

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, April 21, 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; Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager – General Services; and Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services.

Others: There were seventeen (17) 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 6:33 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 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

2. Scheduled Presentation by Eddy Laine: Report regarding Hart Park Working Group issues.

EDDY LAINE HEARD REGARDING THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP ISSUES.

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 March 17, 2021. CH-AR TO APPROVE THE MARCH 17, 2021, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. CE-CH TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM BILL COOPER DATED AUGUST 2, 2019, REGARDING THE PRIORITIES OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 21, 2021, FROM THE SIERRA CLUB KERN-KAWEAH CHAPTER REGARDING PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA FUNDING; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 1, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING LEVERAGE FUNDING; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 26, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA FUNDING; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 10, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA FUNDING; THE CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 22, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE MARCH 17, 2021, MEETING, AND THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 30, 2021, FROM SHILHA HALL REGARDING BOAT RACING AT LAKE MING. 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 ON THE STATUS OF THE HART MEMORIAL PARK ADOBE PROJECT. GEOFFREY HILL 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 THE 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.

KATHERINE AND STEPHEN WINTERS, CFO AND CEO OF THE WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION WERE PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON THEIR ORGANIZATION AND HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO INCORPORATE THEIR PROGRAM INTO CAMP OKIHI.
 - 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 STAFF IS CURRENTLY WORKING 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.

5. Park Ranger – Status Update – IN THE ABSENCE OF SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER, CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE 30-DAY RANGER STATUS REPORT.
6. Park Showcase – Camp Yenishante – District 1; STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF CAMP YENISHANTE LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1 OF GREENHORN, CA. CAMP YENISHANTE CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 140 PEOPLE, HAS 17 UNHEATED CABINS WITH BUNK BEDS AND ELECTRICITY, A KITCHEN/DINING BUILDING WITH REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, HOT WATER, ELECTRICITY, AND COOKING UTENSILS, A SHOWER BUILDING WITH RESTROOMS, AND AN OUTDOOR THEATER AREA.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. 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 MAY MEETING AGENDA FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION.
8. Future On-site Parks Community Meetings; HEAR PRESENTATION; DISCUSS – COMMISSIONER OSBY INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS THAT A MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WAS HELD AT POTOMAC PARK TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY BASED PLANS FOR THE PARK RENOVATIONS IN THE STATEWIDE PARKS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION. COMMISSIONER OSBY ADVISED THAT THE MEETING WAS A SUCCESS AND ENCOURAGED HER FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO HOLD COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN THEIR DISTRICTS AS WELL.
9. Belle Terrace Parks Improvements Update; HEAR PRESENTATION; DISCUSS – STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL REPORT REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE TO BELLE TERRACE PARK OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.
10. List of Parks by District – HEAR PRESENTATION; DISCUSS – STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SPREADSHEET OF ALL PARKS BY DISTRICT.

11. Kern County OHV 2021 Grant Cycle Applications; DISCUSS; REVIEW GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTALS. AWARD DECISION TO BE MADE IN MAY 2021 – STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH THE 2020-2021 OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATIONS FROM THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, STEWARDS OF THE SEQUOIA AND THE KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION. IT WAS NOTED BY STAFF THAT ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED MEET THE GRANT CRITERIA, AS THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO HELP SUPPORT STAFF TIME AND EQUIPMENT FOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE OR TO PATROL AREAS USED BY OFF HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLES. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS NOTED BY STAFF THAT DECISIONS ON THE APPLICATION AWARD WERE TO BE MADE AT THE MAY 19, 2021, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING.

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 8:13 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for May 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted as a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams.