INVOCATION – Commissioner Curry gave the invocation

PLEDGE – Chair Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Hanson, Vice Chair Kott, Commissioners Ashland, Curry, McCusker, and Kusumoto were present. Commissioner Fuentes 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 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 FEBRUARY 11, 2016.

Motion: Chairman Ashland
2nd: Commissioner McCusker
Approved unanimously

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (Item A)

A. OC PARKS HISTORIC DIVISION PRESENTATION AND PROPOSED REPURPOSE OF OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOMS

Staff will provide a presentation on historic resources and operations.

OC Parks is in need of space at the Old County Courthouse for purposes related to its Collection Management Program, including curation, digitization, exhibit preparation, and equipment and artifact storage related to the Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Concur with plan to repurpose Courthouse Room 109 and storage closet, currently used by the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society (PCAS), for County needs including the County’s Collection Management Program.
2. Concur with formal request to PCAS to vacate Courthouse Room 109 and storage closet within three (3) months.

3. Concur with offer of space at the Cooper Center for alternative site for PCAS and development of lease or use permit should PCAS accept the offer.

Justin Sikora, Historical Resource Specialist, provided a presentation and answered the Commissioners’ questions.

Sherri Gust, PCAS president, provided a presentation and answered the Commissioners’ questions.

Marilyn Thoms, Orange County Historical Commission vice chair, presented comments to the Commission.

The Commissioners provided comments and asked questions on the item, and Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, answered their questions.

Motion: Commissioner Ashland
2nd: Commissioner McCusker
No: Commissioner Kusumoto
Approved 5-1

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Black Star Canyon – Wilderness Access Day: Saturday, March 5, 8:00am – 2:00pm
- Designated trails in Black Star Canyon are open for self-guided hiking, hiking, and equestrian use.
- Advanced registration required.

Mile Square Regional Park – Kids Fishing Derby: Saturday, March 12, 7:30am – 12:00noon
- OC Parks, the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Angler Chronicles are hosting the annual Kids Fishing Derby at the Mile Square Park North Lake.
- Registration for the Derby is from 7:30am to 8:30am

Carbon Canyon Regional Park – Carbon Canyon Weed Whackers: Saturday, March 19, 8:30am – 11:00am
- Volunteers can join OC Parks staff to assist with habitat restoration and removal of non-native plants on the Carbon Canyon trails and/or in the Redwood Grove.
- Participants must be 15 years or older.
Irvine Ranch Open Space – Agua Chinon Family Hike: Saturday, March 26, 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Enjoy a leisurely hike through a portion of the Irvine Ranch Open Space while watching for red-tailed hawks and mule deer.
- Hike is approximately 3-miles on relatively level terrain. Advanced registration required.

B. IRVINE LAKE UPDATE

C. TET FESTIVAL RECAP

D. APRIL MEETING AND MAY FIELD TRIP LOCATION

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided updates and answered the Commissioners’ questions on items A through D above.

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  8:47 pm