

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 — 6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Koos and Commissioners Ashland, Wellborn, Hanson, and Muller were present. Vice-Chair Shawver 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.

Sophie Wherritt, followed up on previous request for additional pickleball courts to be installed in Laguna Niguel Regional Park, commented on the increased popularity of pickleball during summer months, and commented on issues with some players over courts.

Charles Wherritt, commented on popularity of pickleball and requested that additional pickleball courts be installed in Laguna Niguel Regional Park to replace some tennis courts near current pickleball courts.

Agenda Item V.A was heard at this time.

Tom Starnes, OC Parks Director, provided a department update regarding pickleball courts at Laguna Niguel Regional Park and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Deputy Director, provided a department update regarding pickleball courts, findings on pickleball court usage, and plans to convert dual-use courts into single-use pickleball courts and answered the Commissioners' questions.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS A–B)

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

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2022.

B. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2022.

Motion: Commissioner Wellborn

2nd: Commissioner Muller

Approved 5–0

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEMS A–B)

A. OC PARKS FISCAL YEAR 2022–2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION

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Staff will provide a presentation on the budget for the upcoming 2022–23 fiscal year.

Joanne Veedor, OC Parks Deputy Director, introduced and gave a presentation on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Veronica Yeste-Alarcon, Budget Analyst, gave a presentation on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Tom Starnes, OC Parks Director, answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

B. ORANGE COUNTY LAKE FISHING PRESENTATION

Staff will provide a presentation that provides details on fishing in County lakes.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Deputy Director, gave a presentation on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Tom Starnes, OC Parks Director, provided information on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Agenda Item VI was heard in part at this time.

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tom Starnes, OC Parks Director, provided details on upcoming events and answered the Commissioners' questions.

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Wilderness Access Day: Black Star Canyon — Saturday, May 7 — 8 a.m. — 2 p.m.

- Black Star Canyon offers pleasant introductory trails for beginner hikers and families as well as challenging experiences for seasoned trail users. Designated trails will be open for self-guided hiking, biking

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and equestrian use. A variety of trail loops offer extended exploration throughout the canyons. Take time to explore the local plant communities and beautiful scenery in easy 30-minute walks or take in 7+ miles in a strong cardio trek.

- Pre-registration is not required for this event, though it is available on the website.
- If you need driving directions, use the online registration to receive a map and instructions for getting to the Baker Canyon Staging Area.
- Parking is limited on Black Star Canyon Road and carpooling is strongly recommended.
- You will not be required to sign-in upon arrival, though an information booth with trail maps and suggested routes will be available in the staging area.
- Dogs are prohibited in the Irvine Ranch Open Space.
- Minors ages 18 and under should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Rancho Days Fiesta — Heritage Hill Historical Park — Saturday, May 7 — 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 at the annual Heritage Hill Historical Park Rancho Days Fiesta!
- Activities and performances include Native American and Folklorico dancing, Early California ranching hands-on activities and exhibitors, pinata breaking and crafts for children, Charro horse riding and roping demonstrations and more. Historic buildings will be open for tours.
- No pre-registration required.
- Event and parking are free.
- Pets are welcome outdoors only on leashes no longer than 6 feet.

Creepy, Crawly, and Cool...Bugs Up-Close — Mason Regional Park — Saturday, May 7 — 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

- Join OC Parks and Laguna Canyon Foundation for an event celebrating arthropods. Doodlebug Animal Adventures will bring some of their favorite live, crawly friends. Check out Mason's successful butterfly garden to learn how to create your own!
- Online registration is required prior to the event.
- Parking fee is \$5 per car on weekends.

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Friday the 13th Full Moon Hike — Peters Canyon Regional Park — Friday, May 13 — 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

- Come explore the nocturnal sights and sounds as we hit the trails on this leisure night hike.
- Wear warm layers, sturdy footwear, and bring water and a red tinted flashlight if possible.
- This hike is not recommended for very small children or strollers.
- Advance online registration is required.

Global Big Day at the Bay — Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve — Saturday, May 14 — 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

- The Global Big Day is an international bird watching event sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and this year we will be participating at Upper Newport Bay. Last year more than 51,000 people from 192 countries participated help us break the record this year! Learn the basics of the e-bird program and walk the bay, recording birds that you observe.
- No experience is necessary and loaner binoculars will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Minors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a legal guardian at all times.
- Event and parking are free.
- Walk-ins are welcome, but space is limited. Registration is highly suggested.

Nature Day at Riley — Riley Wilderness Park — Saturday, May 14 — 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- OC Parks invites children and families to Nature Day at Riley Wilderness Park! Come ready to learn all about local flora and fauna at this free, family-friendly event. Activities will include educational partners and exhibitors, native plant and craft giveaways, a live butterfly enclosure, face painting, storytelling and more.
- No pre-registration required.
- Event and parking are free.

OC Zoo Large Mammal Exhibit Opening Celebration — Orange County Zoo — Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14 — 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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- Join OC Parks for the opening celebration of the new Large Mammal Exhibit at the OC Zoo! The 2-acre habitat is the zoo's largest expansion project to date and will house several North American cats, including a pair of mountain lion cub sisters. Special activities for people of all ages will be available along with fun giveaways. As part of the weekend celebration, visitors will also have an opportunity to submit their naming suggestions for the mountain lion kittens. The Large Mammal Exhibit will also house an adult mountain lion, a male mountain lion cub and an adult jaguar.
- Zoo admission: \$2 per person ages 3 and over; ages 2 and under are free.
- Celebration activities are free.
- Parking is \$3 per vehicle on weekdays and \$5 per vehicle on weekends.
- No advance registration required.

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 *7:28 p.m.*