

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, November 17, 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.**
 - i. Scheduled Presentation by the Kern River Parkway Foundation regarding the operational plan of the Hart Memorial Park Adobe following renovations; **HEAR PRESENTATION**

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 October 20, 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. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**
 - i. Special Award(s) and Recognition - Ranger, Joel Heredia
5. Park Showcase – Rosamond Park – District 2; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

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

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. 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

9. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for December 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, unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or cancelled by the Commission.

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MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

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

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Chairman Osby presided and called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Flag Salute: Chairman Osby.

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

Absent: Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Staff: Ryan Alsop, Chief Administrative Officer; 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; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services; and Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services

Others: There were four (4) 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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THERE WERE NO PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

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- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on September 15, 2021. CH-AB TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. CH-AB TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED OCTOBER 6, 2021, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING THE SEPTEMBER 2021 CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK RANKING. 4 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 WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION SEEKING FUNDING THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED TO THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION FOR FENCING IMPROVEMENTS AT CAMP OKIHI, WHICH THEY NEVER MADE.
- 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 HAS RECEIVED THE VALUE ASSESSMENT/APPRaisal OF THE PROPERTY AND ALL REQUIRED ENTITIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF STATUS VIA STANDARD NOTICE FORM. IF NONE OF THE REQUIRED PARTIES EXPRESS INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE GOING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SET AN AUCTION DATE.
- III. Proposition 68 – Per Capita – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS REGARDING THE DESIGN FOR A PLAY AREA AND WATER FEATURE AT HART MEMORIAL PARK HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE GOING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH THE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE COMING MONTH(S).
- 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 THEIR SECOND COMMUNITY MEETING IN FRAZIER PARK ON OCTOBER 14, 2021, TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST. COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR LAKE MING AND BUENA VISTA AQUATIC RECREATIONAL AREA ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING SCHEDULED.
- 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. Presentation on Parks Funding – Ryan Alsop, Chief Administrative Officer – RYAN ALSOP, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON PARKS FUNDING AS IT RELATES TO EACH DISTRICT AND TO RESPOND TO THE ARTICLE, “A CALL TO FAIRNESS ON KERN COUNTY PARKS FUNDING,” PUBLISHED IN THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN WHICH WAS INITIATED BY EDDIE LAINE ON BEHALF OF THE SIERRA CLUB, KERN-KAWEAH CHAPTER. RYAN ALSOP PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH VARIOUS FUNDING BREAKDOWNS AS WELL AS A BREAKDOWN OF PARKS LAND PER SQUARE ACRE PER DISTRICT REGARDING THE EXPENDITURES IN PARKS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, AND GOLF COURSES. CH-AB TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PRESENTATION ON PARKS FUNDING BY RYAN ALSOP, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. 4 AYES - 0 OPPOSED
5. Park Ranger – Status Update – SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER, PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE RANGER STATISTICS AT THE METROPOLITAN AREA PARKS.
6. Park Showcase – Derby Acres Park – District 4 - STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF DERBY ACRES PARK LOCATED IN DISTRICT 4 OF DERBY ACRES, CA. DERBY ACRES PARK IS A COMMUNITY PARK THAT OFFERS A LARGE GROUP PICNIC AREA, A BASKETBALL COURT, HORSESHOE PITS, PICNIC TABLES, BBQS, AND MATURE LANDSCAPE.

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 – AR-CH TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND THE DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE THEN ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA. 4 AYES - 0 OPPOSED
8. How can the Commission help the public when ideas regarding parks are brought forward - AR-CH TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND THE DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE THE ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA. 4 AYES - 0 OPPOSED

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COMMISSIONERS CHAPMAN REQUESTED STAFF TO SEND THE COMMISSIONERS A COPY OF RYAN ALSOP'S PRESENTATION REGARDING PARKS FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER ABLER ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS ORGANIZED A TRASH CLEAN-UP OF A BIKE PATH/TRAIL NEAR MORNING DR.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjourn at 8:43 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for November 17, 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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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR OCTOBER 2021

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Tue 11/9/2021 7:02 PM

To: Geoffrey Hill <hillg@kerncounty.com>; Carl Brewer <brewerc@kerncounty.com>; Matthew Howard <howardma@kerncounty.com>; Jeff Flores <floresjeff@kerncounty.com>; John Pimienta <pimientaj@kerncounty.com>; kckuke@yahoo.com <kckuke@yahoo.com>; Nicholas Cullen <cullenn@kerncounty.com>; Shane Denton <DentonS@kerncounty.com>; Barbara Hays <barbarah@thecatpeople.org>; Ryan Alsop <alsopr@kerncounty.com>

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10-1-21 Picked up an adult cat and took it to KCAS for adoption

10-1-21 Picked up a kitten and it was taken to KCAS for adoption

10-1-21 A cat was rescued by a park visitor.

10-3-21 Picked up kitten and took a cat to KCAS for adoption.

10-6-21 A cat was adopted by a park visitor.

10-8-21 Three 4 month old kittens picked up and were found to have ringworm. They are in foster care receiving 6 weeks of treatment. They will go to our sanctuary.

10-9-21 A kitten was picked taken to KCAS for adoption.

10-17-21 Picked up 5 kittens and they were taken to KCAS for adoption.

10-19-21 Kitten adopted by park visitors.

10-22-21 Another kitten with ringworm picked up and is in foster care being treated for 6 weeks. He will go to our sanctuary.

10-23-21 Young adult cat was picked up and taken to KCAS for adoption.

9 Cats and kittens were taken to KCAS

4 Kittens in foster care

3 Cats and kittens were picked up by park visitors

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK FOR OCTOBER 2021: 16

Over the past two months 12 kittens were dumped at the same location. This was a spot where kittens have not been dumped before. We suspected the same person was doing this and the Park Rangers were notified and asked to be on the lookout for activity in that area. As the cooler weather approaches the kitten season typically winds down. So far in November we have been able to take 6 cats to KCAS for adoption.

Carol Lair



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Adjournment