

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022 — 6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Koos, Vice-Chair Shawver, and Commissioners Ashland, Wellborn, and Hanson were present. Commissioner Muller 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.

No comments were received from the public.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS A–D)

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

- A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE JULY 7, 2022 MEETING.**
- B. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 4, 2022 FIELD TRIP.**
- C. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 FIELD TRIP.**
- D. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 6, 2022 FIELD TRIP.**

*Motion: Vice-Chair Shawver
2nd: Commissioner Wellborn
Approved 5–0*

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEMS A–D)

A. OC PARKS FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

OC Parks will be updating its fee schedule to incorporate a new accession fee for archaeological and paleontological materials offered to the County. Staff will provide details of the fee schedule update and a presentation on the process for curating archaeological and paleontological materials offered to the County.

Joanne Veedor, OC Parks Deputy Director, introduced the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

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Justin Sikora, OC Parks Archaeology/Paleontology Manager, presented the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Tom Starnes, OC Parks Director, answered the Commissioners' questions.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Deputy Director, answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed revised OC Parks Fee Schedule.

*Motion: Commissioner Wellborn
2nd: Commissioner Hanson
Approved 5-0*

B. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the September 29, 2022 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Meeting.

Joanne Veedor, OC Parks Deputy Director, introduced Natalia Gaerlan for a Subcommittee update.

Natalia Gaerlan, OC Parks Planning and Design Manager, provided an update on the Subcommittee's recent meeting.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Deputy Director, answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File.

C. COMMISSION'S PROPOSED 2023 MEETING AND FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

The Commission's 2023 meeting and field trip schedule is provided for review and approval.

Joanne Veedor, OC Parks Deputy Director, provided background information on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

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Approve the Commission's 2023 meeting and field trip schedule.

Motion: Commissioner Ashland
2nd: Vice-Chair Shawver
Approved 5-0

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

The bylaws of the Commission require that the Commission elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the calendar year during the last meeting of the year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Nominate and select Commissioners to serve in the following positions for Calendar Year 2023:

1. Orange County Parks Commission Chair.
2. Orange County Parks Commission Vice-Chair.

Nominee: Chair – Vice-Chair Shawver

Motion: Chair Koos
2nd: Commissioner Wellborn
Approved 5-0

Nominee: Vice-Chair – Commissioner Ashland

Motion: Commissioner Ashland
2nd: Vice-Chair Shawver
Approved 5-0

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Tom Starnes, OC Parks Director, provided updates and answered the Commissioners' questions.

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Wilderness Access Day: Black Star Canyon – Saturday, November 5 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Black Star Canyon, part of OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, offers pleasant introductory trails for beginner hikers and families as well as challenging experiences for seasoned trail users. Designated

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trails are available for self-guided hiking, biking and equestrian use. A variety of trail loops offer extended exploration throughout the canyons. Take time to explore the local plant communities and beautiful scenery in easy 30-minute walks or take in 7+ miles in a strong cardio trek.

- Parking is limited on Black Star Canyon Road and carpooling is strongly recommended.
- You will not be required to sign-in upon arrival, though an information booth with trail maps and suggested routes will be available in the staging area.
- Arrive with all necessary equipment to keep you safe on the trail, including water, proper attire and footwear, first aid, medications, etc.
- Dogs are prohibited in the Irvine Ranch Open Space.
- Minors ages 18 and under should be accompanied by a parents or guardian.
- Adult mountain bikers and equestrians are required to wear helmets.
- Inclement weather or fire danger will cause the program to be cancelled.

Restoration Day: Planting in Peters Canyon – Sunday, November 6 – 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

- Lend a helping hand to improve native habitat in Peters Canyon Regional Park. Dedicate the morning to seasonally appropriate restoration, such as planting native shrubs that will encourage local wildlife to thrive, watering recently planted natives, or weeding restoration plots. Bring strong gardening gloves, trail snacks, water, and wear sun protection and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.
- Event and parking are free.
- Please see Check-In Booth for parking fee waiver.
- Note: This day is when Daylight Saving Time end, so be sure to check your clock!

Hoot 'N Howl Night Hike – Carbon Canyon Regional Park – Saturday, November 12 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- Come explore Carbon Canyon Regional Park after dark! Grab some delicious hot cocoa and cookies, then take a self-guided hike along the illuminated wilderness trail to the Redwood Grove. Bring your chairs and blankets to enjoy an interpretive presentation by the OC Bird of Prey Center among the trees!
- Event and program are free.
- Advance registration is required.
- This is an outdoor event, so dress warmly and wear good walking shoes. It is optional to bring water and a small flashlight.

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Toddler Treks: Scampering Squirrels – Irvine Regional Park – Tuesday, November 15 – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

- Those scampering squirrels have quite the busy lives. They're hiding so many acorns to keep as food for winter, but sometimes they may forget where one is buried! Hear tales about these silly squirrels and create your own memory game to play at home.
- Program is for ages 2 – 6 years; space is limited and parents must accompany child for the entire program.
- Advance registration is required.
- Program is free though there is a \$3 Park Entrance Fee per vehicle.

Tot Walk – Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park – Friday, November 18 – 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

- Join OC Parks naturalists and bring your young ones (infant to age three) to explore Aliso's wild backyard. Take a leisurely stroll through the garden and to the creek. We will see bugs, plants and birds while exploring! OC Parks staff may even lead a game or introduce a local resident to the children. Come join the fun!
- No pre-registration is required.
- Program is free though there is a \$3 Park Entrance Fee per vehicle.
- Please wear proper attire and footwear; bring snacks and water.
- Note: Most of the trail is not stroller-friendly.

Morning Yoga Hike in Baker Canyon – Saturday, November 19 – 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

- Enjoy a 4-mile hike and gentle yoga practice in nature. The hike through Baker Canyon, part of OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, includes some elevation and will be a nice warm up for a gentle morning yoga flow under a shaded canopy. Please bring water, your own yoga mat and large beach towel. Mats will not be provided; we will drop mats at a secure location while hiking. Closed-toe shoes, water, hats, and sunscreen are recommended for the hike.
- Advance registration is required.
- Arrive with all necessary equipment to keep you safe on the trail, including water, proper attire and footwear, first aid, medications, etc.
- Dogs are prohibited in the Irvine Ranch Open Space.

Cool Fall Birds of Red Rocks – Black Star Canyon – Monday, November 21 – 7:30 – 11:00 a.m.

- It's easy to think many of the birds we see and hear look and act the same. But do they? Bring your binoculars and join us on a

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slow/medium paced walk in OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, as we search for resident and visiting birds of the local coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, riparian, and grassland habitats. We will discuss the diverse features of the birds we observe and how they match the season, their habitat and lifestyle. We will travel mostly on ranch roads, usually without shade. Beginners to advanced bird enthusiasts are welcome. Please wear sturdy shoes suitable for hiking and bring water, along with sun protection such as a hat and sunscreen. Bring a small birding field guide if you have one. A few binoculars will be available to borrow.

- Advance registration is required.
- Arrive with all necessary equipment to keep you safe on the trail, including water, proper attire and footwear, first aid, medications, etc.
- Dogs are prohibited in the Irvine Ranch Open Space.

VI. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VII. ADJOURNMENT 6:53 p.m.