1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Skei called the meeting to order at 6:00 a.m. and led the Flag Salute in the Board Room, 2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

Director Bill-de la Peña, Vice-Chair Huffer, Director Jones, Director Nickles, and Chair Skei present.

Also present were:

Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD) General Manager Friedl, Deputy City Manager/Human Resources Director Rogers, Community Development Deputy Director Gilli, Assistant City Attorney Liberman, CRPD Park Superintendent Kouba, Community Development Department Operations Manager Behzadi, Senior Civil Engineer Mashiko, Assistant Planner Huber, Community Development Analyst Jansen, Recording Secretary Goor, COSTAC Chair Bacharach, and COSF Board Member Haggan.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Speaker/Written Statements: None.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. CRPD Park Superintendent Kouba and Conejo Open Space Foundation President Brian Stark provided a Ranger Presentation and Certificate of Appreciation, and the following were introduced: Ranger Nick Ferarri; Ranger Ryan Stead; Ranger Kari Stav; Ranger Rick Bertilson; Ranger Sean Smith; Open Space Technician Michael McGurk; Contract Staff Joe Neary; and Lead Park Ranger Bruce Pace.

Speaker: Phoebe Robertson, Thousand Oaks.
B. Conejo Open Space Trails Action Committee (COSTAC) Reports

i. COSTAC Chair Bacharach reported on the 2019 Conejo Open Space Challenge, March 1 – May 31.

ii. Conejo Open Space Foundation Board Member Haggan reported on Trails Education Days, March 25 – 29 and introduced key participants: Dorothy Sullivan, Kira Krukowski, Christina Robertson, and Stephanie Sher, as well as Melanie Ashen who was unable to attend. Ms. Haggan also acknowledged the support provided by COSCA Rangers and reported on the Writing Contest.

C. Assistant Planner Huber reported on COSCA Volunteer Corps Activities since the February 13, 2019 meeting.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Director Huffer to approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting carried 5-0 by the following vote: Ayes - Directors Bill-de la Pena, Huffer, Jones, Nickles, and Chair Skei; Noes - None; Abstain - None.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Assistant Planner Huber presented a report regarding 2019 Conejo Open Space Trails Action Committee Appointments. The recommendation from the Nomination Subcommittee is to appoint Kira Krukowski (incumbent), Ray Moccia (incumbent), Tim Rosenstein (new applicant), and Trudy Wolfe (new applicant) as committee members for the three-year term from 2019 to 2022; and to appoint Brian Baxter (alternate), Marcella Ketelhut (alternate), Debra Payne (new applicant), and Scott Wilson (new applicant) as alternates for the one-year term from 2019 to 2020.

Speaker/Written Statement Cards: None.

Motion by Director Jones, seconded by Director Bill-de la Pena, to approve the recommendation carried 5-0 by the following vote: Ayes - Bill-de la Pena, Huffer, Jones, Nickles, and Skei; Noes - None.

B. Community Development Department Operations Manager Behzadi presented a report on the Selection Process for Public Member to the COSCA Board of Directors.

Speaker/Written Statement Cards: None.
Director Nickles volunteered to take part in the Candidate Screening Ad Hoc Committee. Director Bill-de la Peña nominated Director Jones to take part as well. Director Jones accepted the nomination.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Assistant Planner Huber presented an update on Wildwood.


Written Statement Cards: Steven Small, Thousand Oaks; Larry Garrison, Thousand Oaks; Brian Stark, Thousand Oaks; Stephanie Scher, Newbury Park; and Christina Robertson, Thousand Oaks.

CRPD General Manager Friedl provided additional information and updates regarding the status of the existing bridge that was damaged in the Hill Fire and the new bridge for which design has been completed. Both bridges are important for trail connectivity from Hill Canyon into Wildwood Park.

Report received.

B. CRPD Park Superintendent Kouba presented a report on COSCA Ranger Operations and Maintenance Activities.

Report received.

8. COSCA UPDATES: None.

9. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS:

Director Nickles reported a Gratitude Circle event will take place at 5:30 p.m. on May 13, 2019 at Conejo Creek North wherein CRPD will recognize citizens who have contributed greatly to Parks, Recreation and Open Space. Elayne Haggan will be one of the award recipients. In response to Director Nickles’ inquiry, it was noted that citizens who wish to donate benches should be directed to Mr. Kouba. Director Nickles also commented on CRPD’s Family Campout in Wildwood Park.

10. REQUESTED CLOSED SESSION: None.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

Rorie Skei, Chairperson