

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in *italics*)

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Hanson, Vice Chair Kott, Commissioners Kusomoto, Curry, Ashland, Fuentes, and McCusker present.

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 from members of the public were received at this portion of the meeting.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item A)

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

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2016.

*Motion: Commissioner Curry
2nd: Commissioner McCusker
Approved unanimously*

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (Item A)

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE – FIRST DISCUSSION

Establishment of a trails subcommittee is proposed that would serve as a technical advisory body to the Parks Commission and the OC Parks Director and provide a forum for the public for matters dealing with County trails and bikeways.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Discuss and provide guidance to staff on establishment of a trails subcommittee.
2. Direct staff to return to the Commission with a final set of bylaws for the proposed trails subcommittee.

Members of the public, including Bill Sellin (Bicycle Club of Irvine), Brad Larkins (SHARE Mountain Bike Club), Peter Wetzel, Brian Cox, Steve Larson (SHARE Mountain Bike Club), Vince Buck, and Harry Huggins (Safe Trails Coalition) presented their comments to the Commission.

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Scott Thomas, OC Parks Planning and Design Manager, made a presentation and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, suggested an amended motion based on comments received from the Commissioners. Amended motion is to: Request staff to provide the Commissioners with a draft of the trails subcommittee bylaws for the Commissioners to review and provide feedback on, and agendize a draft for approval at a future Commission meeting.

*Motion: Commissioner Curry
2nd: Commissioner McCusker
Approved unanimously*

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park – Family Bandito Bike Ride to Dripping Cave: Saturday, February 13, 9:00am – 11:00am

- Join bike riders to see one of the Park's most interesting features – the Dripping Cave. Activity includes a talk about the history of this infamous bandit hideout.
- Trail ride will be approximately 5 miles with a 150-foot elevation gain.
- Bike, helmet, water, and appropriate clothing and footwear are required.

Irvine Regional Park – Irvine Park Railroad's 20th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21

- Irvine Park Railroad celebrates its 20th Anniversary with carnival games, special activities, and concessions. Train rides will be rolled back to the 1996 prices of \$2.

Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park – Trail Stewardship Day: Saturday, February 27, 8:00am – 12:00pm

- A volunteer opportunity is available to assist OC Parks staff and Laguna Canyon Foundation members to help improve and restore trails at the Park.
- Activity is open to volunteers 17 years of age and up; lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Irvine Regional Park/OC Zoo – Bonkers For Bunnies Preschool Program: Wednesday, March 2, 10:15am – 11:15am

- A hands-on opportunity is available for kids 3 to 4 years of age to interact and learn more about rabbits.
- Registration is required for this popular holiday-themed activity.

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, made a brief presentation and answered the Commissioners' questions.

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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.

Commissioner Ashland suggested a future presentation by Don Zeigler on the OC Zoo.

Commissioner Kott suggested a future item to discuss concerns with the homeless/displaced.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 8:26 pm