I. ROLL CALL

Chair Koos, Vice-Chair Muller and Commissioners Shawver, Hanson, Posey and Ashland 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.

Mary Fegraus, member of the Coastal Greenbelt Authority (CGA), provided information regarding the authority of the CGA with respect to any change of trail use in wilderness parks. Greg Stone, representing the OC Modeler’s Association, provided an update on the Association’s activities. Helen Higgins, member of Friends of Coyote Hills, provided comments on the impact of ebikes on the birding community. Hallie Jones, representing the Laguna Canyon Foundation, provided comments on the importance of habitat protection in the wilderness parks.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items A – B)

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 June 18, 2020.

Motion: Commissioner Ashland
2nd: Commissioner Posey
Abstained: Vice Chair Muller
Approved 5-0

B. Approve Commission minutes for August 6, 2020.

Motion: Commissioner Ashland
2nd: Commissioner Posey
Approved 6-0

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – C)

A. MILE SQUARE REGIONAL PARK EXPANSION PLANNING UPDATE
Staff will provide a presentation on activities and updates related to the repurposing of 93 acres of Mile Square Regional Park from golf to regional park use. A copy of the County Real Estate Agency’s Agenda Staff Report on the Mile Square Golf Course Lease Amendment, approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 13, 2018, has also been provided for reference.

Natalia Gaerlan, Senior Project Landscape Architect, provided information and answered Commissioners’ questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

B. COUNTY PARK RANGER 50TH ANNIVERSARY

This month marks the 50th anniversary of Park Ranger positions in the County of Orange. A resolution has been prepared for the Parks Commission to commemorate this milestone event and recognize the service and commitment of County Park Rangers.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the Resolution Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of County Park Rangers.

Motion: Commissioner Ashland
2nd: Commissioner Posey
Approved 6-0

C. ONLINE POSTING OF PARKS COMMISSION MEETING RECORDINGS

Agendas for all Parks Commission meetings are posted on the Commission website pursuant to the Brown Act. Additionally, summary action minutes, staff reports, and presentations are also posted to the website. Staff propose adding recordings of meetings to the website moving forward to facilitate additional public access to Commission dialogue.

Joanne Veedor, Director’s Office Manager, provided information and answered Commissioners’ questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Concur with posting OC Parks Commission meeting recordings online beginning with the October 1, 2020 meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Posey
2nd: Commissioner Ashland
Approved 6-0

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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

A. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

OC Parks Drive-In Movies – Mile Square Regional Park – Friday-Sunday, October 23-25
- OC Parks will host another Drive-In featuring "Hocus Pocus."
- When available, tickets for "Hocus Pocus" can be purchased at the OC Parks Facebook page (@OrangeCountyParks). Information will also be made available at OCParks.com.
- Guests will be physically distanced by strategically parking vehicles to allow for plenty of space and a good view of the screen.

OC Parks Spooky Series – A Frightfully Fun Week of Virtual Halloween Content- Monday – Saturday, October 26-31
- The content will include Halloween-themed highlights from the parks and the OC Zoo along with a bewitching Shakespearean scene filmed at Modjeska Historic House and Gardens.
- The week of virtual content will culminate with a rock-and-ghoul performance from the local cover band, Past Action Heroes.

OC Parks continues to offer a robust suite of family-friendly virtual programming and highlights to educate, entertain, and support recreation within local neighborhoods. The programs are a combination of live and recorded events that can be accessed on both Facebook and Instagram. Daily themed social media events and highlights include:

- #MondayMemories: Mondays will feature content provided by Archaeology / Paleontology or Historical staff.
- #TriviaTuesdays: Tuesdays will feature OC Parks related trivia.
- #WildlifeWednesday: Wednesdays will feature wildlife updates from the OC Zoo or parks.
- #ThrowbackThursday: Thursdays will feature “throwback” posts highlighting past or classic content.
- #FeatureFriday: Fridays will feature staff sharing interesting information and highlights from their parks or facilities.
- #ScenicSaturday: Saturdays will feature various scenic sights from throughout the parks.
- Sundays will feature “The Week Ahead” infographics alerting followers of weekly content to come.

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.

ADJOURNMENT 8:15 pm