

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, November
17, 2021 6:30 P.M.*

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Co-chairman Arnold-Chambers presided and called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Flag Salute: Co-chairman Arnold-Chambers.

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

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; Shane Denton, Supervising Park Ranger – General Services; and Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services

Others: There were twenty (20) 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.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. This portion of the meeting 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.

- I. Harry Love was present before the Commission to report on the noticeable changes at Hart Memorial Park and he commented on how it is looking better every day.
- II. Eddy Laine was present before the Commission and provided them with written correspondence regarding what is not known about Kern County Parks.

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 October 20, 2021. AB-CH TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 20, 2021, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. CH-AB TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2021, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING THE OCTOBER 2021 CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK RANKING. 3 AYES - 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Updates

- I. Hart Memorial Park – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE HART MEMORIAL PARK ADOBE PROJECT THE TRAILHEAD AND MONUMENT SIGN PROJECT AND A FENCING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT THAT WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON THE EAST END OF THE PARK. ADDITIONALLY, GEOFFREY HILL PROVIDED AN UPDATE REGARDING THE FUNDING THAT WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION TO THE WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION AS THE FUNDING THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED TO THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION FOR FENCING IMPROVEMENTS AT CAMP OKIHI, WHICH THEY NEVER MADE. THE WHITE WOLF WELLNESS

FOUNDATION IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING PROPOSALS FOR THE FENCING IMPROVEMENTS. LASTLY, GEOFFREY HILL REPORTED THAT GENERAL SERVICES WAS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH CALM ON THEIR ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING DRIVE-THRU EVENT.

- II. California Ave. Property – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA AVE. PROPERTY. GEOFFREY HILL ADVISED THAT ALL REQUIRED ENTITIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF STATUS VIA STANDARD NOTICE FORM. SEVERAL PARTIES EXPRESS INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY, BUT NOTHING OFFICIAL YET. THE

DEPARTMENT WILL BE GOING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SET AN AUCTION DATE ON DECEMBER 15, 2021, IF NO OFFICIAL PROPOSALS ARE RECEIVED.

- III. Proposition 68 – Per Capita – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS REGARDING THE DESIGN FOR A PLAY AREA AND WATER FEATURE AT HART MEMORIAL PARK HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE GOING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH THE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM ON DECEMBER 7, 2021.

- IV. Proposition 68 – Regional Parks Program – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT STAFF IS

CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE COUNTY'S GRANT CONSULTING FIRM REGARDING THE REGIONAL PARKS PROGRAM. THE REGIONAL PARKS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPLICATIONS INCLUDE FRAZIER MOUNTAIN PARK, LAKE MING, AND BUENA VISTA AQUATIC RECREATIONAL AREA. CARL BREWER ALSO REPORTED THAT STAFF HAS COMPLETED THEIR COMMUNITY MEETING OUTREACH IN FRAZIER PARK TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST. COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR LAKE MING AND BUENA VISTA AQUATIC RECREATIONAL AREA ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING COMPLETED.

- V. 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. CARL BREWER ADVISED THAT THE PRELIMINARY BIOLOGICAL STUDY ON AN ALTERNATE PROPERTY HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

- VI. Miscellaneous small projects – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THERE HAS BEEN AND/OR WILL BE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS AT ROSAMOND PARK, HART MEMORIAL PARK, AND LAMONT PARK. ADDITIONALLY, CARL BREWER REPORTED THAT LA COLONIA HAS REQUESTED A POCKET PARK IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND A MAJOR LIGHTING UPGRADE PROJECT AT CASA LOMA PARK IN UNDERWAY.
4. Park Ranger – Status Update – SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER, PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE RANGER STATISTICS FROM THE PAST 30-DAYS.
 - I. SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: RANGER, JOEL HEREDIA WITH A LIFESAVING METAL FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF TWO (2) PEOPLE IN 2021 AND NAMED HIM THE 2020-2021 PARK RANGER OF THE YEAR; SENIOR RANGER, JOHN CARROLL WITH AN OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD; RANGER, JOCOB SORENSON WITH AN OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARE; AND RANGER, J.T. GONZALES WITH AN OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD.
5. Park Showcase – Rosamond Park – District 2 - STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF ROSAMOND PARK LOCATED IN DISTRICT 2 OF ROSAMOND, CA. ROSAMOND PARK IS A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK THAT OFFERS A LARGE COVERED GROUP PICNIC AREA, A BASKETBALL COURT, PICNIC TABLES, RESTROOMS, 2 BASEBALL FIELDS, A TOT-LOT, SWING SETS, A COMMUNITY BUILDING AND MATURE LANDSCAPE.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

6. Request for information regarding what a Master Plan is and guidelines on how to develop, change, and update a Plan – CH-AB TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND THE DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE THEN ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA. 3 AYES - 0 OPPOSED
7. How can the Commission help the public when ideas regarding parks are brought forward – THE COMMISSION BEGAN DISCUSSIONS ON HOW TO HELP THE PUBLIC WHEN IDEAS REGARDING PARKS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD. THE COMMISSION DIRECTED STAFF TO CONTINUE THE ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. 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 CHAPMAN NOTED THAT LIGHTING IN A BOTTLE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE COUNTY OF KERN IN MAY 2022 AND COMPLIMENTED THE IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE AT BUENA VISTA AQUATIC RECREATIONAL AREA.

ADJOURNMENT

9. Adjourn at 7:48 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for January 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, 1st Floor – Board of Supervisors Chambers.