

AGENDA

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

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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Commissioners: Ryan Abler, District I;
William Chapman, District II;
Carol Lair, District III;
Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and
Ucedrah Osby, District V

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Salute to the Flag

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

1. This portion of the agenda 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. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.**
 - i. Public Comments and Requests

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 15, 2023; **APPROVE**
 - ii. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – This portion of the meeting is reserved for General Services staff to provide a report regarding new and ongoing projects, programs, and plans relating to Kern County Parks; **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointed by the Commission for the purpose of supporting, identifying priorities and projects regarding the Parks Master Plan update to provide a report; **INFORMATIONAL**
6. This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointed by the Commission for the purpose of the establishment and naming of trails to provide a report; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Referral from Commissioner Lair to hold the May Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at the Nature Center – **DISCUSS**
8. Referral from Commissioner Chapman to tour parks in District II in May - **DISCUSS**
9. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **DISCUSS POTENTIAL MEETING LOCATIONS IN EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND SET SCHEDULE**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

11. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for May 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted at the County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Bakersfield, CA 93301, unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or cancelled by the Commission.

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MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

6:30 p.m.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Commission President Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I, William Chapman, District II; Carol Lair, District III; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Absent: Ucedrah Osby, District V

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer; and Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager

Others: There were six (6) others present

Note: Ab, Ch, La, Ce, and Os are abbreviations for Commissioners Abler, Chapman, Lair, Cervantes, and Osby. As an example, Ab-La denotes Commissioner Abler made a motion and Commissioner Lair seconded the motion.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PRESENTED TO FORMER COMMISSIONER KATHLEEN ARNOLD-CHAMBERS

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EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET IN REGARD TO COUNTY PARKS FUNDING

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on February 15, 2023. CE-CH TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 15, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: CE-CH TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PHOTOGRAPHS DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2023, FROM EDDY LAINE; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 2, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING THE CAT STATISTICS AT HART MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. General Services – Status Update
 - I. GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON VIRGINIA PARK AND POTOMAC PARK AND TO INFORM THE COMMISSION OF THE PRESERVATION DESIGN AWARD PRESENTED TO THE HART PARK ADOBE PROJECT - NATURE CENTER BY THE CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION SOCIETY
 - II. CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON CASA LOMA PARK SOLAR LIGHTING PROJECT, VIRGINIA PARK ELECTRICAL PROTECTION PROJECT AND TO REPORT ON THE FLOODING OF THE PARKS WITHIN THE KERN RIVER VALLEY
5. Park Ranger – Status Update
 - I. GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT A TRAFFIC COLLISION INVOLVING A PARK RANGER PERFORMING EMERGENCY RESPONSE DUTIES. TWO SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS CONDUCTED AT VIRGINIA PARK RESULTING IN ARRESTS, VEHICLE RECOVERIES AND CITATIONS.

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6. NO REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. CONTINUED TO A FUTURE MEETING
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NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

8. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION TO HOLD THE APRIL MEETING AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE, 1ST FLOOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301.

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 - I. COMMISSIONER LAIR SUGGESTED THE MAY COMMISSION MEETING BE HELD AT THE NATURE CENTER
 - II. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN SUGGESTED A TOUR OF PARKS WITHIN DISTRICT II IN THE MONTH OF MAY

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:16 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for April 19, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., at the Kern County Administrative Center – 1115 Truxtun Ave., 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: Restrooms on Bison Road--Hart Park
Date: Friday, March 17, 2023 8:01:09 PM

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I sent this to Yvette Zaragosa but from now on I will use this email.

Carol Lair

I was at Hart Park on Saturday 3-11-23 and there was a group of about 20 people set up at the big group of picnic tables across from the restrooms on Bison Road.

Both restrooms were padlocked. I stopped and talked to a couple of the people. I asked what they thought about these restrooms being closed. A man said "It would be a whole lot better if they were open." A woman I talked to said "It is insane they don't open these restrooms." They both said they come to the park often on the weekends.

Soon the weather will get warmer and more people will be using the park. These restrooms have been open for special events. Why not open them on the weekends? Or provide porta potties. Restrooms are very important to the people who use our parks.

Also, we all want to encourage the public to come to the Nature Center and there needs to be an open restroom or porta potties available on the weekends when programs are scheduled.

You have provided many picnic tables, and redid the stage hoping to attract events to this area.

Carol Lair
Parks and Recreation Commissioner

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Jeff Flores](#); [Geoffrey Hill](#); [Carl Brewer](#); [Matthew Howard](#); [Nicholas Cullen](#); [Shane Denton](#); [Ryan Alsop](#); [Barbara Hays](#); [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR MARCH 2023
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 10:03:02 PM

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3-8-23 A Black dog with tan legs picked up by park visitor and taken to Sheriff deputies at the shooting range.

3-10-23 A dark gray tabby picked up and taken to KCAS.

3-10-23 A brown tabby picked up and taken to KCAS.

3-12-23 Orange cat picked up by park visitor.

3-12-23 Pregnant black/white cat picked up and after brief stay in foster care was taken to KCAS.

3-14-23 Two dogs abandoned and were picked up by park visitor.

3-20-23 A dark gray tabby picked up and taken to KCAS.

3-21-23 Three 10 week old long haired kittens picked up and are being treated for ringworm for 7 weeks and will then go to our sanctuary.

3-21-23 A large gray tabby was in foster care briefly

and then taken to KCAS.

3-21-23 Three dogs abandoned and KCAS called.

3-26-23 A recently abandoned pregnant tortie had her three newborn kittens All were rescued and and are in foster care. One of the kittens died. Mother cat is being treated for Giardia. She and her 2 kittens will go to our sanctuary in the future.

3-28-23 A Siamese cat was picked up and taken to KCAS.

6 Cats taken to KCAS

1 Cat picked up by a park visitor

6 Cats and kittens are in foster care and will be going to our sanctuary

1 Kitten died

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM PARK: 14

TOTAL DOGS ABANDONED AT PARK: 6

For the first three months of this year 34 cats and kittens were removed from the park. During the first 3 months of last year 17 cats and kittens were removed from the

park. Twice as many cats removed from the park this year over last. We are not sure what accounts for the increase but this year is off to a fast start. Bakersfield saw cold weather with rain, wind, hail, funnel clouds, and thunder storms. This unusual weather was hard on the park volunteers, wildlife and cats at the park.

Carol Lair



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