

MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
6:30 p.m.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Chairman Arnold-Chambers presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Flag Salute: Commissioner Abler.

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

Absent: William Chapman, District II; and District III; Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer; Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager – General Services; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services; and Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services; and Shane Denton – Chief Ranger – General Services

Others: There were three (3) 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.

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. TRAVIS BEHRENS OF THE MOJAVE LITTLE LEAGUE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE THE BACKGROUND OF THE MOJAVE LITTLE LEAGUE AND TO DISCUSS REQUESTED IMPROVEMENTS AT MOJAVE EAST AND MOJAVE WEST PARKS AND THE BASEBALL FIELDS.
 - II. EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO STATE THE NEED FOR A RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE KERN RIVER RIPARIAN PRESERVE PARK AND TO PROVIDE THE MINUTES FOR THE LAST KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION MEETING.

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 February 16, 2022. AB-OS TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 16, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE. AB-OS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2022, REGARDING THE CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Updates
 - I. Kern River Parkway projects – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE CURRENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY.
 - 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 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD ARE IN PROGRESS. THE FINAL AGREEMENT IS SET TO GO TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN MAY AND THE PROPERTY TRANSFER DATE IS JUNE.
 - III. Grant updates – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING RECENT AWARD OF ROUGHLY 19.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANT AWARDS TO THE COUNTY. CARL BREWER ADVISED THAT THE GRANT AWARDS INCLUDE THE LAMONT PARK GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM; THE GRANT AWARD FOR MOJAVE EAST PARK, HERITAGE PARK, AND LOST HILLS PARK THROUGH THE CLEAN CALIFORNIA GRANT PROGRAM, THE OHV GRANT AWARD FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND THE GRANT AWARD FOR THE LAUNCH RAMP REPLACEMENT AT BUENA VISTA. CARL BREWER ALSO PROVIDED AN UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE HART MEMORIAL PARK ADVENTURE PLAY PROJECT THROUGH THE PER CAPITAL PROGRAM.
 - IV. 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.
 - V. Miscellaneous small projects – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OTHER PROJECTS TAKING PLACE IN KERN COUNTY PARKS. THE PROJECTS INCLUDE A NEW PLAY

STRUCTURE WITH SHADE SAILS AT VIKI ARAUJO PARK; AND THE STATUS OF THE DESIGN FOR THE LIGHTING PROJECT AT CASA LOMA PARK.

4. Park Ranger – Status Update – SHANE DENTON, CHIEF RANGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A REPORT REGARDING THE METRO PARK STATISTICS OVER THE PART YARD. SHANE DENTON FURTHER REPORTED ON OPERATION SAFE PARK.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5. Referral by Commissioner Osby related to park restroom closures - CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT HE IS PLANNING A MEETING WITH THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD TO VISIT A NEW VANDAL PROOF STYLE RESTROOM THAT WAS RECENTLY INSTALLED IN A CITY PARK. CARL BREWER FURTHER REPORTED THAT HE AND STAFF WILL BE LOOKING AT ALL COUNTY PARK RESTROOM NEEDS AND PRIORITIZE THEM FOR FUTURE FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND REPLACEMENT.
6. Referral by Commissioner Abler related to appointing a subcommittee for the establishment and naming of trails. AB-OS TO APPOINT AN AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS WITH THE MEMBERSHIP AS ABLER AND ARNOLD-CHAMBERS, SUBJECT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES, 0 OPPOSED.
7. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION DIRECTED STAFF TO COME UP WITH A LIST OF LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION AT THE APRIL MEETING.

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. NONE

ADJOURNMENT

9. Adjourn at 8:19 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for April 20, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at the County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, 1st Floor – Board of Supervisors Chambers.