

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 — 10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Yauger, Vice-Chair Sarkis, and Commissioners Chinn, Gossett, Harrell, Johannes (arrived during Item IV.A), Myers, Senft, Skorpanich, Taylor, and Thoms were present. Commissioners Remnet and Richonne 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 APRIL 2, 2024 MEETING.

Commissioner Myers made a motion to accept minutes, with corrections to Network Meeting locations discussion.

*Motion: Commissioner Myers
2nd: Commissioner Gossett
Approved as corrected 10–0*

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 Old Orange County Courthouse and the success of the Rancho Days event at Heritage Hill Historical Park.

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR(ITEM(S) A)

A. COMMISSIONER ROLES DISCUSSION

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

1. Administrative - Myers

Commissioner Myers informed the other Commissioners of her planned resignation and of her possible replacement who has already applied.

2. Arden – Harrell

Commissioner Harrell gave an update on the ribbon cutting and special event planned at Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens, now scheduled for May 18.

3. Cooper Center – Richonne

No report.

4. Grants – Vacant

No report.

5. Heritage Hill – Taylor

No report.

6. Historic Preservationist – Chinn

No report.

7. OC Archives – Skorpanich

Commissioner Skorpanich gave a report on the meeting with OC Archives in which they discussed the effect of the recent rain damage to the materials, the current accessioning efforts, and the California Reveal program run by the state of California.

8. Oral History – Remnet

No report.

9. Plaque Program – Thoms

Commissioner Thoms advised the Commission of a scheduled Zoom meeting with the contact of the most recent plaque application. She also informed the Commission that there will be a process update to provide better tracking in the future.

10. Publications – Gossett

No report.

11. Public Events – Johannes

Commissioner Johannes provided information about her meeting with the contact at Mission San Juan Capistrano.

12. Treasurer – Senft

Commissioner Senft informed the Commission that there has been no change to the funds of the Commission. Other Commissioners requested that there be a more detailed report on funds and allocations in June.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

VI. COOPER LAB TOUR

The County of Orange’s John D. Cooper Archaeological and Paleontological Center is an OC Parks facility that houses the County of Orange Paleontology and Archaeology collection (Collection). The staff and volunteers at this facility work to preserve and curate the Collection in order to educate the public about the County’s ancient history.

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- 10:00 a.m.: The Cooper Center
Address: 1141 E. Chestnut Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92701
 - A staff member will be on site to direct parking.
 - Tour the facility and learn about the work done to preserve the Collection.
 - Learn about the history of the facility.
 - Learn about the facility’s current and future projects.

Griselda Castillo, OC Parks Operations Manager, provided an introduction to the tour, introduced staff, and answered the Commissioners’ questions.

William Gelnow, OC Parks Paleontology Curator, provided a tour of the facility, provided information on the paleontological operations at the facility, and answered the Commissioners’ questions.

Tacy Kennedy, OC Parks Interim Archaeology Curator, provided a tour of the facility, provided information on the archaeological operations at the facility, and answered the Commissioners’ questions.

VII. 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.

Chair Yauger requested volunteers for attendance at a possible outreach event with the Tustin Police Department in September.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 12:00 p.m.