

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, October 19, 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. 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 September 21, 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**
 - i. Referral by Commissioner Arnold-Chambers for staff to provide a response regarding a mitigation plan, if any, for the water plans at Hart Memorial Park; **INFORMATIONAL**
 - ii. Referral by Commissioner Arnold-Chambers for staff to provide a response to the questions raised by Marion Vargas regarding open fires along the Kern River; **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointed 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 reserved for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointed 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 November 16, 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, September 21, 2022
6:30 p.m.*

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, September 21, 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; Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer; Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager – General Services; Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services; and Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger – General Services

Others: There were thirteen (13) 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 MARION VARGAS REGARDING THE USE OF UNAUTHORIZED OPEN FIRES ALONG THE KERN RIVER.
 - II. PRESENTATION BY KATHLEEN WINTERS OF THE WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION REGARDING THE PAST YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT CAMP OKIHI SINCE PARTNERING WITH THE COUNTY OF KERN.
 - III. HARRY LOVE WAAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO THANK THE COUNTRY OF KERN FOR KEEPING WATER IN THE LAKES AT HART MEMORIAL

PARK.

EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A REGARDING PARK FEES.

CAROL LAIR WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INQUIRE IF THERE WAS A MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE WATER PLANTS HART MEMORIAL PARK.

ODIS BELL, VINA CESAREO, REGINALS STANSBERRY, AND DANIELLE BANHELME WERE PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO LEAR MORE ABOUT KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION.

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on August 17, 2022. OS-CH TO APPROVE THE August 17, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE. OS-CH TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2022, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING THE CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Updates

GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER AND CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WERE PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES REGARDING THE COUNTYWIDE WIDE PARKS PROJECTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE AND/OR PLANNED.
4. Park Ranger – Status Update

SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE RECENT RANGER ACTIVITIES AND TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE OHV SIDE-BY-SIDE VEHICLE.

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. COMMISSIONER OSBY PROVIDED AN UPDATE REGARDING THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES PROGRESS ON IDENTIFYING PROJECTS AND IDENTIFY PROJECTS REGARDING THE PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE.
6. NO REPORT FROM THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENT BY THE

COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Referral from Wildlife Resources Commission to combine quarterly meetings with regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission meetings; CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER PRESENTED THE IDEA OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION HOLDING THEIR QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE TOPIC AND DISCUSSIONS TO THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING IN OCTOBER.
8. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE, 1ST FLOOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301.

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. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS REQUESTED THAT STAFF PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON A MITIGATION PLAN, IF ANY, ON THE WATER PLANTS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK, AND A REPORT ON OPEN FIRES ALONG THE KERN RIVER.

ADJOURNMENT

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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Carol Lair <carollair@yahoo.com>

Thu 10/13/2022 7:23 AM

To: Ryan Alsop <alsopr@kerncounty.com>; Geoffrey Hill <hillg@kerncounty.com>; Carl Brewer <brewerc@kerncounty.com>; Matthew Howard <howardma@kerncounty.com>; Jeff Flores <floresjeff@kerncounty.com>; Nicholas Cullen <cullenn@kerncounty.com>; Shane Denton <DentonS@kerncounty.com>; Barbara Hays <barbarah@thecatpeople.org>

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9-4-22 Kitten rescued and taken to KCAS

9-7-22 Three kittens rescued and were taken to KCAS; one had to be euthanized

9-10-22 Three kittens were rescued and taken to KCAS

9-10-22 Five dogs were abandoned and we do not know where they went but they were gone from the park

9-20-22 Three kittens were rescued by a park visitor and two were taken to KCAS in October. Another park visitor took the third kitten

9-29-22 A kitten with an injured eye was rescued and taken to KCAS

9-30-22 Two kittens were rescued and taken to KCAS

12 cats and kittens taken to KCAS

1 kitten removed by park visitor

5 dogs abandoned

TOTAL NUMBER OF CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 13

Carol Lair



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Report(s)

Hart Park, A Story

“Warnings/Regulations/Restrictions:

- All fires must be lit only in the designated fireplaces or grills. Visitors must bring their own fuel because no cutting or use of park vegetation is permitted.” (from the Parks and Recreation Division website re: Hart Park)

Photos from Labor Day weekend and a week later
(Saturday, 9/3, late morning, Labor Day, 9/5 and Monday, 9/5)

Questions:

What steps will General Services take to inform the public that this activity (open fires not in designated fireplaces or grills) is prohibited in Hart Park? Will bilingual signs be posted in the area?

What steps will the Parks and Recreation Division take to enforce the regulation?

What consequences will there be for violation of the regulation?

What is there to prevent Park Rangers from confronting this prohibited and dangerous activity of these open fires by getting out of their cars and walking the section of the multi-purpose trail behind and east of the Nature Center?

Marion Vargas

(To the Parks and Recreation Commission on 9/21/2022)



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