

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, August 18, 2021
6:30 P.M.*

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Chairman Osby presided.

Present: Commissioner William Chapman, District II; Commissioner Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Absent: Vacant, District I; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Staff: Phillip Hall – Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill – Chief General Services Officer; Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger – General Services; and Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services

Others: There were four (4) 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 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Osby. Flag Salute: Co-Chairman Arnold-Chamber.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of Former Commissioner, Gary Bray of District 1; PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO FORMER COMMISSIONER.

THE COMMISSION HONORED PAST COMMISSIONER, GARY BRAY OF DISTRICT I FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, DEDICATED SERVICE, AND CONTINUED EFFORTS TO KERN COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY. FORMER COMMISSIONER, GARY BRAY WAS PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

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.

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

EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HOW THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD'S CONSULTING FIRM HELPED WITH A GRANT AWARD FOR A NEW PARK.

3. Scheduled Presentation by Jim Ahrens regarding a request for the "Jedediah Strong Smith Trail" Monument at Panorama Park; HEAR PRESENTATION; TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY REQUEST, CONTINUE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO DEPARTMENT OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

JIM AHRENS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A GRANITE MONUMENT FOR THE JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH TRIAL ON THE WEST END OF PANORAMA PARK IN THE BLUFF OVERLOOKING THE KERN RIVER NEAR BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE. CH-OS TO APPROVE THE REQUEST AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

4. Scheduled Presentation by the Kern River Parkway Foundation/Hart Park Working Group – Adobe/Peacock House Interpretive Center Phase II Rankings; HEAR PRESENTATION

EDDY LAINE OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND TO REQUEST THAT THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP BE ALLOWED TO ASSIST WITH THE HART PARK MASTER PLAN. EDDY LAINE REQUESTED THAT THE COMMISSION ADD TO ITS NEXT AGENDA THE PRIORITIES OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP TO THE HART PARK MASTER PLAN.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. 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 July 21, 2021. CH-OS TO APPROVE THE JULY 21, 2021, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. CH-OS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM CAROL LAIR DATED AUGUST 1, 2021, REGARDING THE JULY 2021 CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK RANKING. 3 AYES - 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 6 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 AND 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 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 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. CARL BREWER ALSO REPORTED THAT STAFF WILL BE HOLDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN FRAZIER PARK ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND 28, 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.

7. Park Ranger – Status Update – SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER, PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE 30-DAY PARK RANGER STATUS REPORT.
8. Park Showcase – Inyokern Park – District 1 - STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF INYOKERN PARK LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1 OF INYOKERN, CA. INYOKERN PARKS IS A COMMUNITY PARK THAT OFFERS A COVERED TOT LOT, BASKETBALL COURTS, RESTROOMS, A NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY, AND A SENIOR CENTER.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

9. Virtual and/or televised access to future Parks and Recreation Commission meetings; DISCUSS. GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT HE SPOKE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD AND THEY ADVISED THAT THE COMMISSION IS TO MEET IN THE SAME FORUM AS THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS IN-PERSON, AT THIS TIME.
10. Request of Chairman Osby for a review and presentation regarding the Kern County Parks and Recreation Master Plan; HEAR PRESENTATION; DISCUSS. GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH AN UPDATE ON THE HART PARK MASTER PLAN PROJECTS AND THE TWELVE GOALS ON THE MASTER

PLAN. GEOFFREY HILL ALSO PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH THE INFORMATION ON HOW THE COMMUNITY WAS ENGAGED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE PROJECTS AND HOW THAT INFORMATION WAS IN TURN PROVIDED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AS WELL AS THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. 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. CHAIRMAN OSBY INVITED STAFF TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, AT 3 PM AT CASA LOMA PARK.

ADJOURNMENT

12. Adjourn at 8:27 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for September 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, 1st Floor – Board of Supervisors Chambers.