

**SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**  
**(Action Items Displayed in *Italics*)**  
**THURSDAY, August 2, 2018 – 7.00 p.m.**  
**OC Parks Headquarters**

**I. ROLL CALL**

*Chair Ashland, Vice Chair Kusumoto and Commissioners McCusker, Hanson, Posey and Koos were present. Commissioner Joe Muller 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.

*Greg Stone, representing the OC Modeler's Association, provided information and answered the Commissioner's questions.*

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items A – D)**

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 March 1, 2018.

B. Approve Commission minutes for May 3, 2018.

C. Approve Commission minutes for June 7, 2018.

*Motion: Commissioner McCusker  
2nd: Commissioner Hanson  
Commissioners Posey and Ashland abstained, approved 4-0.*

D. Approve Commission minutes for July 13, 2018.

*Items A, B, D have been rescheduled for the next Commission meeting due to lack of quorum.*

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

**A. "FREEDOM HALL" NAMING REQUEST FOR MILE SQUARE REGIONAL PARK**

"Freedom Hall" has been proposed as the name for the new multi-purpose center at Mile Square Regional Park.

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve “Freedom Hall” as the name for the new multi-purpose center at Mile Square Regional Park.

*Motion: Commissioner Ashland  
2nd: Commissioner Posey  
Approved 6-0.*

**B. DEVELOPMENT OF PARK CLOSURE POLICY**

OCCO 2-5-15 and 2-5-46 authorize the OC Parks Director to determine park hours and closures. Current closure procedures are set forth via a department memo and through ranger academy training. OC Parks proposes that a policy be developed to formalize the current process and expand closures to include excessive heat and red flag warning days.

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request that OC Parks staff develop a park closures policy that establishes guidelines for park closure and refines current procedures.

*Motion to approve with Commissioners’ request for additional data and comparison to other jurisdictions to substantiate proposed policy.*

*Motion: Commissioner Koos  
2nd: Commissioner Posey  
Approved 6-0.*

**C. COMPETITIVE/RACE EVENTS POLICY**

In an effort to reduce collisions and user conflict concerns, a policy is proposed to prohibit high-speed events at regional and wilderness parks and limit those events to managed access facilities.

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Concur with implementation of the Competitive/Race Events Policy.

*Motion: Commissioner McCusker*

2nd: Commissioner Posey  
Approved 6-0.

#### **D. REVISION OF PARKS COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR**

Both the Strategic Plan and Strategic Financial Plan for OC Parks are anticipated to be scheduled for Board consideration before the end of the year. To facilitate sharing and discussion of both plans with the Parks Commission prior to agendaing with the Board, staff recommend that the Commission conduct a meeting in lieu of its scheduled September field trip.

The Commission has two additional meetings this year – on October 4 and November 1, 2018. Should there be adequate time for a field trip later in the year, staff will return to the Commission with a recommendation to conduct a field trip in an alternate month.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve revision of Commission meeting schedule to allow for a meeting on September 6, 2018 in lieu of the previously-approved scheduled field trip.

Motion: Commissioner Posey  
2nd: Commissioner Koos  
Approved 6-0.

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

*Helen Higgins, Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks Secretary, provided comments on item V. A.*

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

#### **A. DANA POINT HARBOR REVITALIZATION UPDATE**

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

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

Documentary Screening: Embrace the Brutality, A Continental Divide Trail Adventure – Irvine Regional Park – Friday, August 10, 7:00pm to 9:00pm

- An indoor documentary screening will be showcased that follows the members of Team Bad Wizard while they attempt a 3,100 mile long hike from Mexico to Canada.
- Event and parking are free.

Sunset Cinemas – Various Locations – Fridays/Saturdays – 6:00pm to 10:00pm

- Sunset Cinemas feature either a new or classic film and food trucks. Free parking and admission are offered. Showings for the month of August are as follows:
  - Friday, August 3 – The Karate Kid at Irvine Regional Park
  - Friday, August 10 – The Secret Life of Pets at Yorba Regional Park
  - Friday, August 17 – A League of Their Own at Yorba Regional Park
  - Friday, August 24 – Coco at Laguna Niguel Regional Park

August Summer Concerts – Various Locations – Thursdays – 5:00pm to 8:00pm

- Summer Concerts feature live performances, food trucks and a beer garden. Free parking and admission are offered. Concerts for the month of August are as follows:
  - August 2 – Sweet & Tender Hooligans (Smiths and Morrissey tribute band) and Childlyke at Mile Square Park
  - August 9 – The Fenians (Irish folk/rock) and Vinnie & The Hooligans at Mile Square Regional Park
  - August 16 – The White Buffalo (alternative country/folk) and Matt Costa at Salt Creek Beach
  - August 23 – Tijuana Dogs and Family Style (party band) at Salt Creek Beach

**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 8:45 pm**