

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES  
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)  
THURSDAY, October 4, 2018 – 7.00 p.m.  
OC Parks Headquarters

**I. ROLL CALL**

*Commissioners McCusker, Hanson, Koos and West were present. Vice Chair Kusumoto, Commissioners Muller and Posey 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 members of the public requested to address the Commission.*

**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 September 6, 2018.

*Motion: Commissioner Hanson*

*2nd: Commissioner Koos*

*Approved 4-0.*

**IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – C)**

**A. RECOGNITION OF FORMER COMMISSIONER BERT ASHLAND**

A certificate of recognition for former Parks Commissioner and First District representative Bert Ashland has been prepared to recognize his efforts and contributions during his years of service on the Parks Commission.

*Ofelia Velarde – Garcia, First District Policy Advisor, presented Bert Ashland with a resolution for his service. Acting Chair McCusker also recognized Bert Ashland and presented him with a certificate of service on behalf of the Commission.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve and authorize the Acting Chair to sign the certificate of recognition for former Orange County Parks Commissioner Bert Ashland.

## **B. ORANGE COUNTY PARKS FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE**

Due to a recent vacancy, nomination of a representative for the Parks Commission on the Orange County Parks Foundation Board is needed.

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

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Nominate an OC Parks Commissioner to serve as County Director/Parks Commission representative on the Orange County Parks Foundation Board.

*Motion: Commissioner Koos nominated Commissioner McCusker to serve as the Parks Commission representative on the Foundation Board.*

*2nd: Commissioner Hanson  
Approved 4-0.*

## **C. OC PARKS 2018-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Final revisions have been made to the OC Parks 2018-2027 Strategic Plan based on feedback and discussions with the public, stakeholders, the Board and OC Parks employees. The proposed Strategic Plan is anticipated to be considered by the Board in December.

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

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the OC Parks 2018-2027 Strategic Plan.

*Motion: Commissioner Koos moved to approve item with an edit to Strategic Plan initiative 6.1.1 as follows: Initiative 6.1.1 Develop a Strategic Master Plan for the overall OC Parks system, focusing on connectivity and opportunities to expand in geographically underserved areas.*

*2nd: Commissioner McCusker  
Approved 4-0.*

## **V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided updates and information for items below and answered Commissioners' questions.*

## **A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – TOPICS OF INTEREST**

## **B. GRANT STATISTICS UPDATE**

## **C. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS**

### Acorn Day – O’Neill Regional – Saturday, October 6, 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.
- Presentations include The Hummingbird Nest Story, a book signing with the author of "How to draw 60 Native CA Plants and Animals, a field guide" and a live butterfly release at 1:30pm.
- Event and parking are free.

### Autumn Harvest Festival – Heritage Hill Historical Park – Saturday, October 6, 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.

### Whiting Ranch Poker Ride – Whiting Ranch – Saturday, October 13, 9:00am – 1:00pm

- Ride the trails and test your luck at the Whiting Ranch Poker Ride.
- Participants will ride their mountain bike through an adventurous course of trails, navigating their way through checkpoints along the way. After hitting all of the check points, riders will be dealt a poker hand that will allow them to compete for various prizes.
- Registration is required. Event and parking are free. Food will be available for purchase.

### Haunt at Heritage Hill – Heritage Hill Historic Park – Saturday, October 13, 6:30pm – 10:30pm

- Trick-or-treaters ages 12 and older are invited to Heritage Hill Historical Park for the 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Astronomy Night – International Observe the Moon Night – Laguna Coast Wilderness Park – Saturday, October 20, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

- Join local astronomers for a view of the fall night sky. Enjoy the opportunity to also look through telescopes at stars and other celestial objects. Try out loony lunar activities and visit Science Heads' Mobile Observatory.
- No hiking involved, but come prepared with layers of clothing to keep warm.
- Online reservations required. Parking \$3 per vehicle.

Halloween Zoo-tacular – OC Zoo – Saturday, October 27, 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 8:03 pm**