

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
THURSDAY, October 3, 2019 – 7.00 p.m.
OC Parks Headquarters

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Posey and Commissioners, Koos, Hanson, McCusker and Muller were present. Commissioner Nguyen 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.

*The following public speakers provided comments regarding electric bicycles:
Don DiCostanzo, Pedego founder
Steve Spiro, Electric Mountain Bike Association
Todd McMiniment, resident of Irvine
Mark Johnson, Electric Bikes of Corona Del Mar*

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. Approve Commission minutes for August 1, 2019.
- B. Approve Commission minutes for September 13, 2019 field trip.

*Motion: Commissioner McCusker
2nd: Commissioner Muller
Approved 5-0*

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – C)

A. APPOINTMENT OF PARKS COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR AND TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

The former City Selection Committee representative for inland cities on the OC Parks Commission served as both the Commission's Vice Chair and the Chair for the Trails Subcommittee, an advisory body to the Parks Commission and Parks Director on County regional trail and bikeway matters. With that seat vacant, your Commission now is tasked with selection of a new Commission Vice Chair and a Subcommittee Chair.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Nominate and appoint Commissioners to serve as:

a) Vice Chair for the OC Parks Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Muller nominated Commissioner Koos as Vice Chair of the Commission.

2nd: Chair Posey

Approved 5-0

b) Chair for the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee.

Motion: The Commission nominated Commissioner Koos as the Chair of Subcommittee. Commissioner McCusker nominated Commissioner Nguyen as Alternate Chair of the Subcommittee.

2nd: Commissioner Muller

Approved 5-0

B. CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION SUPPORT LETTERS FOR COASTAL PROJECTS

Coastal Development Permit applications have been submitted by OC Parks to the California Coastal Commission for the Capistrano Beach Park and Niguel Shores Walkway and Revetment projects. Both projects include segments of the California Coastal Trail that are critical in supporting connectivity and lateral public access along the coast. Support letters from the Commission for the trail and walkway associated with the projects would provide additional affirmation that these projects benefit park visitors, the community, and the realization of the continuous Coastal Trail.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve and sign support letters to the California Coastal Commission for the Capistrano Beach Park and Niguel Shores walkway projects.

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

Recommended action was bifurcated into two actions:

a) *Approve and sign support letter to the California Coastal Commission for the Capistrano Beach Park walkway project.*

Motion: Commissioner Muller

2nd: Commissioner McCusker

Approved 5-0

- b) *Approve and sign support letter to the California Coastal Commission for the Niguel Shores walkway project.*
Motion: Commissioner McCusker
2nd: Chair Posey
Commissioner Muller abstained
Approved 4-0

C. PROPOSED 2020 OC PARKS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

The 2020 Commission activity schedule is provided for review and approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the 2020 Parks Commission meeting schedule.

Motion: Commissioner McCusker
2nd: Chair Posey
Approved 5-0

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

A. ELECTRIC BICYCLES UPDATE

B. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – TOPICS OF INTEREST

C. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Acorn Day – O'Neill Regional Park– Saturday, October 5, 10:00am – 2:00pm

- Celebrate Acorn Day with exciting family friendly activities for every age: free crafts for kids, a live butterfly enclosure, active games, face painting, live music and introductory ukulele lessons, nature and animal exhibits, a very special storytelling session with painting on water, acorn and oak tree planting and much more.
- Guided nature hikes to the Water Tower will be offered at 9am and 11am.
- Event and parking are free.

Autumn Harvest Festival – Heritage Hill Historical Park – Saturday, October 5, 4:30pm – 8:30pm

- Bring the family to a fun-filled adventure and experience the park transformed into a spooky Halloween festival.
- Enjoy the Trick-or-Treat stations, Adventure Maze and dare to visit the Haunted School House. Children of all ages can participate in ghoulish

games, costume contests and the pumpkin decorating zone. Costumes and trick-or-treat bags are recommended.

- Admission: \$5 per person ages 3 and up. No masks or full-face paint will be allowed inside the event.

Haunt at Heritage Hill – Heritage Hill Historic Park – Friday, October 11, and Saturday, October 12, 6:30pm – 10:30pm

- Trick-or-treaters ages 12 and older are invited to Heritage Hill Historical Park for the 11th Annual Haunt at Heritage Hill.
- The park will be transformed into a haunted adventure with scream zones, music, and game booths.
- Admission \$10 per person. Costumes encouraged, but no masks or face paint will be permitted to enter the event.

Prehistoric OC – Clark Regional Park – Saturday, October 12, 10:00am – 2:00pm

- Join OC Parks for Prehistoric OC, a free event that invites families to explore the prehistoric history of Orange County.
- Families can enjoy hands on activities, watch volcano demonstrations by the Geology Department from California State University Fullerton, examine fossils and artifacts, learn about Native American culture, and check out the Junior Scientist camp for educational crafts.
- Event and parking are free.

Halloween Zoo-tacular – OC Zoo – Saturday, October 26, 10:00am – 4:00pm

- Join in on the Halloween fun at the OC Zoo! Activities include trick-or-treating, spooky kids crafts, a scavenger hunt and fun games.
- The first 100 children (ages 12 & under) in costume will receive a free gift.
- See the zoo animals receive treat-filled pumpkins throughout the day.
- Activities are free with paid zoo admission (\$2 per person, ages 2 & under free). Parking: \$5 per car.

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 8:11 pm