

# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 — 10:00 a.m.

## I. ROLL CALL

*Chair Yauger, Vice-Chair Sarkis, and Commissioners Chinn, Gossett, Harrell, Johannes, Remnet, Richonne, and Thoms were present. Commissioners Bacon, Myers, Skorpanich, Senft, and Taylor were 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 today's agenda.

*No comments were received from the public.*

## III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

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 FEBRUARY 6, 2024 MEETING.**

**B. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 5, 2024 MEETING.**

*Motion to approve with some corrections: Commissioner Sarkis  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Commissioner Richonne  
Approved 9–0*

## IV. STAFF UPDATE (ITEM(S) A)

**A. CULTURAL RESOURCES OPERATIONS FACILITY UPDATE.**

Staff will give an update on the recent happenings within the Cultural Resources Operations at historical facilities.

*Dennis Shaffer, OC Parks Operations Manager, provided updates on the OC Parks historical facilities, including updates on the roof repairs that will begin at the Old Orange County Courthouse, information on past and upcoming programming at a few of the facilities including the food preservers demonstration and art programming at George Key Ranch. The next Commission meeting, scheduled to be at the Cooper Center was confirmed with OC Parks staff on site and a reminder was given to the Commission. Also provided information provided by Commissioner Johannes that the Forster Mansion, located in San Juan Capistrano, is currently for sale. The Commission was informed of the sale status to its historic property designation.*

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## V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR(ITEM(S) A–B)

### A. NETWORKING EVENT PLANNING UPDATE

The Commission is planning and hosting its annual Networking Event, currently planned for September 2024. The assigned Ad-Hoc Committee for the Networking Event will provide the latest ideas on new location suggestions. Commissioners will discuss any ideas, as well as discuss if a date change is needed.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Choose a preferred locations for the Orange County Historical Commission Networking Event and one backup location, if needed.

*The Ad-Hoc Committee lead a discussion of possible new locations: The San Juan Capistrano Mission, Sherman Gardens, The Holocaust Museum. After discussion the Ad-Hoc Committee was directed to continue forward with securing the San Juan Capistrano Mission.*

2. If needed, recommend a new date for the Orange County Historic Commission Networking Event.

*Commissioner Johannes, part of the Ad-Hoc Committee for the Networking Event, mentioned that due to the venue's schedule a new date is required. Available dates given were Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, the Ad-Hoc Committee was directed to proceed with scheduling for October 9<sup>th</sup>.*

### B. COMMISSIONER ROLES DISCUSSION

Commissioners will provide updates on the latest developments or request input from the Commission in their assigned roles.

1. Administrative - Myers

*No report.*

2. Arden – Harrell

*Commissioner Harrell gave an update on the cancellation of the special event at Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens due to the rain. A new date will be set.*

3. Cooper Center – Richonne

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*The Commissioner filling this role has been adjusted to be Commissioner Gossett. No report.*

4. Grants – Bacon

*No report.*

5. Heritage Hill – Taylor

*No report.*

6. Historic Preservationist – Chinn

*Commissioner Chinn led a short discussion of Preserve OC's current work on the interactive map and mentioned the ability for the Commissioners to attend different conferences that align with the Commission.*

7. OC Archives – Skorpanich

*No report.*

8. Oral History – Remnet

*Commissioner Remnet proposed some ideas for the Oral History program and will continue to collaborate with OC Parks further.*

9. Plaque Program – Thoms

*Commissioner Thoms advised the Commission of the current application for a plaque from Crystal Cove State Park.*

10. Publications – Gossett

*The Commissioner filling this role has been adjusted to be Commissioner Richonne. No report.*

11. Public Events – Johannes

*Commissioner Johannes informed the Commission of Dana Point Historical Society's change to digital newsletters.*

12. Treasurer – Senft

*No report.*

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

### **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 *11:37 a.m.***