

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
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**ORANGE COUNTY PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Koos, Alternate Chair Shawver, and Subcommittee Members Vanderhoff, Larson and Radovich were present. Subcommittee Members Webber and Carter 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.

Public speaker Richard Hawthorne, a hiker, expressed concerns regarding aggressive mountain bikers on OC Parks trails.

Public Speaker Tony Coppolino, a mountain biker, stated that hikers and bikers need to work together to promote trail safety and safe trail yielding.

Public Speaker Robert Miranda, a mountain biker, cited that hikers should remove earbuds so they can be aware on the trail.

Public Speaker John Squicciarini, a hiker, stated he sustained injuries in a collision with a mountain biker and is worried about aggressive mountain bikers on the trails. He mentioned that bike bells may help avoid trail collisions.

Public Speaker Ruth Gueta, a hiker, expressed concern and fear of a collision with reckless mountain bikers on the trails.

Public Speaker James Foley, a mountain biker, mentioned that his mountain biking group offers safety training and that there is a need for new trails. He also offered praise for the planned Craig Bike Park.

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 JULY 29, 2021

Motion: Subcommittee Alternate Chair Shawver

2nd: Subcommittee Member Radovich

Approved: 5-0

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IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (Items A–B)

A. TRAIL USE DESIGNATIONS PILOT PROJECT UPDATE

Staff and Utah State University will provide an update and presentation on the Trail Use Designations Pilot Project that encompasses use and directional changes on certain trails in the County Park system.

Mike Wilson, OC Parks Business Manager, provided an update on the Trail Pilot Project including next steps and informed the Subcommittee that the on-the-ground aspect of the Project has ended, and all affected trails have reverted to their original use designations. The Subcommittee was provided written public comments on the Trail Pilot Program from the Coastal Greenbelt Authority.

Chris Monz and Noah Creany of Utah State University provided a presentation on the Preliminary Trail Pilot Project survey data and answered questions raised by Subcommittee members.

Public Speaker Michelle Johnson, a hiker, raised concerns about trail safety and the need to add trails.

~~*Public Speaker Helen Maurer, a hiker, supported one-way mountain biking on Old Emerald Trail in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.*~~ *Public Speaker Helen Maurer, a hiker, supported a trail use designation change she noticed in the presentation that listed Old Emerald Trail in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park as one-way uphill for mountain bikers rather than what was posted at the trail and listed in the project literature.*

Public Speaker Cary Babrowsky, a trail user, would like more trail pop-up events and other public safety messages about trail safety and etiquette.

Public Speaker Tony Coppolino, a mountain biker, spoke in favor of mixed-use trails for hikers and mountain bikers.

Public Speaker Michael Trujillo, a mountain biker and hiker, spoke in favor of enforcing the 10-mile per hour speed limit.

Public Speaker John commented on the excessive speed of mountain bikers.

Public Speaker Austin, a mountain biker, stated that short trail sight distance contributes to collisions, and volunteer groups could assist with trail maintenance and brush trimming.

Public Speaker Armando Nunez, a hiker, spoke in favor of enforcing the 10-mile per hour trail speed limit.

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Public Speaker David Browning, a mountain biker, represented Orange County Mountain Bike Association and stated that his organization offers new rider orientation and a bike bell program to promote trail courtesy. He supported the Trail Pilot Project and the creation of new trails.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File.

B. TED CRAIG REGIONAL PARK BIKE PARK UPDATE

Staff will provide an update and presentation on the Ted Craig Regional Park Bike Park Project.

Tuan Richardson, OC Parks Project Manager, provided an update and presentation on the Ted Craig Regional Park Bike Park Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File.

V. 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.

VI. ADJOURNMENT 8:47 p.m.