

**SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**  
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025 — 6:00 p.m.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pam Passow, OC Parks Director.*

**II. ROLL CALL**

*Chair Shawver, Vice Chair Warren, and Commissioners Diaz (arrived at 6:02 p.m.), Hanson, Jones (arrived at 6:01 p.m.), and Gabbard were present.*

**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.

*Jeff Curie commented on a request for Class I electric bicycles (e-bikes) being permitted on OC Parks' natural surface trails to allow more access into parks.*

*Randee Tolentino commented on a request for Class I e-bikes being permitted on OC Parks' natural surface trails to allow more access into parks.*

*Kevin Thomer commented on a request for reducing parking areas in the Mile Square Regional Park Expansion Area.*

**IV. PRESENTATION(S)**

**A. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE FOR DON BENEFIEL**

Don Benefiel has served as an OC Parks Volunteer for over four decades and has over 17,000 service hours on record. The Commission and OC Parks would like to present Mr. Benefiel with a certificate of recognition and gratitude for his generous service.

*Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided information on this item and presented Don Benefiel with a certificate of recognition and gratitude.*

**V. 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 DECEMBER 5, 2024 MEETING**

*Motion: Commissioner Jones*  
*2nd: Commissioner Gabbard*

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*Approved 6–0*

**VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)**

**A. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE**

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the January 9, 2025 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee meeting.

*Jeaniene Casiello, OC Parks Planning and Design Manager, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

*Motion: Commissioner Gabbard*

*2nd: Commissioner Jones*

*Approved 6–0*

**B. RED ROCK WILDERNESS OVERVIEW AND SELECTION OF TRAIL NAMES PRESENTATION**

Staff will present an overview of Red Rock Wilderness, an OC Parks facility that recently opened to managed public access and will present information on the proposed names for five trails and one overlook that were selected by the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee for the Commission's approval.

*Antonio Valdes, OC Parks Trails and Mapping Administrator, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.*

*Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, answered the Commissioners' questions.*

*Jennifer Naegele, OC Parks Natural Resources and Trails Manager, answered the Commissioners' questions.*

*Justin Sikora, OC Parks Operations Manager, answered the Commissioners' questions.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Approve the names for five trails and one overlook at Red Rock Wilderness, as recommended by the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee.

*Motion: Commissioner Diaz*

*2nd: Commissioner Jones*

*Approved 6–0*

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**VII. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ITEM(S) A–B)**

**A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

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

**B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS**

Paws on the Trail – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Wednesday, February 12, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

- Enjoy an easy, 3-mile hike over uneven and unpaved terrain with approximately 75 feet of elevation gain. We'll stop along the way to learn about the bay and discuss ways to keep you, your dog and wildlife safe while out on the trails.

Explore! Fossils of the Ancient Sea Floor – Clark Regional Park – Saturday, February 15, 8 – 10 a.m.

- Join us for a guided tour of the Clark Regional Park hillside fossil bed, followed by a trip to the Interpretive Center. The tour will meet next to parking lot A for a brief introduction. We will then walk north across Rosecrans Avenue to visit the fossil bed. After the hillside exploration we will return to the south side of Rosecrans Avenue and visit the Interpretive Center.

Winter Bird Walk – Santiago Oaks Regional Park – Wednesday, February 19, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

- Join an experienced OC Parks volunteer and stroll through Santiago Oaks Regional Park searching high in the trees for fluttering friends and low in the scrubs for bouncing birds.

**VIII. 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.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT 6:57 p.m.**