

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, September 15, 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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

1. 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.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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 - i. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on August 18, 2021; **APPROVE**
 - ii. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

3. Request from Hart Park Working Group to have their priorities added to the Hart Memorial Park Master Plan and to be allowed to work on the Hart Memorial Park Master Plan; **HEAR REQUEST; TAKE ACTION AS DEEMED NECESSARY**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. 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
5. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**
6. Park Showcase – Jim Williford Park – District 2; **INFORMATIONAL**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. 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

8. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for October 20, 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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Public Presentations, Comments, and Requests



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Consent Agenda

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

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

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Chairman Osby presided.

Present: Commissioner William Chapman, District II; Commissioner Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Absent: Vacant, District I; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

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

Others: There were four (4) 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 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Osby. Flag Salute: Co-Chairman Arnold-Chamber.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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

THE COMMISSION HONORED PAST COMMISSIONER, GARY BRAY OF DISTRICT I FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, DEDICATED SERVICE, AND CONTINUED EFFORTS TO KERN COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY. FORMER COMMISSIONER, GARY BRAY WAS PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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

EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HOW THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD'S CONSULTING FIRM HELPED WITH A GRANT AWARD FOR A NEW PARK.

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.

JIM AHRENS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A GRANITE MONUMENT FOR THE JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH TRIAL ON THE WEST END OF PANORAMA PARK IN THE BLUFF OVERLOOKING THE KERN RIVER NEAR BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE. CH-OS TO APPROVE THE REQUEST AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

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

EDDY LAINE OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND TO REQUEST THAT THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP BE ALLOWED TO ASSIST WITH THE HART PARK MASTER PLAN. EDDY LAINE REQUESTED THAT THE COMMISSION ADD TO ITS NEXT AGENDA THE PRIORITIES OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP TO THE HART PARK MASTER PLAN.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on July 21, 2021. CH-OS TO APPROVE THE JULY 21, 2021, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. CH-OS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM CAROL LAIR DATED AUGUST 1, 2021, REGARDING THE JULY 2021 CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK RANKING. 3 AYES - 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 6 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 AND THE TRAILHEAD AND MONUMENT SIGN PROJECT. ADDITIONALLY, GEOFFREY HILL PROVIDED AND UPDATE REGARDING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION AS IT RELATES TO

CAMP OKIHI.

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 – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO 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 – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO 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. CARL BREWER ALSO REPORTED THAT STAFF WILL BE HOLDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN FRAZIER PARK ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND 28, 2021 TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST.

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.

VI. Miscellaneous small projects – NONE REPORTED.

7. Park Ranger – Status Update – SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER, PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE 30-DAY PARK RANGER STATUS REPORT.
8. Park Showcase – Inyokern Park – District 1 - STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF INYOKERN PARK LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1 OF INYOKERN, CA. INYOKERN PARKS IS A COMMUNITY PARK THAT OFFERS A COVERED TOT LOT, BASKETBALL COURTS, RESTROOMS, A NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY, AND A SENIOR CENTER.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

9. Virtual and/or televised access to future Parks and Recreation Commission meetings; DISCUSS. GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT HE SPOKE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD AND THEY ADVISED THAT THE COMMISSION IS TO MEET IN THE SAME FORUM AS THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS IN-PERSON, AT THIS TIME.
10. Request of Chairman Osby for a review and presentation regarding the Kern County Parks and Recreation Master Plan; HEAR PRESENTATION; DISCUSS. GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH AN UPDATE ON THE HART PARK MASTER PLAN PROJECTS AND THE TWELVE GOALS ON THE MASTER

PLAN. GEOFFREY HILL ALSO PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH THE INFORMATION ON HOW THE COMMUNITY WAS ENGAGED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE PROJECTS AND HOW THAT INFORMATION WAS IN TURN PROVIDED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AS WELL AS THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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. CHAIRMAN OSBY INVITED STAFF TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AT 3 PM AT CASA LOMA PARK.

ADJOURNMENT

12. Adjourn at 8:27 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for September 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, 1st Floor – Board of Supervisors Chambers.

SIERRA CLUB



KERN-KAWEAH CHAPTER

August 9, 2021

Phillip Peters, Chair
Kern County Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Building
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA. 93301

Dear Chair Peters and Members of the Board:

This is a request for detailed line item budgetary information regarding revenues and expenditures for Kern County parks for FY 2020-2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021).

As Kern County is a public body, such information ought to be available to the public.

Details of request:

1. This request includes all staffing and administrative charges such as: (a) maintenance staff, (b) ranger staff, (c) administrative, fiscal and planning staff—pro-rated for those with duties partially unrelated to parks, (d) contracted work—such as firms paid for tree trimming, and (e) consultant firms for architectural, grant writing or other purposes.
2. This request includes equipment and materials purchases (new or replacement).
3. This request includes intra (within the County Administrative Office and General Services) or inter-departmental (to and from other Kern County departments) charges and transfers.
4. This request includes consultant and expenditures for other parks-related contracts or agreements by the County Administrative Office and General Services. Examples: the contract for grant writing consultant services and park design work.
5. This request includes revenues generated from park usage. Some examples: revenues from park fees, campground fees, events at Lake Ming and Buena Vista Lake, and

revenues from golf courses owned by the County of Kern and contracted out to private firms.

6. This request is for detailed information about funding sources--Kern County general funds, State of California and federal funding as well as other revenues.

7. This request includes costs for water usage: Examples: water purchased from the City of Bakersfield for Lake Ming, Lake Ming pumping costs, Kern River Golf Course pumping costs, Kern County Soccer Park pumping costs and water purchased from the State of California for Buena Vista Lake--as well as water charges on a per park basis.

This request is for information on a county-wide basis and a breakout (to the extent possible) showing revenues and expenditures in each of Kern County five supervisorial districts. In addition, this request (again—to the extent possible) is for information on a park-by-park basis.

This request was authorized by action of the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter on August 7, 2021.

Thank you for your assistance regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E Laine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eddy Laine, Member, Executive Committee

cc: Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
Kern County Administrative Officer Ryan Alsop

August 11, 2021

Geoffrey Hill, Chief
General Services
Kern County Administrative Office
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA. 93301

Dear Mr. Hill:

This is written to request the release of records under the California Public Records Act, Government Code 6250, California Penal Code 832.7-832.8 and Art. I 3 (b) of the California Constitution.

The legal response time to this request is ten days, either by providing the requested information or providing a written response setting forth the specific legal authority on which you rely in failing to disclose each requested record or by specifying a date in the near future to respond to this request.

This request is for information related to current design work underway for a \$3 million project being discussed for Hart Park using California Department of Parks and Recreation Proposition 68 Per Capita funding and Kern County General Funds. This design work and the \$40,000 amount have been referenced by General Services staff at several public meetings.

Specifically this request is for:

1. When was the \$40,000 for this specific design work authorized by the Kern County Board of Supervisors? My assumption is that there was a specific Board item which can be referenced.
2. What firm is doing this work?
3. What community engagement/involvement is there is this current design work? This would include the involvement of Kern County Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

These are the same questions I requested in three separate e-mails—on August 3, 2021, August 6, 2021 and August 9, 2021. Answers to these questions were not provided.

A separate new request: please provide me a copy of the agreement with the firm currently performing this design work.

With regard to community engagement, community engagement is a requirement for the use of State Parks and Recreation Department funds. With regard to this design work in Hart Park, seemingly no community engagement has occurred. No special community meetings regarding this design work. Nor have options have been provided with regard

to other possible uses of State Per Capita funding in Kern County parks in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods (a priority for the use of these funds) have been provided to the public or the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Also, the Kern River Parkway Foundation's Hart Park Working Group (of which I serve as secretary) has yet to be involved. This is the same Working Group that has been integrally involved in design work related to the renovation of the Hart Park's Peacock/Adobe House for use as an Interpretative/Nature Center. That renovation is being funded with \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Seemingly Hart Park Working Group Priorities (most of which were endorsed by Kern County Administrative Officer Ryan Alsop during an April 8, 2021 meeting with the Working Group) been not been considered during this design work.

