

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
THURSDAY, January 3, 2018 – 7.00 p.m.
OC Parks Headquarters

I. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Kusumoto, Commissioners, Posey, Muller, Hanson, Koos and West were present. Commissioner McCusker was absent.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

Greg Stone, representing the OC Modeler's Association, provided information and answered the Commissioner's questions.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item A)

Item V.B was heard before Item III

The following items on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests to pull a specific item.

A. Approve Commission minutes for October 4, 2018.

*Motion: Commissioner Koos
2nd: Commissioner Hanson
Commissioners Muller and Posey abstained
Approved 4-2*

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – E)

A. REORGANIZATION OF OC PARKS COMMISSION FOR 2019

The bylaws of the Commission require that the Commission elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the calendar year at the first meeting of that year. Nomination and elections for 2019 are therefore scheduled for:

1. Chair
2. Vice-Chair

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Nominate and select Commissioners for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

*Motion: Commissioner Kusumoto nominated Commissioner Posey as Chair
2nd: Commissioner West*

Approved 6-0

Motion: Commissioner Muller nominated Commissioner Kusumoto as Vice-Chair

2nd: Commissioner Posey

Approved 6-0

B. PROPOSED 2019 OC PARKS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

The 2019 Commission activity schedule is provided for review and approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve 2019 meeting schedule.

Motion: Commissioner Koos

2nd: Commissioner Hanson

Approved 6-0

C. O'NEILL REGIONAL PARK – CHIQUITA RIDGE TRAIL PROPERTY EXCHANGE

A property exchange is proposed to realign property boundaries so that the portions of the Chiquita Ridge Trail (Trail) currently on Rancho Mission Viejo (RMV) property is incorporated into County property in order to secure continuous connectivity and public access to the Trail. The exchange requires park abandonment actions to allow the County to lift park restrictions and exchange property with RMV.

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided information and answered Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the property exchange transaction with Rancho Mission Viejo by adopting the Resolution of Intent to Abandon and Resolution of Abandonment.

Motion: Commissioner Hanson

2nd: Commissioner West

Approved 6-0

D. FEE SCHEDULE WORKING GROUP COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

As efforts toward updating the OC Parks fee schedule continue, and with the recent departure of the fee schedule working group Commission

representative, identification of a new representative for your Commission is requested.

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided information and answered Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Select a Parks Commissioner to participate in the OC Parks fee schedule working group.

Commissioners Hanson and West volunteered to be the Commission representatives for the fee schedule working group.

*Motion: Commissioner Koos
2nd: Commissioner Posey
Approved 6-0*

E. TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE – PROPOSED FIRST QUARTER MEETING AGENDA

An update will be provided on the previous Trails Subcommittee meeting, and an agenda is proposed for the next meeting, expected to be held on January 31, 2019.

Rory Paster, Trails Coordinator, provided information and answered Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Koos requested an update on the OC Loop at a future Subcommittee meeting.

Commissioner Hanson requested discussion of speed limit at a future Subcommittee meeting. Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, advised that a trail use review process is underway that the Subcommittee and Commission will be brought into in the near future.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve the Trails Subcommittee 2019 first quarter meeting agenda.

*Motion: Commissioner Kusomoto
2nd: Commissioner Posey
Approved 6-0*

F. CRAWFORD CANYON PARK UPDATE

The future Crawford Canyon Park is located in the unincorporated area of North Tustin and is currently in the early stages of planning. A recent public workshop was held to solicit input on potential park designs. Staff will provide a presentation at the meeting on the project and design concepts.

Scott Thomas, Planning and Design Division Manager, provided a presentation and answered questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. CAPISTRANO BEACH UPDATE

Bill Reiter, Parks Division Manager, provided a presentation and answered questions.

B. 2018 EVENTS RECAP

Tom Starnes, Strategic Communications Manager and Kristi Bergstrom, Events Manager, provided a presentation and answered questions.

C. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – TOPICS OF INTEREST

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided updates and information and answered Commissioners' questions.

D. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Modjeska's Holiday Open House: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens - Saturday, January 5, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

- Tour the historic home and gardens this holiday season and check out Christmas trees adorned with dried fruit garlands, miniature candles and Polish-inspired ornaments.
- Enjoy hot cocoa and the famous Modjeskas, a caramel marshmallow that Madame Modjeska approved herself.
- Event and parking are free. Space is limited, reservations are required.

First Sundays Butterfly Garden Volunteer Day – Mason Regional Park – Sunday, January 6, 9:00am – 10:30am

- On the first Sundays of the month, participants will learn new gardening tips and help create a beautiful butterfly sanctuary for park visitors to enjoy.

- No gardening experience is required, and all gardening tools and plants will be provided.
- Event and parking are free.

Walk with a Naturalist –O’Neill Regional Park– Saturday, January 12, 9:00am – 10:30am

- Join a team of naturalists and learn about the animals and nature of Trabuco Canyon.
- This will be a light to moderate walk on mostly paved roads. All ages are welcome.
- Event and parking are free. No pre-registration is required.

Beginning Archery Class – Mile Square Regional Park – Sunday, January 13, 9:00am – 10:30am

- Join Mile Square Park Staff for a beginning archery course for first time archers. The course will include an introduction to the sport of archery and safety instruction. All archery equipment will be provided.
- Open to ages 12 and up. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- Event and parking are free. Online registration is required.

Wild Tales – Upper Newport Bay – Friday, January 18, 10:30am – 11:30am

- Bring your kids to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors.
- The family event will include storytelling, a guided nature walk, and arts and crafts.
- Wear closed-toe shoes and clothing suitable for outdoors. Strollers are not recommended on the trails.
- Registration is required, \$5 fee per child will be collected at the event.

Star Light, Star Bright Night Hike – Carbon Canyon Regional Park – Saturday, January 19, 5:30pm – 8:00pm

- Come see Carbon Canyon Regional Park in in the dark. Park rangers will lead starlit hikes showcasing the natural wonders that can only be seen at night.
- The event will include hot cocoa and cookies, a live animal presentation and a hike through the Redwood Grove.
- Wear closed-toe shoes and dress warmly.
- Registration is required.

VI. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters and ask questions of or give direction to staff, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VII. ADJOURNMENT *8:50 pm*