

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Chairman Osby presided.

- Present:** Commissioner William Chapman, District II; and Commissioner Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III
- Absent:** Vacant, District I; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV
- Staff:** Brian Van Wyk – Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill – Chief General Services Officer; Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services; and Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services
- Others:** There were seventeen (8) 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 6:35 p.m.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of Former Commissioner, Gary Bray of District 1; THE PRESENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO FORMER COMMISSIONER, GARY BRAY OF DISTRICT 1 WAS POSTPONED. GARY BRAY WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING. AR-OS TO CONTINUE THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF FORMER COMMISSIONER, GARY BRAY, TENTATIVELY UNTIL THE COMMISSION IS ABLE TO RESUME IN-PERSON MEETINGS. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

2. 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 HEARD REGARDING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OUTDOOR EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM, THE PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION, AND A PARCEL OF PROPERTY USE CONSIDERATION.

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 April 21, 2021. CH-AR TO APPROVE THE APRIL 21, 2021, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. AR-CH TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM CAROL LAIR DATED MAY 12, 2021, REGARDING THE MARCH AND APRIL REGARDING THE RECENT CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED APRIL 15, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP AND ITS PRIORITIES; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED APRIL 28, 2021, FROM THE SIERRA CLUB, KERN-KAWEAH CHAPTER TO THE OFFICE OF GRANTS AND LOCAL SERVICES REGARDING PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA FUNDING IN KERN COUNTY; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 5, 2021, FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY REGARDING PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA FUNDING IN KERN COUNTY; AND THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 11, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING THE PRIORITIES OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP BEING ADDED TO THE HART PARK MASTER PLAN. 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 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. ADDITIONALLY, GEOFFREY HILL REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF THE TRAIL HEAD AND ENTRY MONUMENT SIGN PROJECTS.

II. California Ave. Property – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PROCESS OF SELLING THE PROPERTY. ALL REQUIRED ENTITIES WILL BE NOTIFIED THROUGH THE SOLICITATION PROCESS. IF NO ENTITY WANTS THE PROPERTY, IT WILL BE SET TO GO TO AUCTION. A VALUE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE.

III. Proposition 68 – Per Capita – ISAAC PRESTON, GENERAL SERVICES MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT A REQUEST FOR

PROPOSAL MEETING IS TAKING PLACE FOR THE DESIGNS FOR A PALY 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.

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.

5. Park Ranger – Status Update –SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER, PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE 30-DAY RANGER STATUS REPORT.
6. Park Showcase – Lamont Park – District 4; STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF LAMONT PARK LOCATED IN DISTRICT 4 OF LAMONT, CA. LAMONT PARK HAS 2 FULL SIZED BASKETBALL COURTS, WALKING PATHS, BBQ PITS, TOT-LOTS, A BASEBALL FIELD, WORKOUT EQUIPMENT, RESTROOMS, AND A NEWLY PAVED PARKING LOT.

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. THE COMMISSION INSTRUCTED STAFF TO PLACE THIS ITEM ON THE JUNE MEETING AGENDA FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION.
8. Kern County OHV 2021 Grant Cycle Applications; DISCUSS; REVIEW GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTALS. SUBMIT GRANT AWARD RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – 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 RANGER DIVISION. THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS WERE HEARD: SARGENT CASEY BRUNSELL OF THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF; CHRIS HORGAN OF THE STEWARDS OF THE SEQUOIA; AND SHANE DENTON OF THE KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION RANGER DIVISION. CH-AR TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT \$60,000.00 BE GRANTED TO STEWARDS OF THE SEQUOIA AND \$25,000.00 BE GRANTED TO THE KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION RANGER DIVISION. 3 AYES O OPPOSED

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 agendized 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 A MEETING AT CASA LOMA PARK AND THE TOPIC OF MORE INFORMATION UNDER STAFF UPDATES ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjourn at 9:00 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for June 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted as a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams.