A G E N D A
ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

THURSDAY, April 7, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

IRVINE RANCH HISTORIC PARK
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IRVINE, CA

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The Orange County Parks Commission welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes.

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Director, OC Parks located at 13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602
During regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
OC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Orange County Parks Commission
Duties and Responsibilities

(O.C. Codified Ordinances Sec. 2-2-19: Paraphrased)

Except as otherwise provided, the Orange County Parks Commission shall be advisory to the Board of Supervisors and to the Director of OC Parks, and shall have the power and duty:

1. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors plans and policies for the acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of the harbors, beaches and regional parks of the County;

2. On request of the Board of Supervisors, to advise the Board and make recommendations on any matter pertaining to harbors, beaches and regional parks, and any other matters referred by the Board;

3. On request of the Director, to advise on any question of administrative policy and regarding any matter to be decided by the Director under this division;

4. On appeal from an administrative decision by the Director, to act as a board of administrative review;

5. To make such investigations as it may deem necessary in the exercise of its powers;

6. To perform the duties and functions of the County Fish and Game Commission assigned by either statute or this code, and consider methods for the propagation and protection of fish and game in the State of California and County of Orange. The Commission shall be advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

OC Parks Commission Regular Meeting Schedule: First Thursday, Monthly, 7:00 p.m.
INVOCATION – Commissioner Fuentes

PLEDGE – Chair Hanson

I. ROLL CALL

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.

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.


IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (Item A - D)

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE – SECOND DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF GUIDELINES

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. Approve the Trails Subcommittee guidelines and establish the Trails Subcommittee.

2. Select two Commissioners to serve on the Trails Subcommittee, and designate one as chairperson and the other as alternate chairperson.

3. Request staff to initiate application process for non-Commission Trails Subcommittee members.

B. MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR IRVINE RANCH OPEN SPACE

The first three-year term of the Irvine Ranch Conservancy (IRC) management services contract for the Irvine Ranch Open Space ends on June 30, 2016. Staff wish to expand the geographic area in which IRC performs certain services – primarily public programs – to include the new protected open space
lands transferred into County ownership in 2014 and renew the contract for its second three-year term.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the renewal of the open space management contract with Irvine Ranch Conservancy for the next three-year term expiring on June 30, 2019, and incorporate the 2014 Donation Lands within the contract service area boundary.

C. MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL COLLECTION

The County’s Archaeological and Paleontological Collection and the Cooper Center have been effectively managed by Cal State University, Fullerton since 2009. As the foundation for a sustainable, successful curation program has been established, OC Parks is engaged in an evaluation of the near and long-term goals for the Collection, which may be best served by a more comprehensive partnership agreement. In the near future, staff anticipate issuing a Request for Proposals for a revised and enhanced management agreement and, in the meantime, are requesting Board approval of a one-year agreement extension by payment of up to $300,000 for upcoming University FY 2016-17 services, with no scope or fee change.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the amendment of the Agreement for management of County Archaeological/Paleontological Collection for the period commencing July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

D. OC PARKS BUDGET REPORT AND PRESENTATION

OC Parks will provide information on budget highlights for FY 2015-16 and the proposed FY 2016-17 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Receive and file.

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

O’Neill Regional Park – The Mysterious World of O’Neill Regional Park:
Sunday, April 10, 9:00am – 10:30am
• A show and share exhibit with crafts and games on the park’s wild animals will be available next to the O’Neill Nature Center.
Mason Regional Park – Birds of Mason Regional Park: Tuesday, April 12, 9:00am – 10:30am
- An OC Parks volunteer and an experienced birdwatcher will lead a half-mile walk around the park and talk about the variety of ducks, geese, and songbirds that inhabit the park.

O’Neill Regional Park – Hummingbird Nest Story: Saturday, April 16, 8:00pm – 8:45pm
- Wildlife photographer Kim Michaels presents the hummingbird nest story, which provides a rare look into the life of hummingbirds, including nesting and a chick’s hatching, growth, and first flight.

Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – 2016 Earth Day at the Bay: Saturday, April 23, 10:00am – 3:00pm
- Earth Day at the Bay will include environmental exhibits, live entertainment, science and craft booths, and a scavenger hunt.

B. OC PARKS MOBILE APPLICATION UPDATE

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