

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021
6:30 P.M.*

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Chairman Osby presided.

- Present:** Commissioner Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V
- Absent:** Vacant, District I; and Commissioner William Chapman, District II
- Staff:** Brian Van Wyk – Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill – Chief General Services Officer; Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger – General Services; Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services; and Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services
- Others:** There were six (6) 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 6:38 p.m. by Co-Chairman Arnold-Chamber. Flag Salute: Chairman Osby.

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.

EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS A LETTER HE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF GRANTS AND LOCAL SERVICES REGARDING THE PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA PROGRAM FUNDING.

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

SCOTT TILLERY WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST THAT

INFORMATION REGARDING AUTHORIZED OHV LOCATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND/OR A MAP.

MARION VARGAS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT JULY IS NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH AND THAT IN-FUTURE YEARS, SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ACTIVITIES HELD THROUGHOUT THE MONTH TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION.

JIM AHRENS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A MONUMENT FOR THE JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH TRIAL ON THE WEST END OF PANORAMA PARK IN THE BLUFF OVERLOOKING THE KERN RIVER.

2. Scheduled Presentation by the Kern River Parkway Foundation/Hart Park Working Group – The work that has been done and being done by the Group: HEAR PRESENTATION

LIA MENDEZ, PROJECT CONSULTANT FOR THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATIONS' DEVELOPMENT OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE HART PARK ADOBE BUILDING.

EDDY LAINE OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE GROUPS EFFORTS IN PREPARING FOR THE REGIONAL PARKS PROGRAM PROPOSITION 68 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY.

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 June 16, 2021. AR-CE TO APPROVE THE JUNE 16, 2021, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. AR-CE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM CAROL LAIR DATED JULY 1, 2021, REGARDING THE JUNE 2021 CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK RANKING. 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 THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD HAS COMPLETED AND THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY AWAITING APPROVAL TO GRANTED. THIS REQUEST HAS POSTPONED PLAN CHECK AND PERMITTING PROCESS. ONCE THE FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD HAS GRANTED APPROVE, 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. GEOFFREY HILL ALSO REPORTED ON THREE WATER PROJECT AND A WI-FI PROJECT THAT ARE ACTIVELY BEING WORKED ON.

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 – ISAAC PRESTON, GENERAL SERVICES 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 – 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. THE REGIONAL PARKS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPLICATIONS INCLUDE FRAZIER MOUNTAIN PARK, LAKE MING, AND BUENA VISTA AQUATIC RECREATIONAL AREA.

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.

VI. Miscellaneous small projects – MATT HOWARD, GENERAL SERVICES MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE RESTROOM AT MOJAVE EAST PARK IN MOJAVE, CA WAS VANDALIZED BY FIRE AND THAT THE RESTROOM WAS GOING TO BE DEMOLISHED.

5. Park Ranger – Status Update – SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER, PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE 30-DAY, 6-MONTH, 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND, AND 3RD OPERATION SAFE PARK RANGER STATUS REPORT.
6. Park Showcase – Rexland Acres Park – District 5 - STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF REXLAND ACRES PARK LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5 OF BAKERSFIELD, CA. REXLAND ACRES PARKS IS A COMMUNITY PARK THAT OFFERS PICNIC TABLES, BBQ PITS, A TOT LOT, RECREATION BUILDING, BASKETBALL COURTS, RESTROOMS, WALKING PATHS, AND A MULTIPURPOSE COURT.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Additional Information Under Topic *General Services Staff Updates* on Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda – FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION DECIDED THAT NO FURTHER ACTION WAS NEEDED ON THE TOPIC AND THAT IT COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

8. Future Community Meeting at Casa Loma Park – STAFF INFORMED THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION THAT PROPOSED DATES AND TIMES FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING AT CASA LOMA PARK HAVE BEEN SENT TO COMMUNITY MEMBER ELIZABETH RAMOS, BUT A RESPONSE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

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. IT WAS REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSIONER ARNOLD-CHAMBERS THAT THE REQUEST REGARDING THE “JEDEDIAH STROM SMITH TRAIL” MONUMENT AT PANORAMA PARK, HART PARK WORKING GROUP – PHASE II RANKINGS, AND GARY BRAY RECOGNITION BE ADDED TO THE AUGUST AGENDA. IT WAS REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN OSBY THAT LIVING STREAMING OF THE COMMISSION MEETINGS BE ADDED TO THE AUGUST AGENDA.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjourn at 8:11 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for August 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, 1st Floor – Board of Supervisors Chambers.