Seemingly local stakeholders actively involved in issues regarding Kern County parks such as the Kern River Parkway Foundation, the Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter and Audubon of Kern has not been consulted regarding this design work.

Given the amount of funding involved (\$3 million--\$1.47 in State Per Capita funding and \$1.5 million in Kern County General funds), an active role by the community in design work associated with the planning for the use of these funds would have been expected. Again, there seemingly is none.

Thank you in advance for your assistance regarding the questions the information requested.

I have provided my email for expediting communications with regard to these requests.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kern County Board of Supervisors ✓
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RE: Request of Chairman Osby for a review and presentation regarding the Kern County Parks and Recreation Master Plan; HEAR PRESENTATION; DISCUSS

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability works alongside low-income communities of color in the San Joaquin Valley and the Eastern Coachella Valley. As is most relevant here, we work with community leaders in the communities of Fuller Acres, Lamont, and East and South East Bakersfield in Kern County to advocate for local, regional and state government entities to address their community's needs for the basic elements that make up a safe and healthy community, including safe and affordable drinking water, affordable housing, effective and safe transportation, efficient and affordable energy, green spaces, and clean air.

Throughout the pandemic, residents have identified the dire need for safe, green spaces for adults and children alike. Community members of Fuller Acres and Weedpatch, for example, do not have a safe place for recreation or community gatherings. It is important that the County pay special attention to the inequities that community members are facing due to the County's inability to provide safe green spaces. Children have to consistently dodge cars, playing on the streets, rather than having a safe playground or open space. This is unacceptable. All children, regardless of where they live, deserve a safe and illuminated place to play.

Thus, I ask the Park and Recreation commissioners to please advise the Board of Supervisors and direct staff to update the Parks Master Plan based on community engagement and feedback. The County has not updated the Master Plan for more than 10 years. It is time that the County engage community members in identifying needs for County parks and a plan to address all needs moving forward. We look forward to working with the Commissioners, Staff and Supervisors in this effort. Thank you for your time and consideration.



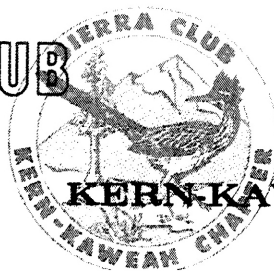
Sincerely,

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Policy Advocate

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

SIERRA CLUB



KERN-KAWEAH CHAPTER

September 7, 2021

Kern County Board of Supervisors
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA. 93306

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Last year the Kern County Board of Supervisors designated a portion of Kern County River Park as the Kern River Riparian Preserve Park. This was done at the request of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission after advocacy by our organization and the Kern River Parkway Foundation.

This riparian area adjoins Lake Ming and extends to Hart Park. The intent was and remains to protect this unique riparian area. It was intended to be a place to enjoy the beauty of the natural area bordering the Kern River—including its green belt rich in plants adapted to and depending on the shallow water table. It is an area rich in bird life and stunning views of the Kern River.

Unfortunately during the last few months the Riparian Preserve has been degraded by trash, fire pits, graffiti, and destructive use by off road vehicles. Our Riparian Preserve is not being preserved, but misused and overused by those who do not care or know about its special nature and uniqueness along the southern San Joaquin Valley portion of the Kern River. Similar concerns apply to the seven-acre Kern River County Park Natural Preserve Area which was designated in 1984 and which borders Pyles Boys Camp Parking lot. As such, our recommendations would also apply to that Natural Preserve.

What needs to be done to change this?

