

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, October 20, 2021
6:30 P.M.*

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Commissioners: Ryan Abler, 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

2. 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 September 15, 2021; **APPROVE**
 - ii. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. 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
4. Presentation on Parks Funding – Ryan Alsop, Chief Administrative Officer; **RECEIVE AND FILE**
5. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**
6. Park Showcase – Derby Acres – District 4; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Request for information regarding what a Master Plan is and guidelines on how to develop, change, and update a Plan; **INFORMATIONAL**
8. How can the Commission help the public when ideas regarding parks are brought forward; **INFORMATIONAL**

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.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for November 17, 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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Consent Agenda

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, September 15, 2021
6:30 P.M.*

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. Chairman Osby presided and called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. Flag Salute: Chairman Osby.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; William Chapman, District II; Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Absent: None

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

Others: There were four (7) others present

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

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EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP'S TOP PRIORITY BEING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HART MEMORIAL PARK.

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I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on August 18, 2021. AR-CE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 18, 2021, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 5 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. CE-CH TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED AUGUST 9, 2021, FROM THE SIERRA CLUB KERN-KAWEAH CHAPTER TO THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR BUDGETARY INFORMATION FOR KERN COUNTY PARKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED AUGUST 11, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE TO GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER REGARDING A REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED AUGUST 18, 2021, FROM EMMA DE LA ROSA REGARDING A REQUEST TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE KERN COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, FROM THE SIERRA CLUB KERN-KAWEAH CHAPTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING CHANGES NEEDED TO THE “RIPARIAN PRESERVE”; AND THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING THE AUGUST 2021 CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK RANKING. 5 AYES - 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. 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 AN 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 AND REVIEWED 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 REGARDING 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 HELD A COMMUNITY MEETING IN FRAZIER PARK ON SEPTEMBER 14, 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.

4. Park Ranger – Status Update – SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER, PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE 30-DAY PARK RANGER STATUS REPORT.
5. Park Showcase – Jim Williford Community Park – District 2 - STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF JIM WILLIFORD COMMUNITY PARK LOCATED IN DISTRICT 2 OF ROSAMOND, CA. JIM WILLIFORD COMMUNITY PARK IS A COMMUNITY PARK THAT OFFERS GROUP PICNIC AREAS, TENNIS COURTS, BASKETBALL COURTS, A TOT-LOT, SWING SETS, RESTROOMS AND TWO COMMUNITY POOLS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED AND NON-OPERATIONAL. STAFFED INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED FUNDING A MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECT TO REDO THE SWIMMING POOL DECK SURFACES OF THE COMMUNITY POOL AT THE PARK.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

6. 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. AR-OS TO HAVE THE PRIORITIES OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP ADDED AS A RECOMMENDATION TO GENERAL SERVICES TO CONSIDER REGARDING THE HART PARK MASTER PLAN. 5 AYES – 0 OPPOSED. GEOFFREY HILL, KATHLEEN ARNOLD-CHAMBERS, AND EDDY LAINE HEARD.

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. COMMISSIONER ARNOLD-CHAMBERS REQUESTED THAT AT THE OCTOBER MEETING, STAFF ADVISE AS TO WHAT A MASTER PLAN IS AND WHAT THE PROCESS WOULD BE TO CHANGE, UPDATE, AND DEVELOP A PLAN. COMMISSIONER ARNOLD-CHAMBERS ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE TOPIC OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELPING GUIDE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY HAVE IDEAS FOR THE PARKS.

RYAN ABLER WAS INTRODUCED AND WELCOMED AS THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS FOR DISTRICT 1.

ADJOURNMENT

8. Adjourn at 8:03 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for October 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, 1st Floor – Board of Supervisors Chambers.

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9-1-21 A 8 week old kitten was rescued and was in foster care until she went to KCAS 10-2-21

9-1-21 A 3 month old kitten rescued ans was in foster care until he went to KCAS 10-2-21

9-5-21 Two 5 week old kittens found hiding in a ground squirrel hole were rescued and are in foster care until they can go to our sanctuary

9-6-21 A 6 month old kitten was rescued and was in foster care until adopted by the foster parent

9-10-21 A handsome rooster was abandoned

9-13-21 A male pit bull was abandoned

9-21-21 An abandoned cat bleeding from the mouth was taken to KCAS and had to be euthanized
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9-22-21 A large black dog and a medium sized brown dog

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9-25-21 An adult cat was rescued and in foster care until a home was found

9-27-21 An adult gray tabby was taken by a park visitor

9-29-21 Two 6 month old kittens were rescued and in foster care until they went to KCAS 10-1-21

5 cats and kittens taken to KCAS and one had to be euthanized

2 kittens in foster care and will be going to our sanctuary

2 cats in foster care were adopted

1 cat rescued by a park visitor

3 dogs abandoned

1 rooster abandoned

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 10

Cats, dogs and other critters continue to be abandoned at the park.

Carol Lair



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Adjournment