

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, August 17, 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

1. This portion of the agenda 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. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.**
 - i. Presentation by Rich O'Neil of the Kern River Parkway Foundation regarding Educational and Protection Signage – **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 July 20, 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. Kern County OHV 2022 Grant Cycle Applications; **DISCUSS OPENING OHV FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 GRANT CYCLE**
6. Referral by Commissioner Osby related appointing a subcommittee for support, identifying priorities and projects regarding the Parks Master Plan; **APPOINT A SUBCOMMITTEE TO WORK AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES RELATED TO THE PARKS MASTER PLAN**
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 September 21, 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
David Head Center
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, CA**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 20, 2022
6:30 p.m.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, July 20 2022. Chairman Arnold-Chambers presided and called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Present: Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Absent: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; and William Chapman, District II

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager – General Services; and Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services

Others: There were eleven (11) 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 A r n o l d - C h a m b e r s 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 REGARDING COUNTY PARKS WITH CLOSED RESTROOMS.

JOAQUIN BERLETA WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO ASK WHY

SOME OF THE PARK RESTROOMS WERE CLOSED.

CECILIA REGARDO WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES AT CASA LOMA PARK.

ODIS OVEL WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS WHY THE RESTROOMS AT REXLAND ACRES AND CASA LOMA PARK ARE CLOSED.

MARTHA SANTA MARIA WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS MAINTENANCE ISSUES RELATED TO THE PLAYGROUNDS AND RESTROOMS AT VIRGINIA PARK, POTOMAC PARK, AND HERITAGE PARK.

ROSANA ESPARZA WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO ASK WHY THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE RECREATION.

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on June 15, 2022. CE-OS TO APPROVE THE JUNE 15, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE. CE-OS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JULY 10, 2022, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING THE CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Updates

CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE 2022-23 FY BUDGET AND DISCUSSED SOME PROPOSED PARKS PROJECTS BEING REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ADDITIONALLY, CARL BREWER INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT THE COUNTY WAS AWARDED \$1.5 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE OHV LAND ACQUISITION. LASTLY, CARL BREWER INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT THE DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR FUNDED AN EXTRA HELP POSITION SO A PAINTER COULD PAINT MURALS IN DISTRICT 5.

4. Park Ranger – Status Update – NO REPORT.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5. Referral By Commissioner Osby related to Parks Master Plan; THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED THE REFERRAL BY COMMISSIONER OSBY RELATED TO THE PARKS MASTER PLAN. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER OSBY MADE A REFERRAL TO HAVE THE CREATION AND APPOINTMENT OF A SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSED OF UPDATING THE PARKS MASTER PLAN TO THE AUGUST MEETING AGENDA.
6. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS (IF NEEDED); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE AUGUST MEETING DUE TO THE COMMITTEE CONTINUING TO SEEK ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP INTEREST.
7. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE AUGUST MEETING AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301.

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

9. Adjourn at 8:11 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for August 17, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at the County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Matthew Howard

From: Carol Lair <carollair@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 10:06 AM
To: Geoffrey Hill; Carl Brewer; Matthew Howard; John Pimienta; Shane Denton; Nicholas Cullen; Barbara Hays; Jeff Flores
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR JULY 2022

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7-1-22 Park visitor picked up two 8 week old kittens.

7-14-22 Mother cat with 3 kittens rescued by us and taken to KCAS

7-18-22 We rescued three 8 week old kittens and they were taken to KCAS.

7-20-22 Two chickens abandoned.

7-24-22 We rescued a mother cat and three 4 week old kittens and they were taken to KCAS.

7-25-22 We rescued three kittens and they were taken to KCAS.

7-25-22 Female cat taken to Critters Without Litters spayed and returned to the park, TNR

7-26-22 Park visitor rescued two 10 week old kittens.

7-31-22 We rescued a young adult cat and took it to KCAS.

7-31-22 We rescued an injured wild duck. We are trying to find a rehab for it.

15 cats taken to KCAS

4 cats rescued by park visitors

1 cat TNR

1 duck rescued by us

2 chickens abandoned

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK 19

Please note that we rescued two mother cats each with three kittens as well as 6 other kittens. This has been a busy month for abandoned cats and kittens. Two kittens were removed from the park in April, treated for ringworm were finally able to go to our sanctuary this month.

Carol Lair



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