

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, March 16, 2022

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

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 - i. Presentation by Travis Behrens regarding Mojave Little League and Requested Improvements at Mojave East and Mojave West Parks – **HEAR PRESENTATION**
 - ii. Public Comments and Requests.

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 February 16, 2022; **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. Kern River Parkway projects
 - ii. California Ave. property
 - iii. Grant updates
 - v. Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Park
 - vi. Miscellaneous small projects

4. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5. Referral by Commissioner Osby related to park restroom closures; **INFORMATIONAL**
6. Referral by Commissioner Abler related to appointing a subcommittee for the establishment and naming of trails; **APPOINT A SUBCOMMITTEE TO WORK AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A RECOMMENDATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS**
7. Referral by Commissioner Arnold-Chambers related to the Hart Memorial Park Adventure Play Area project; **INFORMATIONAL**
8. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **DISCUSS POTENTIAL MEETING LOCATIONS IN EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND SET SCHEDULE**

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.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for April 20, 2022, 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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Public Presentations



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Consent Agenda

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Sat 2/26/2022 11:02 AM

To:

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1-4-22 Two dogs abandoned, rescued by us, and were taken to Bakersfield Animal Care Center.

1-6-22 Two cats taken to KCAS were not friendly enough for adoption. One went back to the park. One is now in foster care receiving treatment and we believe he is adoptable.

1-13-22 Two cats were taken to KCAS and were not adoptable. One went back to the park and one went to our sanctuary.

1-13-22 An empty carrier was found near the bathrooms on Bison. Someone abandoned a cat there but it could not be located. Carrier was picked up, cleaned and donated.

1-20-22 Someone abandoned a cute pale calico and she was taken to KCAS.

1-22-22 A small light colored dog was abandoned and we assisted in rescuing him. He is now with a rescue.

1-24-22 Remains of a cat found.

1 Cat is foster care and will be adopted

1 Cat taken to our sanctuary

1 Cat taken to KCAS

1 Cat died at the park

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 4

DOGS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 3

It has been a relief that no small kittens have been abandoned, that we know of, during December and January. However, KCAS is already starting to get some kittens.

Carol Lair

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, February 16, 2022
6:30 P.M.*

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Chairman Arnold-Chambers presided and called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Flag Salute: Commissioner Abler.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Absent: William Chapman, District II;

Staff: Phillip Hall, Deputy County Counsel; Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager – General Services; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services; and Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services

Others: There were six (6) 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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I. JOE BELLI OF THE PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE HISTORY OF THE PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE, THE KERN RIVER CORRIDOR ENDOWMENT & HOLDING CO. INC., AND THE GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PRESERVE.

II. MARGIE BELL WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING A BOOK TITLED "KILLER KERN" BY PHYLLIS WACHOB.

CAROL LAIR WARE PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING BOOKS WRITTEN ABOUT BAKERSFIELD, CA.

EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE PHOTOS AND COMMENTS REGARDING VANDALISM/GRAFFITI IN PARKS, AN UPCOMING MEETING STAFF HAS WITH THE CCC, AND TREE MANAGEMENT PLANS.

HARRY LOVE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT THE KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY HELPS WITH A SCIENCE CAMP HELD AT THE PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE.

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on January 19, 2022. AB-CE TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 19, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. AB-CE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2022 FROM THE SIERRA CLUB KERN-KAWEAH CHAPTER, AND THE PHOTOS PROVIDED BY EDDY LAINE ON FEBRUARY 9, 2022. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Updates
 - I. Kern River Parkway projects – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE ENTRY AND TRAILHEAD PROJECTS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK, THE FENCING PROJECT ON THE EAST END OF HART MEMORIAL PARK, A TENTATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CCC AND FIELD FOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE, THE HART PARK ADOBE NATURE CENTER, AND THE STATUS OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE NATURE CENTER AT ADOBE.
 - II. California Ave. Property – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA AVE. PROPERTY. CARL BREWER ADVISED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD ARE IN PROGRESS.
 - III. Grant updates – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE LAMONT PARK GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM; THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FRAZIER MOUNTAIN PARK AND BUENA VISTA AQUATIC AND RECREATION AREA THROUGH THE REGIONAL PARK PROGRAM, THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR MOJAVE EAST PARK, HERITAGE PARK, VIRGINIA PARK, AND LOST HILLS PARK THROUGH THE CLEAN CALIFORNIA GRANT PROGRAM, AND THE STATUS OF THE HART MEMORIAL PARK ADVENTURE PLAY PROJECT THROUGH THE PER CAPITAL PROGRAM.

IV. 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.

V. Miscellaneous small projects – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OTHER PROJECTS TAKING PLACE IN KERN COUNTY PARKS. THE PROJECTS INCLUDE RESURFACED BASKETBALL COURTS AT PIONEER PARK; A NEW PLAY STRUCTURE WITH SHADE SAILS AT VIKI ARAUJO PARK; AND THE STATUS OF THE DESIGN FOR THE LIGHTING PROJECT AT CASA LOMA PARK.

4. Park Ranger – Status Update – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH AN UPDATE REGARDING THE RANGER STATISTICS FOR THE PAST 30-DAYS ON BEHALF OF SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER.
5. 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. STAFF ALSO PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF THE PARK AS IT WILL BE RENOVATED THROUGH THE GARANT AWAARD BY THE STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

6. Staff to provide a list of park restroom closures – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A LIST OF KERN COUNTY PARK RESTROOM CLOSURES ALONG WITH REASONS FOR THE CLOSURES WHICH INCLUDE EXTREME VANDALISM, ENCAMPMENT AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA ISSUES, AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ISSUES.
7. Staff to provide update regarding Casa Loma lighting project; CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE CASA LOMA LIGHTING PROJECT.
8. Referral by Commissioner Osby related to community input regarding parks projects; COMMISSIONER OSBY STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT REGARDING WHAT IS GOING ON IN KERN COUNTY PARKS. FURTHERMORE, COMMISSIONER OSBY STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A POLICY FOR ENGAGEMENT ESTABLISHED. STAFF INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT THEY NEED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITHIN THE PARKS IN THEIR DISTRICTS.
9. Referral by Commissioner Abler related to requests for naming of trails; COMMISSIONER ABLER REQUESTED THAT THE NAMING OF TRAILS IN THE HART MEMORIAL PARK AND KERN RIVER PARKWAY CORRIDOR BE ESTABLISHED. COMMISSIONER ABLER REQUESTED STAFF TO PLACE AN ITEM ON THE MARCH MEETING AGENDA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUBCOMMITTEE TO HELP WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE NAMING OF TRAILS.

10. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO POSTPONE DISCUSSIONS AND REQUESTED STAFF TO PLACE THE TOPIC ON THE MARCH MEETING AGENDA.

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COMMISSIONER ABLER REQUESTED THAT AN ITEM BE PLACED ON THE MARCH MEETING AGENDA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUBCOMMITTEE TO HELP WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE NAMING OF TRAILS.

COMMISSIONERS ARNOLD-CHAMBERS REQUESTED THAT AN ITEM BE PLACED ON THE MARCH MEETING AGENDA REGARDING THE HART PARK ADVENTURE PLAY AREA.

ADJOURNMENT

12. Adjourn at 8:19 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for February 16, 2022, 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(s)



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Commission Comments



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Adjournment