

AGENDA

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
David Head Center
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, CA 93241**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 20, 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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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

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 - i. Presentation by Rich O'Neil of the Kern River Parkway Foundation regarding Educational and Protection Signage – **HEAR PRESENTATION**
 - ii. Presentation by Eddy Laine regarding restrooms – **HEAR PRESENTATION**
 - iii. 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 June 15, 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; **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5. Referral by Commissioner Osby related to Parks Master Plan; **INFORMATIONAL**
6. Referral by Commissioner Cervantes related to Kern County ERAF 1993-2020; **INFORMATIONAL**
7. Appointment of additional ad hoc subcommittee membership for the establishment and naming of trails (if needed); **APPOINT ADDITIONAL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS**
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 August 17, 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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MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
6:30 p.m.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Chairman Arnold-Chambers presided and called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; William Chapman, District II; and Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; and

Absent: Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

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 four (4) 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. PRESENTATION BY RICH O'NEIL OF THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION REGARDING EDUCATIONAL AND PROTECTION SIGNAGE – PRESENTATION POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF RICH O'NEIL DUE TO NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING. PRESENTATION WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR A FUTURE MEETING.
 - II. EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE PHOTOS AND COMMENTS THAT WERE PROVIDED AT THE JUNE 14, 2022, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING REGARDING THE CONDITION OF VIRGINIA PARK.

KATHERINE WINTERS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE NATURE CENTER AT HART MEMORIAL PARK TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE NATURE CENTER AND TO DISCUSS THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT THE NATURE CENTER.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on May 18, 2022. CH-AB TO APPROVE THE MAY 18, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE. CH-AB TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 22, 2022, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING THE CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL AND THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JUNE 6, 2022, FROM THE SIERRA CLUB TO THE U.S DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY REGARDING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDING. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Updates

GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE CURRENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY, THE STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA AVENUE PROPERTY SALE AND THE CURRENT PARK RESTROOM CLOSURES COUNTYWIDE.

CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE GRANT AWARDS. ADDITIONALLY, CARL BREWER INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT SITE VISITS WERE CONDUCTED FOR THE REGIONAL GRANTS APPLICATIONS THAT WERE SUBMITTED FOR LAKE MING AND BUENA VISTA AQUATIC RECREATION AREA.

4. Park Ranger – Status Update – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER PRESENTED THE COMMISSION WITH A REPORT REGARDING THE RECENT RANGER STATICS ON BEHLALF OF SHANE DENTON, CHIEF RANGER.
- 5.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

6. Referral By Commissioner Osby related to Parks Master Plan; THE COMMISSION UNANIMOULSY DECIDED TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE JULY MEETING.
7. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS (IF NEEDED); THE COMMISSION

UNANIMOULSY DECIDED TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE JULY MEETING DUE TO THE COMMITTEE CONTINUING TO SEEK ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP INTEREST.

8. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOULSY DECIDED TO HOLD THE JULY MEETING AT THE DAVID HEAD CENTER - 10300 SAN DIEGO STREET, LAMONT, CA 93241 IN DISTRICT IV.

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ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjourn at 7:41 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for July 20, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at the David Head Center – 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, CA 93241.

REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR JUNE 2022

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Sun 7/10/2022 8:55 PM

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6-1-22 A mother cat and her 4 kittens picked up by a park visitor.

6-3-22 We participated in the rescue of a 3 foot long monitor lizard which was abandoned at the park. It had first been seen at the end of May and a number of people tried to catch it. On this date The Cat People teamed up with 2 experienced local reptile trappers and the lizard was lured into a trap with some raw chicken. One of the trappers had a reptile rescue and took the lizard.

6-5-22 A gray/white cat and her 10 week old kitten were found locked in one of the Bison bathrooms and they were rescued and taken to our sanctuary.

6-7-22 A mother cat from the park had her 5 kittens at our sanctuary.

6-7-22 A black/white cat with a mouth injury was taken to KCAS.

6-11-22 A medium sized white dog was rescued by a park volunteer and adopted by her.

6-12-22 A small white dog and a black/white dog abandoned and rescued.

6-15-22 A medium sized black/white dog abandoned a rescued.

6-15-22 A mother dog and her 9 puppies abandoned and were rescued.

6-19-22 Two adult cats rescued and are in foster care.

6-19-22 A kitten was rescued and taken to KCAS and was discovered to have ringworm. We picked it up from KCAS and found a foster home willing to treat it.

6-18-22 A brown domestic bunny was abandoned and we tried to get it but couldn't. A young man was trying to catch it and probably succeeded.

1 cat taken to KCAS

7 cats went to our sanctuary

5 cats rescued by park visitor

3 cats in foster care and will eventually go to our sanctuary

14 dogs removed from the park

1 Bunny abandoned and possibly rescued

TOTAL NUMBER OF CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 16

POPULATION OF CATS AT THE PARK AS OF 6-30-22: 70

Five kittens were picked up during April and May that had ringworm and were in foster care being treated. During June three were diagnosed with panleukopenia and subsequently died.

During this month 14 dogs were abandoned and the total for the year so far is 22 dogs abandoned. This is the worst year we have seen for abandoned dogs. There is a small dedicated group of women that we can call in addition to KCAS to rescue the dogs.

The new Nature Center is now open on the weekends and The Cat People needs to have a presence there. I have met with Katherine Winters, the program manager for the center, and discussed ideas. We can start by having handouts such as our newsletter etc in a small room where other groups will also have material about their groups. In the future a bigger display in the larger main room.

Carol Lair



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