

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
THURSDAY, March 5, 2020 – 7.00 p.m.
OC Parks Headquarters

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Koos, Vice-Chair Muller, and Commissioners Shawver and McCusker were present. Commissioners Posey, Hanson and Ashland were 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.

Michael Wellborn, representing Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks, had comments on trail safety.

Steve Sheffield, representing Bosch and National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA), had comments on ebikes and racing events.

Dan Eitman, representing SHARE, had comments on the status of the Irvine Ranch Open Space Resource Management Plan, NICA races, OC Parks alerts and Commission minutes and agendas.

Jon Kearley, representing SHARE Mountain Bike Club, had comments on trail work, trail safety and on planning for the future.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items A – B)

The following items on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests to pull a specific item.

A. Welcome back to Bert Ashland, First District Commissioner.

Continued by Chair Koos to next meeting.

B. Approve Commission minutes for February 6, 2020.

Motion: Commissioner McCusker

2nd: Vice-Chair Muller

Approved 4-0

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – D)

A. OC PARKS BUDGET PRESENTATION

Staff will provide information on the current fiscal year and upcoming fiscal year 2020-21 budgets.

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided presentation and answered questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and provide input on the OC Parks FY 2020-21 Budget.

Commissioners discussed, asked questions and provided input.

B. OC LOOP PRESENTATION

Staff will provide a presentation on the OC Loop and updates on activities related to construction of its remaining segments.

Tuan Richardson, Project Manager III, provided presentation and answered questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

C. SELECTION OF NEW TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER

Selection of a new member for the Trails Subcommittee is required to fill a currently vacant at-large seat.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Select one of the following individuals to serve as an at-large member on the Trails Subcommittee:

1. Linda Bogue
2. Virginia Webber

Chair Koos made a motion to select Webber as the Trails Subcommittee member.

2nd: Commissioner McCusker

Approved 4-0

Motion rescinded by Chair Koos and Commissioner Shawver to allow for interview of both candidates by Chair and Alternate Chair of the Subcommittee.

2nd: Commissioner McCusker

Approved 4-0

D. APRIL FIELD TRIP

In October 2019, your Commission approved its 2020 meeting and field trip schedule.

The locations below are options for the April field trip:

- a) Irvine Ranch Open Space – 2014 Donation Lands
- b) OC Loop – North County Sections and Gaps
- c) Irvine Regional Park and Orange County Zoo (recommend postponing until September field trip, when large mammal exhibit is under construction)

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Select a field trip location.
2. Confirm Friday, April 10, as the field trip date.

Chair Koos made a motion to select OC Loop as the location of the field trip on April 10.

Approved 4-0

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided updates and information and answered Commissioners' questions.

A. NIGUEL SHORES REVETMENT UPDATE

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, deferred update on Item V.A to a future meeting.

B. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – TOPICS OF INTEREST

C. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Wild Tales – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Friday, March 6, 10:30am – 11:30am

- Bring your little wild ones to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors.
- Join us for a fun-filled parent and child experience including storytelling, a guided nature walk, and arts and crafts.
- Program and crafts are tailored for preschool level (ages 2-5), however all ages that enjoy the experience are welcome to attend.
- Online registration required, \$5 fee per child.

Wilderness Access Day – Blackstar Canyon – Saturday, March 7, 8:00am – 2:00pm

- Black Star Canyon offers pleasant introductory trails for beginner hikers and families as well as challenging experiences for seasoned trail users.
- Designated trails are available for self-guided hiking, biking and equestrian use. Take time to explore the local plant communities and beautiful scenery in easy 30-minute walks or take in 7 miles in a strong cardio trek.
- Ages 12 and up; minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Kids' Fishing Derby – Mile Square Regional Park – Saturday, March 14, 7:30am – 12:00pm

- OC Parks, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Angler Chronicles host the 20th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby at the North Lake at Mile Square Regional Park.
- The lake will be stocked with more than 1,000 pounds of trout or catfish for the derby. Kids ages 6 to 15 fish for free at the Fishing Derby and compete to win prizes for finalists and winners in different age groups.
- Registration on-site from 7:30am to 8:30am. Event and parking are free. Limited quantity of fishing rods available for loan.

Habitat Hero Saturdays – Caspers Wilderness Park – Saturday, March 14, 9:00am – 11:00am

- Become a Habitat Hero by joining Caspers Wilderness Park staff in projects that will enhance habitat for local wildlife. Activities may include non-native plant removal, planting natives, watering, and trash cleanup.
- Tools and training will be provided. Please wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, hat, sunscreen, etc. Bring water and snacks, and gloves if you have them. Minors must always have a legal guardian present.
- Space is limited, pre-registration is required.

Distance Hike to Mini Moab – Fremont Canyon – Friday, March 27, 7:00am – 2:00pm

- Come along with us on this epic hike from the bottom of Fremont Canyon to the bold, sandstone outcrops marking the ridgeline locally known as “Mini Moab.” This extremely challenging out-and-back hike is for experienced, physically fit distance hikers.
- We climb steeply along ranch roads past an abandoned coal mine, the Fremont Weather Station, remnants of a rare stand of Tecate cypress, and Lizard Rock. After a break for snacks and to enjoy the view, we'll retrace our steps back to the Fremont Staging Area.
- Ages 14 and up; minors must be accompanied by an adult.
- Registration is required.

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 *8:51 pm*