

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 — 6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Ashland and Commissioners Diaz, Jones, and Weigand were present. Chair Shawver and Commissioner Hanson 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.

No comments were received from the public.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Weigand.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

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 MARCH 2, 2023 MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Weigand

2nd: Commissioner Jones

Approved 3-0-1 (Commissioner Diaz abstained)

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A-B)

A. NATURAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLAN/HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (NCCP/HCP) PRESENTATION

Staff will provide an overview of the NCCP/HCP, two conservation easements that apply to OC Parks' facilities. This will include an overview of the history and goals of the NCCP/HCP in preserving habitat and how the NCCP/HCP applies to OC Parks' facilities.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Interim Director, introduced the item and staff and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Jennifer Naegele, OC Parks Natural Resources Manager, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

James Sulentich, Natural Communities Coalition Executive Director, answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

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Receive and file.

Item was received and filed.

B. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE CHAIR APPOINTMENT AND MEETING UPDATE

The OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) has a vacancy in one of its Commission seats, which also serves as the Subcommittee's Alternate Chair. Pursuant to the Subcommittee Guidelines, the Commission will need to appoint another Commissioner to fill this vacancy. Staff will also provide an update to the Commission regarding the March 27, 2023 Subcommittee meeting.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Interim Director, introduced the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Brian Kurnow, OC Parks Interim Planning and Design Division Manager and Entitlement Division Manager, introduced himself and Jennifer Naegele.

Jennifer Naegele, OC Parks Natural Resources Manager, provided an update on the Subcommittee's March 27, 2023 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Nominate and select a Commissioner to serve on the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee as its Alternate Chair.

Nomination and Motion to Appoint Commissioner Jones as Alternate Chair of the Subcommittee: Commissioner Diaz

2nd: Commissioner Weigand

Approved 4-0

2. Receive and File updates on the First Quarter 2023 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Meeting.

Item was received and filed.

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

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Wild Tales – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Friday, May 5 – 10 – 10:45 a.m.

- Wild Tales is offered weekly and includes an outdoor story in the newly renovated amphitheater, an age-appropriate hike and a craft project.

Full Moon Hike in Santiago Oaks – Friday, May 5 – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- Half the park is after dark! Come explore nocturnal sights and sounds as we hit the trails on this leisure night hike. It's chilly after sunset so wear warm layers, sturdy footwear and bring water and a red tinted flashlight if possible to keep our night vision from being impacted by any bright light.

Rancho Days Fiesta – Heritage Hill Historical Park – Saturday, May 6 – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Come explore the rich history of Orange County's rancho era through hands-on activities, crafts, music, dance and more. Activities and performances include Native American and Folklorico dancing, Charro horse riding and roping demonstrations, and tours of the historic buildings.

Restorative Birdwatching – Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens – Saturday, May 13 – 8 – 10 a.m.

- 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.

Toddler Treks: Interesting Insects – Irvine Regional Park – Tuesday, May 16 – 10 – 11 a.m.

- Discover our 6-legged friends of Irvine Regional Park! Insects have so many interesting features, such as their different shapes, sizes, colors and patterns. Take a closer look at examples of insects before you go on a fun insect discovery walk.

Tot Walk – Aliso and Wood Visitor Center – Friday, May 19 – 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

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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!

Photo Journey: Limestone Canyon – Irvine Ranch Open Space – Sunday, May 21 – 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- Head into the backcountry wilderness for a journey filled with beautiful sights that are photographic and artistic sketching opportunities. Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for a 13-mile tour of the canyon and surrounding hills. Stop frequently to admire the views, take photos, sketch landscapes and answer questions. Stops will include short walks with view of The Sinks, a trip up Cactus and Markel Spur and optional hikes into Box Springs and/or the Markel Spur to East Sinks loop hike.

VI. COMMISSION 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.

VII. ADJOURNMENT *6:51 p.m.*

Meeting adjourned in memory of Jean Watt.