

AGENDA

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
Kern River Parkway Nature Center
8000 River Road
Bakersfield, CA 93308**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 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 April 19, 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 by Commissioner Chapman to add electrical signage to the entrance of Hart Park to warn visitors to stay out of the Kern River due to extremely dangerous conditions; **DISCUSS**

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.

ADJOURNMENT

9. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for June 21, 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, April 19, 2023

6:30 p.m.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Commission President Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 IV

Staff: Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager; and Shane Denton, Park Ranger 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: LEAD BY COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN

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BILL COOPER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION TO INTRODUCE THE NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR RAEYANA ROSS.

RAEYANA ROSS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INTRODUCE HERSELF AS THE NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER AND SPEAK ON UPCOMING EVENTS.

KATHLEEN ARNOLD-CHAMBERS WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE LETTER TO THE EDITOR IN THE APRIL 19, 2023, BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN TITLED "PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T GET IN THE RIVER" SUBMITTED BY COMMISSIONER CAROL LAIR.

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on March 15, 2023. Ch-Ab TO APPROVE THE MARCH 15, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Ch-Ab TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 17, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING RESTROOMS ON BISON ROAD-HART PARK; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED APRIL 12, 2023, FROM CAROL LAIR REGARDING REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR MARCH 2023. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Update
 - I. CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TWO NEW POCKET PARKS AT LA COLONIA AND FULLER ACRES; CASA LOMA LIGHTING PROJECT IS COMPLETE; POWER RESTORED AT VIRGINIA PARK, CAGES PLACED AROUND ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS AND PORTABLE RESTROOMS INSTALLED; ROSAMOND POOL CONSTRUCTION NEAR COMPLETION.
4. Park Ranger – Status Update
 - I. SHANE DENTON, PARK RANGER MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON A SPECIAL OPERATION CONDUCTED AT PANORAMA PARK DURING WHICH THERE WERE 3 ARRESTS, 35 CITATIONS AND 2 VEHICLE IMPOUNDS; UPCOMING SPECIAL OPERATIONS PLANNED FOR PANORAMA PARK AND LAKE WOOLLOMES.

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. NO REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. CONTINUED TO A FUTURE MEETING
6. COMMISSIONER ABLER PROVIDED AN UPDATE REGARDING NAMING TRAILS ON A COUNTY APPROVED SITE WITH QR CODE TECHNOLOGY FOR USE WITH A SCANNER FOR INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS ON LEGITIMATE TRAILS.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Referral from Commissioner Lair to hold the May Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at the Nature Center; THE COMMISSION AGREED TO HOLD THE MAY MEETING AT THE NATURE CENTER.
8. Referral from Commissioner Chapman to tour parks in District II in May; CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO STATE THAT A PLAN IS IN PLACE TO ORGANIZE THE TOURING OF DISTRICT PARKS WITH EACH COMMISSIONER DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, AS SCHEDULES ALLOW.
9. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE MAY MEETING AT THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER, LOCATED AT 8000 RIVER ROAD, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308.

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 - I. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN RECOMMENDED PLACING ELECTRICAL SIGNAGE AT THE ENTRANCE OF HART PARK TO WARN VISITORS TO STAY OUT OF THE KERN RIVER DUE TO EXTREMELY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS
 - II.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:07 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for May 17, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., at the Kern River Parkway Nature Center – 8000 River Road, Bakersfield, CA 93308.

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Geoffrey Hill](#); [Carl Brewer](#); [Matthew Howard](#); [Jeff Flores](#); [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: Park Improvements
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2023 6:50:15 PM

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I would like to acknowledge and thank you for some recent park improvements.

First, it is very good to hear that there will be restroom facilities at Virginia Avenue Park in spite of the recent, extensive vandalism.

Second, we are grateful to have had the two porta potties close to the Nature Center on Saturday April 22nd for the open house. During the time I was there I saw several people using them.

Third I saw that some of the plant debris was removed from Mirror Lake at Hart Park.

Fourth, broken water pipes were being repaired. Much of Hart Park water system is very old creating ongoing water pipe issues.

Finally, I have noticed a reduction in the amount of litter at Hart Park. After Easter Sunday I saw crews Monday morning picking up litter. It was a really good idea to give out those big black garbage bags on Easter Sunday I think it helped reduce the amount of litter usually piled around the trash containers. Keeping the park looking nice is a never ending task.

Again thank you very much!!

Carol Lair
Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Yvette Zaragoza

From: Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence
Subject: FW: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR APRIL 2023

From: Carol Lair <carollair@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 8:50 PM
To: Geoffrey Hill <hillg@kerncounty.com>; Carl Brewer <brewerc@kerncounty.com>; Matthew Howard <howardma@kerncounty.com>; Nicholas Cullen <cullenn@kerncounty.com>; Shane Denton <DentonS@kerncounty.com>; Jeff Flores <floresjeff@kerncounty.com>; Barbara Hays <barbarah@thecatpeople.org>
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KCAS FOR APRIL 2023

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4-3-23 Three cats picked up and taken to KCAS for adoption.
4-4-23 Three more cats packed up and taken to KCAS for adoption.
4-8-23 One cat picked up and taken to KCAS for adoption.
4-16-23 A black/gray pit bull with a green harness was abandoned and was not caught until May.
4-18-23 Two cats picked up and taken to KCAS for adoption but one TNR back to the park.
4-27-23 An injured Mallard duck was caught and transported to Pacific Wildlife Care in Morro Bay for treatment 4-28-23.
4-27-23 A chicken was abandoned and it is unknown what happened to it.

8 Cats taken to KCAS

1 Cat TNR

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 8

TOTAL DOGS ABANDONED: 1

TOTAL CHICKENS ABANDONED: 1

Carol Lair

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Geoffrey Hill](#); [Carl Brewer](#); [Matthew Howard](#); [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: Map or location for the new OHV park
Date: Sunday, May 07, 2023 8:50:35 PM

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Good morning--

Could you please provide a map or location for the new OHV park for the upcoming Parks and Rec Commission meeting?

Thank you

Carol Lair
Commissioner

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#); [Geoffrey Hill](#); [Carl Brewer](#); [Matthew Howard](#)
Subject: FLOODING RISKS TO COUNTY PARKS
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:23:35 AM

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Good morning--

There is so much conflicting information floating around about flooding risks. At the upcoming commission meeting could you please give us your best assessment about possible flooding impact on county parks. Where are the areas of greatest risk, and steps being taken to protect parks.

Thank you

Carol Lair
Commissioner



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