

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, September 21, 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 Katherine Winters of the White Wolf Wellness Foundation regarding future plans for Camp Okihi – **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 August 17, 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**

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. This portion of the meeting is reserve for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointment by the Commission for the purpose of supporting, identifying priorities and projects regarding the Parks Master Plan update to provide a report; **INFORMATIONAL**
6. This portion of the meeting is reserve for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointment by the Commission for the purpose of the establishment and naming of trails to provide a report; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Referral from Wildlife Resources Commission to combine quarterly meetings with regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission meetings; **DISCUSS / ACTION**
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 October 19, 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, August 17, 2022
6:30 p.m.*

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Chairman Arnold-Chambers presided and called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

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

Absent: Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, 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 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 PROPOSALS AT THE KERN RIVER RIPARIAN PRESERVE PARK.
 - II. SHARON BRIEL WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON HOW TO RESERVE THE ADOBE NATURE CENTER AT HART MEMORIAL PARK AND TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO DONATE A BENCH TO BE INSTALLED OUTSIDE OF THE ADOBE NATURE CENTER.

EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A LETTER HE

PROVIDED TO THE KERN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ON AUGUST 17, 2022 REGARDING THE UPCOMING PROPOSED TAX MEASURE.

CAROL LAIR WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS AN EMAIL SHE SENT TO GENERAL SERVICES REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS SHE HAD OBSERVED REGARDING TRASH AND LITTER AT HART MEMORIAL PARK.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on July 20, 2022. CH-AB TO APPROVE THE JULY 20, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE. CH-AB TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED AUGUST 3, 2022, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING THE CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022. 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 COUNTYWIDE WIDE PARKS PROJECTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE AND/OR PLANNED.
4. Park Ranger – Status Update – No report.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5. Kern County OHV 2022 Grant Cycle Applications; CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THE GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER AND FINAL AWARDS WILL BE ISSUED IN NOVEMBER.
6. Referral by Commissioner Osby related appointing a subcommittee for support, identifying priorities and projects regarding the Parks Master Plan; CH-AB TO APPOINT AN AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES RELATED TO UPDATING THE PARKS MASTER PLAN WITH THE MEMBERSHIP AS UCEDRAH OSBY, EDDY LAINE, AND CAROL LAIR, SUBJECT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES, 0 OPPOSED.

7. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS (IF NEEDED); THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTED THAT THEY MET AND THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAIL NAMING SYSTEM.
8. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE ADOBE NATURE CENTER / SECTION 7 AT HART MEMORIAL PARK.

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. NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjourn at 7:41 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for September 21, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at the Adobe Nature Center / Section 7 at Hart Memorial Park, Bakersfield, CA 93308.

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Ryan Alsop](#); [Jeff Flores](#); [Geoffrey Hill](#); [Carl Brewer](#); [Matthew Howard](#); [Shane Denton](#); [Nicholas Cullen](#); [Barbara Hays](#); [John Pimenta](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR AUGUST 2022
Date: Monday, September 5, 2022 8:45:57 PM

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8-1-22 Adult cat and 3 kittens removed from the park and taken to KCAS.

8-3-22 A pregnant cat removed and taken to KCAS.

8-6-22 3 dogs abandoned and we were able to catch one. Later a park visitor got the other 2. KCAS picked them up.

8-6-22 Adult cat taken to KCAS.

8-8-22 Adult cat taken to KCAS.

8-10-22 Dog abandoned and tied to a Frisbee golf stand in full sun. KCAS responded but someone had let the dog loose. It was eventually caught.

8-15-22 Young adult cat removed and an adoptive home found for it.

8-15-22 Cat taken to KCAS.

8-21-22 Dog abandoned and rescued by a person unknown.

8-22-22 2 young adult cats taken to KCAS.

8-22-22 Yet another dog abandoned we don't know what happened to it but it is gone.

8-26-22 A Guinea Pig abandoned and it disappeared. We are not sure what happened to it. Hopefully a kind person picked it up.

8-29-22 Young adult cat taken to KCAS.

8-31-22 Kitten taken to KCAS.

12 Cats and kittens taken to KCAS

1 Cat adopted

6 Dogs abandoned

1 Guinea Pig abandoned

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 13

TOTAL DOGS REMOVED: 6

TOTAL GUINEA PIGS REMOVED: 1

Of the 13 cats removed from the park 9 were females. This results in far fewer kittens born at the park.

You may wonder why I include statistics about dogs and other animals abandoned. I want to bring to your attention that it is not just cats and kittens that are dumped at the park but other animals as well. This month a Guinea Pig, a small pet that was totally unable to protect itself, was left. So far this year approximately **28** dogs have been abandoned. This represents a lot of effort by ourselves, others and KCAS to rescue these dogs.

We suspect all animals are being abandoned early in the morning or after dark. Any extra patrolling the park rangers could do during these times would be helpful.

There is no way to successfully control the cat population as long as the public keeps abandoning cats and kittens. We pick up as many cats as we can but almost daily there are new cats abandoned.

Carol Lair



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