hart Park beach.”

2. “Add the word ‘family’ to the redo of the fishing peninsula. This would preclude automobiles on the peninsula. No cars equals more safety for children.”

3. “Designate the somewhat eroded trail along the river a ‘designated horse and pedestrians only trail only’ instead of a Multi-use Trail. No bicycles and no EBikes”

4. “Consider moving the wooden rail fence inland or landward by 7 to 10 feet. This would allow a better repair of damage by erosion.”

5. “A few of us would like to add an additional Children’s Playground Area to the Priorities list.”

Rankings and comments compiled by Eddy Laine, Secretary, Hart Park Working Group

June 8, 2021



Kern County
Parks and Recreation Commission

Consent Agenda

MINUTES

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021
6:30 P.M.*

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Chairman Osby presided.

Present: Commissioner Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Absent: Vacant, District I; and Commissioner William Chapman, District II

Staff: Brian Van Wyk – Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill – Chief General Services Officer; Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger – General Services; Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services; and Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services

Others: There were six (6) 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. by Co-Chairman Arnold-Chamber. Flag Salute: Chairman Osby.

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.

EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS A LETTER HE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF GRANTS AND LOCAL SERVICES REGARDING THE PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA PROGRAM FUNDING.

CAROL LAIR WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST THAT THE MEETINGS GO BACK TO VIRTUAL.

SCOTT TILLERY WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST THAT

INFORMATION REGARDING AUTHORIZED OHV LOCATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND/OR A MAP.

MARION VARGAS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT JULY IS NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH AND THAT IN-FUTURE YEARS, SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ACTIVITIES HELD THROUGHOUT THE MONTH TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION.

JIM AHRENS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A MONUMENT FOR THE JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH TRIAL ON THE WEST END OF PANORAMA PARK IN THE BLUFF OVERLOOKING THE KERN RIVER.

2. Scheduled Presentation by the Kern River Parkway Foundation/Hart Park Working Group – The work that has been done and being done by the Group: HEAR PRESENTATION

LIA MENDEZ, PROJECT CONSULTANT FOR THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATIONS' DEVELOPMENT OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE HART PARK ADOBE BUILDING.

EDDY LAINE OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE GROUPS EFFORTS IN PREPARING FOR THE REGIONAL PARKS PROGRAM PROPOSITION 68 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY.

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 June 16, 2021. AR-CE TO APPROVE THE JUNE 16, 2021, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. AR-CE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM CAROL LAIR DATED JULY 1, 2021, REGARDING THE JUNE 2021 CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK RANKING. 3 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 ON THE STATUS OF THE HART MEMORIAL PARK ADOBE PROJECT. GEOFFREY HILL ADVISED THAT THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD HAS COMPLETED AND THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY AWAITING APPROVAL TO GRANTED. THIS REQUEST HAS POSTPONED PLAN CHECK AND PERMITTING PROCESS. ONCE THE FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD HAS GRANTED APPROVE, THE PROJECT WILL BE SENT OUT TO

BID, A CONTRACTOR WILL BE SELECTED, THEN THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN. ADDITIONALLY, GEOFFREY HILL REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF THE TRAIL HEAD AND ENTRY MONUMENT SIGN PROJECTS. GEOFFREY HILL ALSO REPORTED ON THREE WATER PROJECT AND A WI-FI PROJECT THAT ARE ACTIVELY BEING WORKED ON.

II. California Ave. Property – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA AVE. PROPERTY. GEOFFREY HILL ADVISED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS STILL WAITING ON THE VALUE ASSESSMENT/APPRaisal OF THE PROPERTY. ONCE RECEIVED, ALL ENTITIES WILL BE NOTIFIED STATUS VIA STANDARD NOTICE FORM.

III. Proposition 68 – Per Capita – ISAAC PRESTON, GENERAL SERVICES MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS WERE BEING COMPLETED REGARDING THE DESIGN FOR A PLAY AREA AND WATER FEATURE AT HART MEMORIAL PARK.

IV. Proposition 68 – Regional Parks Program – ISAAC PRESTON, GENERAL SERVICES MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT STAFF IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE COUNTY'S GRANT CONSULTING FIRM TO BEING THE PROCESS FOR THE REGIONAL PARKS PROGRAM. THE REGIONAL PARKS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPLICATIONS INCLUDE FRAZIER MOUNTAIN PARK, LAKE MING, AND BUENA VISTA AQUATIC RECREATIONAL AREA.

