



AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m.



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IRVINE, CA

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The Orange County Parks Commission welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission encourages your participation and welcomes public comments on items under the purview of the Commission. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Participation period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes. Public speaker request forms will be available onsite.

The OC Parks Commission meeting will be an in-person meeting held at the Mess Hall at OC Parks' Headquarters (13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602). Please be advised that County health guidelines apply to this meeting: <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/article/oc-health-officers-orders-recommendations>

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this meeting should notify OC Parks 72 hours prior to the meeting at Admin.ocparkscommission@ocparks.com or (949) 585-6431.

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OC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Orange County Parks Commission Duties and Responsibilities

(O.C. Codified Ordinances Sec. 2-2-19: Paraphrased)

Except as otherwise provided, the Orange County Parks Commission shall be advisory to the Board of Supervisors and to the Director of OC 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 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 any other matters referred by the Board;
3. On request of the Director, to advise 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 its powers;
6. To perform the duties and functions of the County Fish and Game Commission assigned by either statute or this code, and consider methods for the propagation and protection of fish and game in the State of California and County of Orange. The Commission shall be advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

OC Parks Commission Regular Meeting Schedule: First Thursday, Monthly, 6:00 p.m.

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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

III. 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.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 1, 2023 MEETING

B. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE JULY 7, 2023 FIELD TRIP

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. MILE SQUARE REGIONAL PARK EXPANSION PROJECT PHASE I UPDATE PRESENTATION

Staff will provide a presentation on Phase I of the Mile Square Regional Park Expansion Project and a brief preview of Phase II of the Mile Square Regional Park Expansion Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

B. COMMISSION 2023 MEETING AND FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE AMENDMENTS

Staff propose to amend the Commission's 2023 Meeting and Field Trip Schedule to move the third field trip of the year from September to October to allow for a field trip in autumn. Staff also propose amending the Commission's 2023 Meeting and Field Trip Schedule to hold a meeting in December and cancel the meeting in January 2024. These amendments are anticipated to be incorporated into proposed Commission schedules for future years.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Amend the Orange County Parks Commission 2023 Meeting and Field Trip Schedule to hold a regular meeting on September 7, 2023 and a field trip in October 2023.

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2. Amend the Orange County Parks Commission 2023 Meeting and Field Trip Schedule to hold a regular meeting on December 7, 2023 and cancel the regular meeting scheduled for January 4, 2024.

VI. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Animals In My Backyard Preschool Program – OC Zoo – Friday, August 4 – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

- Class includes hands-on learning, fun crafts or activities, and meeting zoo creatures up close! Program is for 3–4-year-olds only.

Sunset Cinema Series – Cruella – Mason Regional Park – Friday, August 4 – 6 – 10 p.m.

- OC Parks Sunset Cinema film series brings the big screen outdoors to your favorite regional parks. Friday, August 4 features Cruella (PG-13, 2021) at Mason Regional Park in Irvine. Enjoy pre-show entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. and show times at approximately 8 p.m. after sundown.

Summer Concert Series – The Aquabats! – Mile Square Regional Park – Thursday, August 10 – 5 – 8 p.m.

- Bring your family and friends to enjoy live music under the summer sky Thursday evenings at the OC Parks Summer Concert Series. Join us August 10 as The Aquabats! take the stage at Mile Square Regional Park, with an opening performance by Sailor's Songbook. All concerts are from 5 to 8 p.m., with live music starting at 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free and open to all ages.

Sunset Cinema Series – Kung Fu Panda – Mason Regional Park – Friday, August 11 – 6 – 10 p.m.

- OC Parks Sunset Cinema film series brings the big screen outdoors to your favorite regional parks. Friday, August 11 features Kung Fu Panda (PG, 2008) at Mason Regional Park in Irvine. Enjoy pre-show entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. and show times at approximately 8 p.m. after sundown.

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Meet The Locals for Ages 7–10 – OC Zoo – Saturday, August 12 – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- Class includes hands-on learning, fun crafts or activities, and meeting zoo creatures up close! Program is for 7–10-year-olds only.

