

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021 – 7:00pm

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I. ROLL CALL

Chair Koos, and Subcommittee members Diane Carter, Virginia Webber and Steve Larson were present. Alternate Chair Shawver, Ron Vanderhoff and Signe Radovich were absent.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Subcommittee on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

No public speakers on items not contained in the agenda were present.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item A)

The following item(s) will be approved by one motion unless a Subcommittee member requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2020

Motion: Subcommittee Member Virginia Webber

2nd: Subcommittee Member Diane Carter

Approved unanimously

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Item A - B)

A. PILOT PROJECT – TRAIL USE DESIGNATIONS

Staff will provide an oral update on the pilot project regarding use changes on certain trails in the County park system.

Deputy Director Pam Passow provided an update and answered questions from the Subcommittee on the Trail Use Designations Pilot Project. The Trail Subcommittee was informed that since the December 10, 2020 Trail Subcommittee meeting, the OC Parks Commission also recommended implementation of the Pilot Project. The Coastal Greenbelt Authority has also recommended implementation of the Pilot Project. The Pilot Project should be fully deployed by June 2021. Utah State University will be providing a trail assessment. Trail counters will assist in assessing the Pilot Project's effectiveness. After a one-month public outreach and education phase, active enforcement of the new trail designations will begin.

Public speaker Mary Fegraus of the Coastal Greenbelt Authority had comments and questions regarding the team that will implement the Trail Designation Pilot Project. Deputy Director Pam Passow responded that OC Parks staff, primarily from the Communications and Planning and Design sections, will be implementing the program.

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Public Speaker David Wilson, an Irvine resident and avid hiker and mountain cyclist petitioned OC Parks to recognize the special nature of our wildlands and make trail management decisions that will preserve the natural diversity of our wilderness areas.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

B. OC PARKS TRAILS INVENTORY AND GIS DATABASE UPDATE

This discussion item is regarding the update of the OC Parks trail inventory as well as the accompanying GIS trail database and GIS database attribution values. As OC Parks engages in trail studies, pilot programs and new trail policies, a comprehensive and up-to-date inventory of our current trails, authorized and unauthorized, will be vital. The current GIS trail database is in need of an update to address the addition of new trails and the decommissioning of unauthorized trails. The database should also be updated to include key attributes that will help determine the best use of and most efficient maintenance of our trails.

OC Parks Trail Coordinator Rory Paster provided a presentation on the current OC Parks GIS Trail Database and the need for a database update. The presentation illustrated how database attributes assist in trail design and management. The Subcommittee provided input and suggestions for additional Trail GIS Database attributes, e.g. trail steepness, trail scenic value.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss and provide comments related to trail inventory attributes for OC Parks GIS database update.

V. OC PARKS TRAIL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. TRAIL ETIQUETTE POP UP EVENT AT SANTIAGO OAKS REGIONAL PARK.

OC Parks Operations Manager Mike Wilson and Supervising Ranger Travis Martz provided a presentation to the Subcommittee about the Trail Pop-Up public outreach and education event at Santiago Oaks Regional Park that emphasized trail etiquette and courtesy. The results of the trail survey that park visitors participated in at the event was shared with the Subcommittee.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Subcommittee members may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters and ask questions of staff, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VII. ADJOURNMENT