1. Because of the severe damage to the Riparian Preserve caused by misuse, fence the Preserve between Lake Ming and the Pyles Boys Camp Parking lot to the rafting area so that only foot traffic and equestrian use is possible. Access would only be permitted only at two access points—Lake Ming and the Pyles Boys Camp Parking lot.
2. For the protection of this area, regular ranger enforcement on the walking trails is essential—especially given illegal fires, littering, the destruction of flora and fauna and graffiti in the this area.
3. Signage needs to explain the purpose (including references to prohibited activities) of the Riparian Preserve so the public can act with appreciation and preservation.

4. As the Kern County Department of Public Works now has increased revenues for clean-up work in unincorporated area, we would request that such work include the entire Kern River Riparian Preserve Park.

5. Kern County contract with a firm with expertise to develop a habitat protection and restoration plan. A firm such as River Partners, which has contracted for similar purposes by Panorama Vista Preserve for many years. Such a plan would include earmarking selected areas for special protection during restoration. Just as the Peacock/Adobe House needed a plan for restoration, so the Riparian Preserve and Natural Preserve Area now needs such a plan.

Without these actions one of the last remaining riparian areas near Bakersfield will continue to be destroyed.

We would ask that you take this opportunity to continue the good work begun with the original designation of the Kern River Riparian Preserve Park.

Attached is Chapter 13.16 Section F of the Kern County Ordinance Code pertaining to the issues just reviewed.

This letter was authorized by the Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter.

Sincerely,



Maria Polite, Member, Buena Vista Group Executive Committee, Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter



Eddy Laine, Member, Executive Committee, Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter

cc: Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission

KERN COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE CHAPTER 13.16, SECTION F

It is unlawful to operate motorized vehicles and off-road vehicles, unless authorized, at the Kern River Riparian Preserve Park . Other uses prohibited and inconsistent with resource protection and passive recreation are, but not limited to weapons use of any kind, unauthorized "take" or molesting or harming any flora or fauna, fires of any kind, smoking, overnight camping, dumping or littering. Anyone violating the provisions of this subsection may be guilty of a misdemeanor or administrative violation and subject to appropriate penalties.

Matthew Howard

From: Carol Lair <carollair@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 6:17 PM
To: Geoffrey Hill; Carl Brewer; Matthew Howard; Shane Denton; John Pimienta; Jeff Flores; Nicholas Cullen; Barbara Hays
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR AUGUST 2021

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8-2-21 Two cats were picked up by a park visitor.

8-5-21 Sick cat taken to KCAS.

8-12-21 Park visitor picked up two 6 month old kittens.

8-17-21 Two kittens about 6 weeks old picked up by park visitor and taken to our sanctuary.

8-19-21 A cat with an injured front leg was finally caught after several attempts and taken to KCAS. We were told that the cat had been shot and had to be euthanized. This shooting happened at the park. This information was sent to Shane Denton.

8-21-21 A 7 week old kitten was rescued after being left at the park in a cardboard box that was taped closed. Kitten managed to escape from the box. After being in foster care it was taken to our sanctuary.

8-21-21 A 5 month old kitten rescued and after time in foster care was taken to our sanctuary.

8-21-21 One of our feeders witnessed a man abandoning a cat and pictures of the man and his vehicle were sent to Shane Denton.

8-22-21 Three 7 week old kittens picked up by a park visitor

8-24-21 Two Husky puppies picked up by a park visitor

8-27-21 We rescued a brown and white domestic bunny and it was taken to KCAS

8-30-21 A small white dog was left at the park; it disappeared and we don't know what happened to it.

4 Kittens taken to our sanctuary

2 Cats taken to KCAS and one had to be euthanized

7 Kittens taken by park visitors

3 Dogs abandoned-- two taken by park visitor; unknown what happened to third dog

1 Bunny rescued and taken to KCAS

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 13

Please note that ALL 13 kittens that were removed from the park were abandoned in August. They were not born at the park, they were left as young as 6 weeks old by the public. And these are the ones we know about. Also the public sees the park as a dumping ground for unwanted dogs--there are several dumped every month. Chickens and bunnies abandoned too.

So far in September we have rescued five newly abandoned kittens.

Carol Lair



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Adjournment