

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.

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 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

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 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.