

MINUTES

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

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

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Chairman Arnold-Chambers presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Flag Salute: Commissioner Cervantes.

- Present:** Commissioner(s): Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V
- Absent:** Ryan Abler, District I; and William Chapman, District II
- Staff:** Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Senior CAO 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 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. 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. DAVID WALKER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS SWIMMING ACTIVITY IN THE BOAT LANES AT LAKE MING AND TO REQUEST THAT THE ORDINANCE FROM TOWABLES BEHIND BOATS BE REEVALUATED.

EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMISSION IN THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND TO DISCUSS THE HOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENDS TO SPEND THE AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS.

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 March 16, 2022. CE-OS TO APPROVE THE MARCH 16, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE. CE-OS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 16, 2022, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING THE CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE MONTH OF February and the written correspondence dated March 23, 2022, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING COMMENTS FROM THE MARCH 16, 2022, COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Updates
 - I. Kern River Parkway projects – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE CURRENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY.
 - II. California Ave. Property – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA AVE. PROPERTY. CARL BREWER 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 STAFF IS CURRENTLY WORK WITH THE STATE ON FINALIZED THE AGREEMENTS.
 - 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.
4. Park Ranger – Status Update – SHANE DENTON, CHIEF RANGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A REPORT REGARDING THE RECENT

RANGER STATICS. SHANE DENTON FURTHER REPORTED ON OPERATION SAFE PARK.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS (IF NEEDED); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE MAY MEETING.
6. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); OS-CE TO HOLD THE MAY COMMISSION MEETING AT CASA LOMA PARK, SUBJECT TO STAFF CONFIRMING QUORUM DETAILS. 3 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. 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 OSBY REQUESTED THAT THE TOPIC, PARKS MASTER PLAN BE ADDED TO THE MAY AGENDA. COMMISSIONER OSBY ALSO REQUESTED THAT STAFF PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE \$10M WIFE PROJECT UNDER DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORTS.

ADJOURNMENT

8. Adjourn at 7:56 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for May 18, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at Casa Loma Park – 521 East Casa Loma Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93307.