

**SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**  
**(Action Items Displayed in *Italics*)**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020 – 7:00pm**

**VIRTUAL MEETING: +1 (415) 655 0001, Access Code 177 702 3674**

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**I. ROLL CALL**

*Chair Koos, Alternate Chair Shawver and Subcommittee members Diane Carter, Ron Vanderhoff, Virginia Webber, Signe Radovich and Steve Larson were present.*

**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.

*Dr. Kevin Schmidt, an EBike proponent, expressed concerns regarding the restriction of Ebikes within OC Parks wilderness trails and requested that the restriction be lifted or an explanation of the restriction offered to the public.*

*Steven Spiro, Director of the Electric Mountain Bike Association spoke in opposition of the restriction of Ebikes within OC Parks wilderness trails.*

*Steven Sheffield, member of People for Bikes, a bicycle industry advocacy group and employee of Bosch Ebike Systems, spoke in support of a dialog between the Ebike industry and OC Parks with the goal of Ebikes gaining the same authorizations as traditional bicycles on OC Parks trails.*

*Eric, resident of Aliso Viejo and Laguna Canyon Foundation volunteer, spoke in support of Ebikes upon OC Parks trails.*

*David Browning, Laguna Beach resident and representative of OCMTBA, the Mountain Bike Association of Orange County, spoke in support of OC Parks proposed trail pilot program. Mr. Browning suggested designating Old Emerald Trail, in Laguna Canyon Wilderness Park a one-way downhill trail. Mr. Browning requested that the OC Parks Commission review the 2007 Aliso and Woods Canyon Wilderness Park Resource Management Plan that identifies several new trail opportunities. Mr. Browning requested follow up on recent rulings regarding Ebikes and new regulations that would allow for the registration and use of Ebikes on OC Parks wilderness trails.*

### 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 Subcommittee minutes for September 24, 2020.

*Motion: Subcommittee Member Ron Vanderhoff  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Subcommittee Alternate Chair Dave Shawver  
Approved unanimously*

### IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (Item A)

#### A. PROPOSED PILOT PROJECT – TRAIL USE DESIGNATIONS

Staff will provide a presentation on proposed use changes on certain trails for Subcommittee feedback.

*A presentation regarding a proposed pilot project that included several suggested trail use designation modifications was provided by Deputy Director, Pam Passow.*

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Make recommendation to Parks Commission to support pilot project.

*The subcommittee engaged in a discussion regarding the proposed pilot project. Trail etiquette and trail enforcement were mentioned as key elements by the Subcommittee. The Trail Ambassador volunteer program was referenced as a possible measure to increase trail etiquette and courtesy.*

*Alternate Chair Shawver suggested incorporating an adaptive management component to the pilot project. Deputy Director Pam Passow confirmed there will be a continual evaluation of the program and adaptive adjustments will be implemented based on feedback from stakeholders.*

*Motion: As Amended to include a 90-day status report update to the  
Subcommittee: Alternate Chair Shawver  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Subcommittee Member Signe Radovich  
Nays: Ron Vanderhoff  
Item passed: 6-1*

**V. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER 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.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** 8:46 pm