Meteor Shower in Peters Canyon – Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13 – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

- Enjoy the evening night sky lit up by cascading flashes of meteors! The Perseid meteor shower is an annual event in the middle of August that produced about 100 meteors an hour. This year will be closer to a new moon, so with a quick eye, you may catch many glimpses light streaking across the sky. You'll hear astronomy folklore, search for different constellations and discover nocturnal critters that call the canyon home. Bring your own blankets and chairs to sit and enjoy the nighttime show! An optional night hike is available.

Nature Journaling at Santiago Oaks – Sunday, August 13 – 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- Nature journaling is a wonderful tool for nature observations, creating lasting memories and making deeper connections with nature. Each session will cover the basics of art theory and practices, journal anatomy and maximizing your senses. Monthly prompts will help guide your eyes and ears to the wonders in nature.

Bird Walk in Irvine Regional Park – Irvine Regional Park – Wednesday, August 16 – 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

- Stroll through the park searching high and low for our fluttering friends. Listen for their sweet song and hear fun associations to help you remember these birds. This program is geared for all levels, though focused for beginner-intermediate level birders. Bring your binoculars, sun protection, comfortable shoes and an eye for spotting our feathered friends!

Summer Concert Series – Queen Nation – Bluff Park at Salt Creek Beach – Thursday, August 17 – 6 – 8 p.m.

- Bring your family and friends to enjoy live music under the summer sky Thursday evenings at the OC Parks Summer Concert Series. Join us August 17 as Queen Nation takes the stage at Bluff Park at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point, with an opening performance by Dylan Galvin. All concerts are from 5 to 8 p.m., with live music

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Restorative Bird Watching – Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens – Friday, August 18 – 8 – 10 a.m.

- Some studies have shown bird watching can have a positive impact on mental health and state of mind. Join OC Parks on the grounds of Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens for this slow-paced and accessible bird walk that will encourage bird watching practices designed to emphasize these benefits by connecting with nature, guided observation, building community, sharing stories, encouraging creativity and practicing mindfulness.

Tot Walk – Aliso and Wood Visitor Center – Friday, August 18 – 9 – 11 a.m.

- Join OC Parks naturalists and bring your young ones (infant to age 3) to explore Aliso's wild backyard. Take a leisurely stroll through the garden and to the creek. We will see bugs, plants and birds while exploring! OC Parks staff may even lead a game or introduce a local resident to the children. Come join the fun!

Sunset Cinema Series – Spider-Man: No Way Home – Laguna Niguel Regional Park – Friday, August 18 – 6 – 10 p.m.

- OC Parks Sunset Cinema film series brings the big screen outdoors to your favorite regional parks. Friday, August 18 features Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13, 2021) at Laguna Niguel Regional Park in Laguna Niguel. Enjoy pre-show entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. and show times at approximately 8 p.m. after sundown.

Wilderness Access Day: Saddleback Wilderness – Saturday, August 19 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- Come explore 3.3 miles of new trails at Saddleback Wilderness, part of OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, through this self-guided opportunity. Designated trails will be open for hiking, biking and equestrian use. There are multiple trail loop options which vary in distance and level of difficulty. Choices range from an easy one-mile loop to multiple figure-8 configurations for those looking to maximize their mileage. Regardless of distance, nearly all options feature scenic views including a destination vista point offering 360-degree perspectives from the mountains to the sea.

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Summer Concert Series – Flashback Heart Attack – Bluff Park at Salt Creek Beach – Thursday, August 24 – 6 – 8 p.m.

- Bring your family and friends to enjoy live music under the summer sky Thursday evenings at the OC Parks Summer Concert Series. Join us August 24 as Flashback Heart Attack takes the stage at Bluff Park at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point, with an opening performance by Tina Tara. All concerts are from 5 to 8 p.m., with live music starting at 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free and open to all ages.

Sunset Cinema Series – Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory – Laguna Niguel Regional Park – Friday, August 25 – 6 – 10 p.m.

- OC Parks Sunset Cinema film series brings the big screen outdoors to your favorite regional parks. Friday, August 25 features Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (G, 1971) at Laguna Niguel Regional Park in Laguna Niguel. Enjoy pre-show entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. and show times at approximately 8 p.m. after sundown.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT