I. ROLL CALL

Chair Ashland, Vice Chair Kusumoto and Commissioners Muller, Hanson, Posey and Koos 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.

Greg Stone, representing the OC Modeler’s Association, provided information and answered the Commissioner’s questions.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item A)

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 March 1, 2018.

Commissioners Kusumoto, Posey and Koos abstained from the vote. No voting quorum was present to approve the item. Item has been rescheduled for next Commission meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – C)

A. REVISION OF COUNTY ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE USE OF CLASS I AND II ELECTRIC BICYCLES

A change to the County Ordinance that prohibits use of motorized wheeled conveyances, such as go-karts and all-terrain-vehicles, in parks or recreational areas is proposed to authorize the use of certain motor-assisted electric bicycles on regional paved, off-road bikeways as designated by the OC Parks Director.

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided information and answered Commissioners’ questions.
Speakers Bob Bibee, Maria Herbert, Paula Yonke, Ken Montgomery, Eric Harvey and Tony Costanza provided information and answered Commissioners’ questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the revision to Orange County Codified Ordinance 2-5-29(n) to authorize operation of Class I and Class II electric bicycles (ebikes) on County of Orange regional paved, off-road bikeways as designated by the OC Parks Director.

Motion: Commissioner Muller
2nd: Commissioner Kusumoto
Approved unanimously

B. OC PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – GOALS, OBJECTIVES, INITIATIVES

OC Parks completed the stakeholder survey and workshop and has continued to develop the refreshed Strategic Plan. OC Parks action planning teams were organized and have worked to establish new vision, mission and values statements that build on the existing Strategic Plan and identify goals and objectives that shape implementation of the new Strategic Plan.

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, and Cecilia Varela, Capital Improvements Manager, provided a presentation and answered questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss and provide feedback on Strategic Plan elements, including the OC Parks vision, mission, values, strategic goals, and measures of progress and success.

Commissioners discussed and provided feedback on the Strategic Plan. Commissioners were requested to provide any additional comments to staff via email by April 20, 2018.

C. OC PARKS BUDGET PRESENTATION

Staff will provide information on the current fiscal year and upcoming fiscal year 2018-19 budgets.
Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided information and answered Commissioners’ questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided information on the items below and answered Commissioners’ questions.

A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – TOPICS OF INTEREST

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Caspers Adventure Day – Caspers Wilderness Park – Saturday, April 7, 10:00am – 3:00pm
- Visitors are welcomed to Caspers to find a new adventure while talking with the exhibitors and exploring the trails.
- Event features a day of guided hikes, arts and crafts, wildlife exhibits, games, and storytelling.

Rattlesnake Awareness Day – OC Zoo – Saturday, April 7, 10:00am – 3:00pm
- The OC Zoo is hosting a learning event about local venomous reptiles and other reptiles at the zoo.
- Participants can view reptiles up close and engage in special reptile keeper chats.

Orange County Astronomers – O’Neill Regional Park – Saturday, April 7, 8:00pm – 9:00pm
- The Orange County Astronomers, a non-profit group, will provide telescopes and other equipment for this event.
- Participants will be able to view stars and galaxies and learn how to operate different types of telescopes.
- Registration is required.

Kids’ Fishing Derby – Tri-City Park – Saturday, April 21, 7:00am – 11:00am
- Instructors will be present at this fishing derby to help kids learn how to fish.
- The lake will be stocked with 2,000lbs of trophy-sized catfish, and trophies will be awarded for the biggest fish.
- On-site registration is required and participants will need to bring fishing poles.
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 9:11 pm