

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)

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I. ROLL CALL

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

Larry Lerner, resident of Newport Beach, provided comments in support of Class I pedal assist bikes.

Eduard Maurer, representing the Sierra Club, provided comments opposing the use of ebikes in wilderness parks.

Helen Higgins, member of Friends of Coyote Hills, provided comments supporting the acquisition of Coyote Hills property in Fullerton.

Melanie Schlotterbeck, representing Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks, provided an introduction to the organization and their goals.

Michael Wellborn, representing Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks, provided comments on the importance of enforcement in resolving trail conflict issues.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item A)

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 January 7, 2021.

Motion: Chair Muller

2nd: Commissioner Ashland

Approved 6-0

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (Items A – C)

A. APRIL FIELD TRIP

In January 2021, your Commission approved its 2021 meeting and field trip schedule. At that meeting, your Commission indicated that the field trip date and location would be selected the month preceding the field trip.

Date options for morning field trip:

a) Friday, April 9

b) Saturday, April 10

Location options:

- a) Whiting Ranch Burn Area
- b) Aliso and Wood Canyons Visitor Center
- c) Irvine Ranch Open Space

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- 1. Select a field trip date.
- 2. Select a field trip location.

Commissioner Shawver made a motion to select Aliso and Wood Canyons Visitor Center as the location of the field trip on April 9.

2nd: Commissioner Ashland

Approved 6-0

B. PROPOSED PILOT PROJECT – TRAIL USE DESIGNATIONS

Staff will provide a presentation on a proposed pilot project regarding use changes on certain trails in the County park system.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Deputy Director, provided information and answered Commissioners' questions.

Michael Wellborn, representing Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks, provided comments supporting the proposed Trails Pilot program.

Mary Fegraus, representing Coastal Greenbelt Authority, expressed concerns regarding enforcement and staff responsibilities.

Helen Maurer, member of the Sierra Club, had questions and observations concerning the Pilot Project which included, definition of bikes, environmental impact, and statistics on user frequency.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support implementation of the proposed trail use designations pilot project.

Motion: Commissioner Posey

2nd: Vice-Chair Koos

Approved 6-0

C. TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE EXTENSION OF TERM

The Trails Subcommittee is a working group that advises the OC Parks Director and Parks Commission on matters related to County trails and bikeways. The Subcommittee Guidelines, approved by your Commission in 2016, schedule

the Subcommittee's sunset after five years unless otherwise extended by the Parks Commission.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Deputy Director, provided information and answered Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve extension of the Trails Subcommittee term for an additional five years to October 5, 2026.

Motion: Chair Muller

2nd: Commissioner Hanson

Approved 6-0

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pam Passow, OC Parks Deputy Director, provided updates and answered Commissioners' questions.

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

OC Parks continues to provide family-friendly virtual content to educate, entertain and support recreation while in-person programming remains on hold. The month of March will include trivia, wildlife updates from the parks and OC Zoo, and throwback posts that focus on the history of parks and the work of the archaeology and paleontology departments. Content will also feature a variety of highlights that share imagery and information about OC Parks and its facilities. This can all be accessed on OC Parks' Facebook and Instagram pages.

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 8:41 pm