



AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION



THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

IRVINE RANCH HISTORIC PARK
OC PARKS HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
13042 OLD MYFORD ROAD
IRVINE, CA

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Executive Officer
Stacy Blackwood

The Orange County Parks Commission welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes.

*All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Director,
OC Parks located at 13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602
During regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.*

OC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Orange County Parks Commission Duties and Responsibilities

(O.C. Codified Ordinances Sec. 2-2-19: Paraphrased)

Except as otherwise provided, the Orange County Parks Commission shall be advisory to the Board of Supervisors and to the Director of OC Parks, and shall have the power and duty:

1. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors plans and policies for the acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of the harbors, beaches and regional parks of the County;
2. On request of the Board of Supervisors, to advise the Board and make recommendations on any matter pertaining to harbors, beaches and regional parks, and any other matters referred by the Board;
3. On request of the Director, to advise on any question of administrative policy and regarding any matter to be decided by the Director under this division;
4. On appeal from an administrative decision by the Director, to act as a board of administrative review;
5. To make such investigations as it may deem necessary in the exercise of its powers;
6. To perform the duties and functions of the County Fish and Game Commission assigned by either statute or this code, and consider methods for the propagation and protection of fish and game in the State of California and County of Orange. The Commission shall be advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

OC Parks Commission Regular Meeting Schedule: First Thursday, Monthly, 7:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. ROLL CALL

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.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item A)

The following items on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests a specific item.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2015.

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – D)

A. REORGANIZATION OF OC PARKS COMMISSION FOR 2016

The bylaws of the Commission require that the Commission shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the calendar year at the first meeting of each calendar year. Nomination and elections for 2016 are therefore scheduled for:

1. Chairman

2. Vice-Chairman

B. OC PARKS HISTORIC DIVISION PRESENTATION AND PROPOSED REPURPOSE OF OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOMS

Staff will provide a presentation on historic resources and operations.

OC Parks is in need of space at the Old County Courthouse for purposes related to its Collection Management Program, including curation, digitization, exhibit preparation, and artifact and equipment storage related to the Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Affirm repurposing Old County Courthouse rooms currently used by the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society to meet existing County needs.

2. Affirm offering alternative space at the Cooper Center to the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society.

C. BIKE LOOP AND COYOTE CREEK TRAIL PRESENTATION AND COYOTE CREEK (SEGMENTS O,P,Q) ATP GRANT

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Staff will provide a presentation on the OC Bike Loop and the Coyote Creek Segment O,P,Q Bikeway project.

OC Parks recently received notification from OCTA that grant funds in the amount of \$646,000 will be recommended for award for the Coyote Creek Bikeway project at the January 21, 2016 California Transportation Commission meeting. Award of the grant is contingent with commitment of funding the project by the County.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Authorize \$2,600,000 for the County Cash Contribution Funds required to commit the County match for the Active Transportation Program grant, as a prerequisite for award of funds.
2. Direct OC Community Resources/OC Parks staff to return to Board of Supervisors for approval of \$646,000 Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 Grant Funds upon notice of award from California Transportation Commission.

D. 2016 COMMISSION WORK PLAN (JANUARY TO JULY)

A projection of topics and field trips for the Commission in the first half of the year is provided.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. EL NIÑO PREPARATIONS

Information will be provided on OC Parks' efforts to prepare for El Niño.

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Irvine Regional Park – 2nd Saturday Trail Work Day: Saturday, January 19, 8:30am – 11:00am

- Join park staff and our trail leaders by volunteering to assist with habitat restoration, non-native plant removal, and trail work throughout Irvine Regional Park.

Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Second Sunday Restoration Program: Sunday, January 10, 9:00am – 12:00pm

- Join Preserve staff and other volunteers in enhancing the Bay's habitat for local wildlife.

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- Activities may include non-native plant removal, planting natives, watering, trash removal, and garden maintenance.

Carbon Canyon Regional Park – Full Moon Night Hike: Saturday, January 23, 5:30pm – 8:00pm

- Come see Carbon Canyon Regional Park under a full moon! Park Rangers will lead a hike to the Redwood Grove showcasing the natural wonders that can be enjoyed under a full moon. This is the last winter night hike of the season.

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