

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.

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 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.

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 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

10. Adjourn at 8:00 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for October 19, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at the Kern County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Bakersfield, CA 93301.