

ARTICLE 2. - ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

Sec. 2-2-15. - Commission created; membership.

- (a) There is hereby created an Orange County Parks Commission consisting of seven (7) members. Five (5) members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each Supervisor shall nominate one (1) member of the Commission who shall reside in the County of Orange. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the "City Selection Committee" as established pursuant to California Government Code Sections 50270 through 50279.2. One (1) such member shall be a resident of the Cities of Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Dana Point or San Clemente, and one (1) such member shall be a resident of one (1) of the other cities in the County of Orange. The term of office of each member appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall coincide with the term of office of the nominating Supervisor. The term of office of the members appointed by the City Selection Committee shall be for successive four-year periods. A member may be removed during his/her term of office by a majority vote of the respective appointing authority.
- (b) A member of the Board may nominate a person from outside of the District that the member represents, but may only nominate such a person with the concurrence, in writing, of the Board member who represents the District in which the proposed nominee resides.

(Ord. No. 99-21, § 1, 8-31-99; Ord. No. 10-013, § 1, 9-28-10; Ord. No. 15-016, § 1, 10-6-15)

Sec. 2-2-16. - Compensation and expenses.

Each member of the Commission shall receive compensation of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each Commission meeting attended and for attendance at each meeting of a standing or ad hoc committee when appointed by the commission as the commission's representative, not to exceed a total of two (2) meetings in any calendar month. The Commissioner shall be entitled to traveling expenses to and from his/her usual place of residence to the place of meeting of the Commission, and for other Commission business under the procedure for and at the mileage rate allowed County-employee units covered under the Personnel and Salary Resolution.

(Ord. No. 99-21, § 1, 8-31-99; Ord. No. 10-012, § 4, 9-28-10)

Sec. 2-2-17. - Organization.

The Commission shall elect one of its members as chairman and another as vice-chairman, each of who shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission. The Director or designee shall act as Executive Officer of the Commission, preparing its agendas, keeping the minutes of its meetings and attending to its necessary correspondence and shall be the custodian of its records.

(Ord. No. 99-21, § 1, 8-31-99)

Sec. 2-2-18. - Meetings.

The Commission may meet monthly or more often at such times and place as it may determine.

(Ord. No. 99-21, § 1, 8-31-99)

Sec. 2-2-19. - Powers and duties.

Except as otherwise provided, the Orange County Parks Commission shall be advisory to the Board of Supervisors and to the Director of Orange County 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, parks and recreational areas 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, parks, and recreational areas and any other matters referred by the Board concerning open space, trails, community and neighborhood parks and recreational activities;
- (3) On request of the Director, to advise him/her 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 where so provided in this division;
- (5) To make such investigations as it may deem necessary in the exercise of the powers in this section enumerated;

- (6) To perform the duties and functions of the Fish and Game Commission assigned by either statute or this Code and shall consider methods for the propagation and protection of fish and game in the State of California and County of Orange.

(Ord. No. 99-21, § 1, 8-31-99; Ord. No. 10-012, § 4, 9-28-10)

Secs. 2-2-20—2-2-29. - Reserved.

Orange County Parks Commission Bylaws

I. Statutory.

The Orange County Parks Commission was established by authority of Section 5902 of Harbor and Navigation Code, as amended in 1971 and Section 2-2-15 of the County Codified Ordinances.

II. Formation and Duties.

The composition, power and duties of the OC Parks Commission are set forth in the Orange County Codified Ordinance.

A. Membership.

The OC Parks Commission consists of seven (7) members. Five (5) members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. One member is appointed from each supervisorial district. Two (2) members are appointed by the Clerk of the Board's City Selection Committee as administered through the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities, with one member a resident of the cities of Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Dana Point or San Clemente, and the other member a resident of one of the other cities in the County of Orange.

B. Terms of Office.

The term of each member appointed by the Board of Supervisors coincides with the term of office of the supervisor of the district from which he or she was appointed. The term of office of the members appointed by the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities is four (4) years. A member may be removed during the term of office by a majority vote of the appointing authority.

C. Powers and Duties. (OCCO Sec. 2-2-19)

Except as otherwise provided, the OC Parks Commission is advisory to the Board of Supervisors and to the Director of OC Parks, and has 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 other matters referred by the Board concerning open space, trails, community and neighborhood parks and recreational activities;
3. On request of the Director, to advise him or her 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 the powers in this section enumerated.

In addition, Resolution No. 72-741 directs the OC Parks Commission to report to the Board of Supervisors on the necessity, advantages and benefits to be derived by the acquisition, improvement, or maintenance of certain areas, including but not limited to the following:

- any park proposed in the Master Plan of Regional Parks;
- local parks in unincorporated county areas;
- county roadside rests;

- county equestrian, bicycle and hiking trails.

D. Offices and Organization.

The OC Parks Commission selects a chair and vice-chair at the first meeting of the calendar year. It may select officers more often if necessary or desired.

The Director of OC Parks serves as Executive Officer for the OC Parks Commission meeting, prepares the agenda and staff reports, and prepares correspondence and recommendations of the Commission.

E. Meetings.

The Commission meets at 6:00 p.m., on the first Thursday of each month at the Irvine Ranch Historic Park Headquarters Building, 13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA, unless rescheduled by the Commission. Two to three Saturday field trips per year, to selected recreation facilities, are also held.

F. Compensation.

\$75.00 per meeting and field trip (not to exceed two in any month), plus mileage from home to meeting place.

G. Voting Majority.

Decisions and acts made by majority vote of the members at any duly constituted meeting shall be regarded as acts of the Commission, except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws.

Members choosing to abstain from voting on specific actions will not affect majority requirements. Abstentions are considered a “non-vote” – neither a vote in the affirmative nor in the negative. However, in order for an action to be passed, a majority of the quorum casting votes must vote in the affirmative.

For example: If, at a standing committee meeting, six (6) voting members of the committee are present to vote, and on a particular motion, three (3) vote in the affirmative, two (2) vote in the negative, and one (1) member abstains, the motion passes.