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. Miscellaneous small projects – MATT HOWARD, GENERAL SERVICES MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE RESTROOM AT MOJAVE EAST PARK IN MOJAVE, CA WAS VANDALIZED BY FIRE AND THAT THE RESTROOM WAS GOING TO BE DEMOLISHED.

5. Park Ranger – Status Update – SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER, PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE 30-DAY, 6-MONTH, 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND, AND 3RD OPERATION SAFE PARK RANGER STATUS REPORT.
6. Park Showcase – Rexland Acres Park – District 5 - STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF REXLAND ACRES PARK LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5 OF BAKERSFIELD, CA. REXLAND ACRES PARKS IS A COMMUNITY PARK THAT OFFERS PICNIC TABLES, BBQ PITS, A TOT LOT, RECREATION BUILDING, BASKETBALL COURTS, RESTROOMS, WALKING PATHS, AND A MULTIPURPOSE COURT.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Additional Information Under Topic *General Services Staff Updates* on Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda – FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION DECIDED THAT NO FURTHER ACTION WAS NEEDED ON THE TOPIC AND THAT IT COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

8. Future Community Meeting at Casa Loma Park – STAFF INFORMED THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION THAT PROPOSED DATES AND TIMES FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING AT CASA LOMA PARK HAVE BEEN SENT TO COMMUNITY MEMBER ELIZABETH RAMOS, BUT A RESPONSE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. 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 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD-CHAMBERS THAT THE REQUEST REGARDING THE “JEDEDIAH STROM SMITH TRAIL” MONUMENT AT PANORAMA PARK, HART PARK WORKING GROUP – PHASE II RANKINGS, AND GARY BRAY RECOGNITION BE ADDED TO THE AUGUST AGENDA. IT WAS REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN OSBY THAT LIVING STREAMING OF THE COMMISSION MEETINGS BE ADDED TO THE AUGUST AGENDA.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjourn at 8:11 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for August 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, 1st Floor – Board of Supervisors Chambers.

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Geoffrey Hill](#); [Carl Brewer](#); [Matthew Howard](#); [Nicholas Cullen](#); [Shane Denton](#); [John Pimenta](#); [Barbara Hays](#); [Jeff Flores](#); [Ann Gallon](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR JULY 2021
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 8:17:39 PM

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7-1-21 Two kittens about 6 weeks old tossed out of a truck and rescued by a park visitor.

7-2-21 We rescued two 8 week old kittens and they were in foster care and then we found homes for them within a week.

7-2-21 We rescued a pregnant cat and she had 6 kittens 4 days later. She and her kittens are in foster care and will then come to our sanctuary.

7-7-21 We rescued an adult cat and it was taken to our sanctuary

7-13-21 Someone abandoned 8 kittens and they were rescued by a park visitor.

7-17-21 We rescued two abandoned 4 month old kittens. One was up in a tree and the other was hiding under the habitat. They are in foster care and will come to our sanctuary.

7-22-21 We rescued a sick cat and it was taken to KCAS.

SUMMARY

1 cat taken to our sanctuary

1 sick cat taken to KCAS

10 kittens rescued by park visitors

9 cats and kittens are in foster care and will be coming to our sanctuary

2 cats were in foster care and homes found for them

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 23

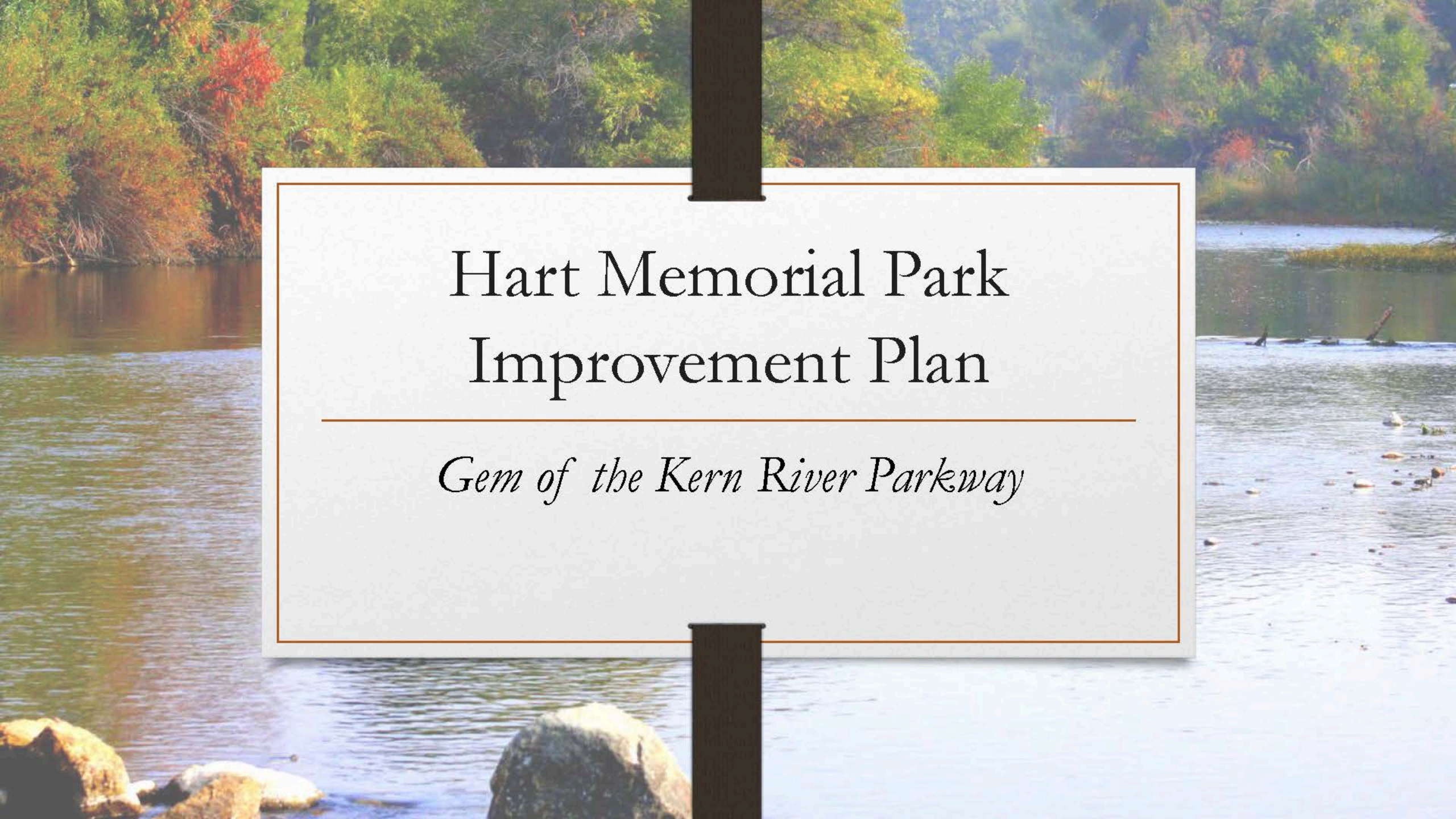
July was a hard month. The temperatures were brutal--28 days 100 degrees or hotter. The public continues to abandon cats and kittens at the park. We rescue them as fast as we can but our sanctuary and the shelters and other rescues are now full to overflowing. The Cat People gets calls daily from people wanting help but our resources have limits. We want to help them all and we can't. It is so discouraging.

Carol Lair



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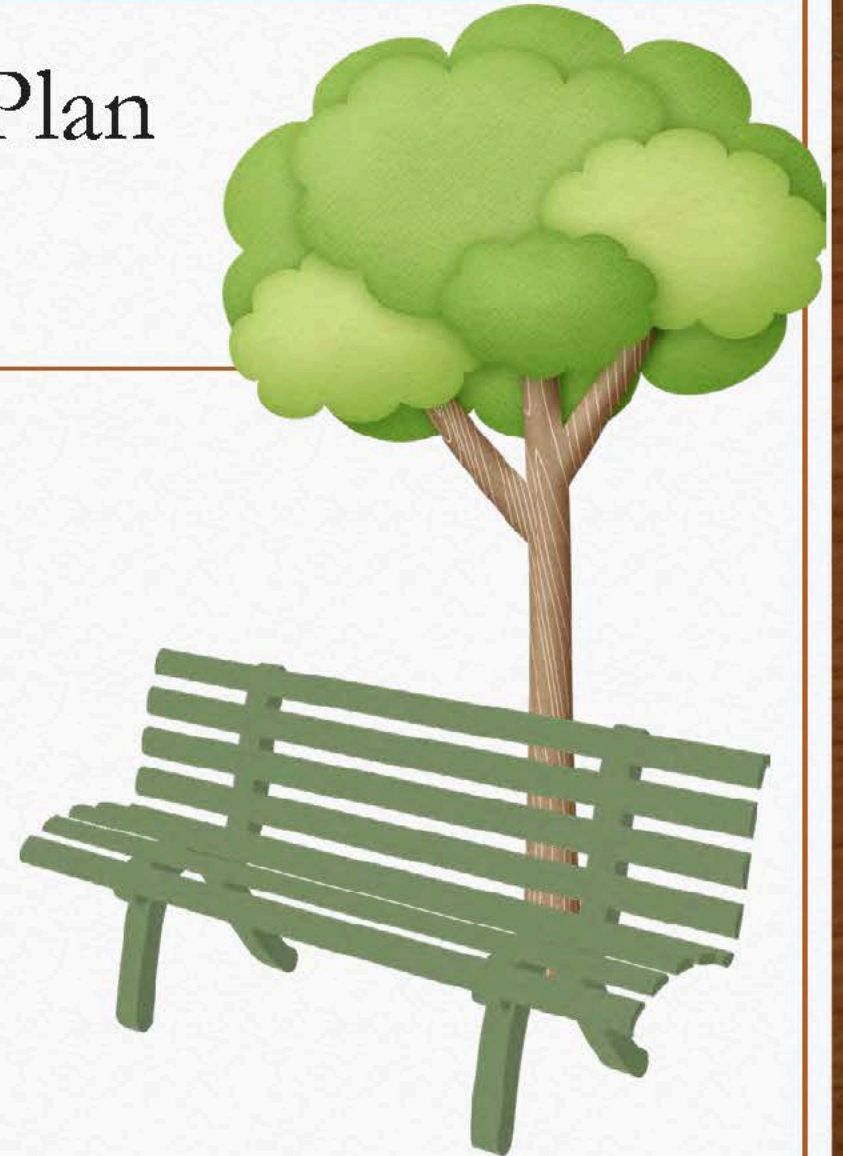
Hart Memorial Park Improvement Plan

Gem of the Kern River Parkway

Hart Park Improvement Plan

How we got here

- 3 public meetings, June 2017
- Emails, messages, letters
 - What we like
 - What we dislike
 - What we want
- Synthesized information
- Site analysis and design recommendations by RJM



Public Input

What Was Learned

- **Natural setting** – Wildlife, shade, solitude, public space
- **Activities** – Fishing, walking, biking, horse riding, athletics, schools/educational, children's play areas
- **Water features** – Kern River, Hart Lake, swimming, splash pad
- **Concessions** – Paddleboats, train, children rides, concerts, vendors, food
- **Trails** – Multi-use and specific use, boardwalk with seating, educational trails.
 - **Management** – Public safety, trash, general maintenance, funding

Public Input – Stakeholder Participation

Thank you for your help!

- Audubon Society
- Kern River Parkway Foundation
- Panorama Vista Preserve
- The Sierra Club
- Building Health Communities
- Southern Sierra Hiking Club
- Leadership Counsel
- Equestrian enthusiasts



2010 Parks Plan Recommendations

Many elements in common with the Hart Park Improvement Plan

- New restrooms
- New playgrounds
- New shelters
- Trails
- Curbs and gutters
- Information centers
- Standard road widths
- Sports activities areas
- Signage
- New landscaping/irrigation
- Riparian enhancements
- Off-street parking areas



Existing Amenities



OPPORTUNITIES

CONSTRAINTS

RIVER BANK STABILIZATION/FISHING

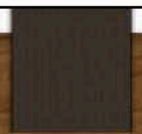
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3-5 Year Plan of Work

- Clean-up and deferred maintenance
- Signage throughout park (Entrances)
- Upgraded public safety and security enforcement (rules and regulations)
- Infrastructure improvements including (ADA, irrigation, landscaping, parking, WIFI)
- Picnic and special event areas (including concessions, small venue concerts/entertainment)
- Improved play areas
- River/lake improvements
- Trail improvements

In Progress – FY 2018-19

- Landscaping, signage, fence repair
- Public safety
- Rules, regulations & enforcement (No Feeding the Animals, No Littering)
- Maintenance schedule – Additional staff
- Fishing peninsula
- Equestrian Barn (Hart Park)
- Disc Golf
- Kern River Nature Park
- Equestrian area (North of the River) – Railing and fencing

Completed Fence Repair

Additional maintenance and grounds staff



In Progress – Restroom Rehabilitation



In Progress – Area 7 Improvements



In Progress – Equestrian Improvements



Kern River Nature Park

Nature Park - is designation for a protected landscape by means of long-term planning and sustainable use that promotes tourism and community use.

The diagram consists of two rounded rectangular boxes. The left box is light red and contains text about Nature Park. The right box is light grey and contains text about Nature Reconnection. A red arc connects the top of the red box to the top of the grey box, and a green arc connects the bottom of the red box to the bottom of the grey box, forming a circular relationship between the two concepts.

Nature Reconnection – provides places to see and experience the natural world as an response to 24/7 technology while engaging the public beyond just looking;

Phase I – Road Ahead

FY 2019-20

- Concession/Event Area
- Entrance Monuments/Signage
- Trail Improvements
- Playground improvements
- Rangers transition to 24 hour coverage schedule along KRP.

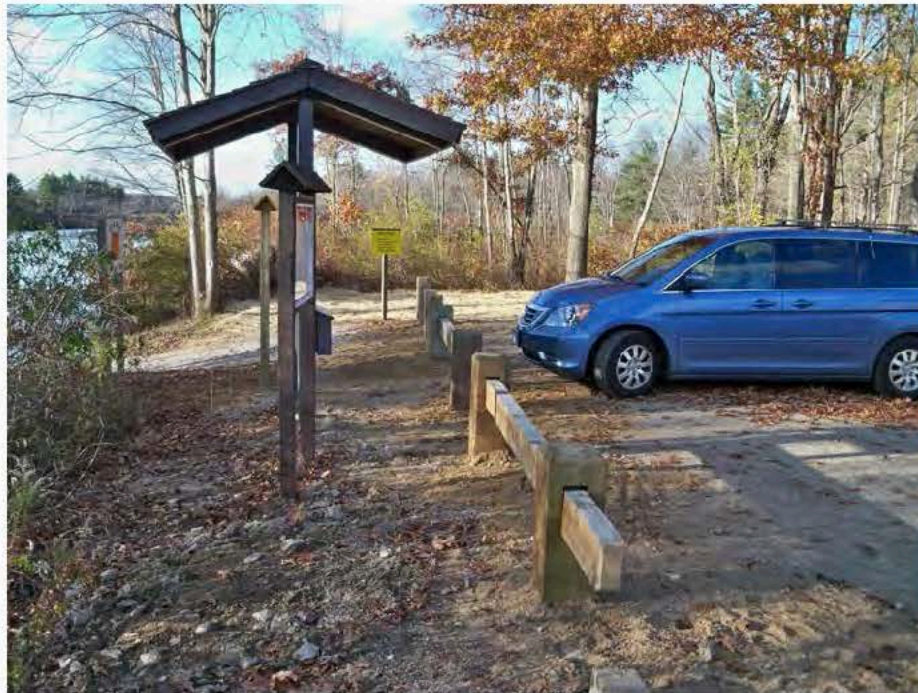
Phase I – West and East Entrance

FY 2019-20





Phase I – Trailhead Improvements FY 2019-20



Phase I - Trail Improvements FY 2019-20





Phase I - Concession/Entertainment Area

FY 2019-20







Phases II & III

FY 2020-21+

- Kids adventure area
- Full restoration of Area 7 (Large event area)
- Dog park
- Hart Lake beach

Funding

- Budget
- Grants
- Public/Private partnerships
- Sponsorships

Partnership in support

- Education
- Kern River Nature Park
 - Stakeholder input
 - Discuss
- Mill discussion
 - Stakeholder involvement thoughts
 - Signage
 - Education
 - Community project
- Cats
 - Issue
 - Partnership working with AS and enforcement
 - Goals
 - Partnership
- Adobe Structures

UNIDENTIFIED FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- A - LANDSCAPE/IRRIGATION
- B - THEMED SIGNAGE
- C - SECURITY-PUBLIC SAFETY-
LAW ENFORCEMENT
- D - TRASH MANAGEMENT
- E - INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES
- F - WIFI THROUGHOUT H.M.P.
- G - EVENT PLANNING
- H - EMPHASIS ON TOPIC 1 (WORKSHOP)
 - NATURAL BEAUTY
 - RIVER/LAKE
- I - EMPHASIS ON TOPIC 4 (WORKSHOP)
 - EVENT AREA
 - WATER FEATURES
 - TRAIL SYSTEM/DEVELOPMENT/
IMPROVEMENTS
 - CONCESSIONS/FOOD TRUCKS
- J - PARKING-LOWER COST
ALTERNATIVES, I.E. (D.G.)
DECOMPOSED GRANITE
- K - PEDESTRIAN/VEHICULAR CONTROL
W/ FENCING, I.E. (LODGE POLE FENCING)



- 9 HART LAKE BEACH
- A - SWIMMING (NO FISHING)
 - B - PARKING/ADA
 - C - RESTROOMS/TEMP R.R.

- 10 FISHING PENINSULA
- A - FISHING ONLY
 - B - NO VEHICLE ACCESS
 - C - PARKING/ADA

- 11 EVENT AREA
- A - EVENT/STAGE ONLY
 - B - PICNIC AREA
 - C - LANDSCAPE/IRRIGATION
 - D - PARKING/ADA
 - E - RESTROOMS/TEMP R.R.
 - F - LIGHTING
 - G - KIDS PLAY AREA

- 12 CONCESSIONS
- A - FOOD TRUCK AREA
 - B - EATING AREA/SEATING
 - C - FOOD TRUCK HOOK-UPS
 - D - SHADE STRUCTURES
 - E - SMALL EVENT AREA/
STAGE ONLY
 - F - RESTROOMS/TEMP R.R.
 - G - LANDSCAPE/IRRIGATION

- 13 KID ADVENTURE AREA
- A - PLAY AREA W/ STRUCTURE-
KIDS 1-5 YRS (THEMED)
 - B - SPLASH PAD - ALL AGES
 - C - PLAY AREA W/ STRUCTURE-
KIDS 5-12 YRS (THEMED)
 - D - SHADE STRUCTURES/
SEATING AREAS
 - E - LANDSCAPE/IRRIGATION
 - F - SIGNAGE
 - G - PARKING/ADA
 - H - RESTROOMS/TEMP R.R.

H - Adobe House Interpretive
Center

- 1 EAST ENTRANCE
- A - SIGNAGE "KERN RIVER PARKWAY"
 - B - LIGHTING
 - C - LANDSCAPE/IRRIGATION

- 2 HORSE BARN
- A - INTERIOR UPGRADES (BLDG)
 - B - EXTERIOR UPGRADES (BLDG)
 - C - SITE UPGRADES
 - PARKING/ADA
 - LIGHTING
 - LANDSCAPE

- 3 EQUESTRIAN
- A - VEHICLE PARKING (HORSE TRAILERS) ADA
 - B - RESTROOMS/D.F./TEMP R.R. (PORTA-POTTIES)
 - C - SHADE STRUCTURES
 - D - WATER FOR HORSES
 - E - LANDSCAPE

- 4 DOG PARK
- A - LARGE DOG AREA
 - B - SMALL DOG AREA
 - C - DRINKING FOUNTAINS
 - WATER FOR DOGS
 - D - SHADE STRUCTURES W/
SEATING AREAS.
 - E - PARKING/ADA
 - F - LIGHTING
 - G - LANDSCAPE/IRRIGATION
 - H - RESTROOMS/TEMP R.R.

- 5 WEST ENTRANCE
- A - SIGNAGE
 - B - LIGHTING
 - C - LANDSCAPE/IRRIGATION
 - D - ENTRY UPGRADES

- 6 TRAIL HEAD
- A - SIGNAGE
 - B - LIGHTING
 - C - LANDSCAPE/IRRIGATION
 - D - PARKING/ADA
 - E - RESTROOMS/TEMP R.R.

- 7 PLAY & PICNIC
- A - PICNIC SHELTERS W/ BBQ
 - B - INFRASTRUCTURE
 - C - SIGNAGE
 - D - RESTROOMS

- 8 DISK GOLF
- A - DISK GOLF COURSE AREA
 - B - DRINKING FOUNTAINS
 - C - SIGNAGE



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New/Unfinished/
Other Business



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Commission Member Presentations and Announcements



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Adjournment