

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 — 10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Yauger, Vice-Chair Sarkis, and Commissioners Chinn, Gossett, Harrell, Johannes, Richonne, Senft, Skorpanich, and Thoms were present. Commissioners Moodian and Remnet 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)

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 SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 MEETING.

Motion: Vice-Chair Sarkis

2nd: Commissioner Richonne

Approved 9-0-1 (Commissioner Thoms abstained)

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 a brief report on the success of the Fall-O-Ween event at Heritage Hill Historical Park, the current status of the HVAC project at the Old Orange County Courthouse, and the recent staff changes that include the clerk of the Commission position. He also reminded the Commission of the upcoming winter events for OC Parks.

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A-D)

A. SELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

Discussion and selection of Commissioners to serve on a committee to nominate candidates for Chair and Vice Chair positions for Calendar Year 2025. Selection of officers will take place at the Commission's December 2024 meeting.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Select three Commissioners to serve on a Nominating Committee to nominate Commission officers for Calendar Year 2025 for consideration and election at the Commission's December 2024 meeting.

Commissioners Gossett, Sarkis, and Thoms volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. Chair Yauger directed the Nominating Committee to have a nominee for both Chair and Vice-Chair positions prepared for the Commission's December 2024 meeting.

B. AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR DRAFTING LETTER IN SUPPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY HISTORY IN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE GENERAL PLAN

The Chair will continue discussion on the purpose of the limited-duration ad-hoc committee to assist in creation of a letter to be presented to OC Public Works in support of County history in the General Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Recommend that the Chair provide additional guidance to the County of Orange General Plan Letter Ad-Hoc Committee.
2. If appropriate, recommend that the Chair appoint an additional Commissioner to serve on the County of Orange General Plan Letter Ad-Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Remnet was unable to attend the meeting, but suggested via direct email, that the item be placed on hold for the time being due to the current status of the General Plan. No action was taken and no discussion was had.

C. COMMISSION'S PROPOSED 2025 MEETING AND FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

The Commission's 2025 meeting and field trip schedule is provided for review and approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the Commission's 2025 meeting and field trip schedule.

Commissioner Skorpanich motioned to approve the schedule subject to changing the date of the Los Rios Street Tour to June 3rd and setting the May 6th meeting as a regular meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Skorpanich

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*2nd: Commissioner Thoms
Approved 10–0*

D. COMMISSIONER ROLES DISCUSSION

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

1. Administrative – Vacant

No report.

2. Arden – Harrell

Commissioner Harrell informed the Commission that the Birthday Celebration for Modjeska went well.

3. Cooper Center – Gossett

Staff from the Archaeology and Paleontology teams were in attendance and Grisel Castillo, OC Parks Operations Manager, suggested reaching out if Commissioners had any questions after the meeting. Dr. Jerry Howard, OC Parks Archaeologist, informed the Commission of the continued efforts to work with the many Tribal Partners on creation of archaeology exhibits.

4. Grants – Remnet

No report.

5. Heritage Hill – Vacant

No report.

6. Historic Preservationist – Chinn

Commissioner Chinn reported on the current ongoing changes in the Santa Ana historical code.

7. OC Archives – Skorpanich

Commissioner Skorpanich reported that it was brought to her attention that the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is coming up in 2026.

8. Oral History – Remnet

No report.

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9. Plaque Program – Thoms

Commissioner Thoms inquired to OC Parks if there was an update on the progress of the plaque program procedures. No update was available at this time. Commissioner Thoms suggested that the Commission use the drafted procedures.

10. Publications – Richonne

Commissioner Richonne requested photos from Commissioners for the upcoming newsletter.

11. Public Events – Johannes

Commissioner Johannes thanked the Commissioners that attended the meeting and mentioned a contribution of each. The networking event, held on October 9th, was well received and attendees have requested copies of the attendance roster. Commissioner Harrell provided rough numbers for attendance: OC Parks representatives – 5, OC Historical Commissioners – 6, Historical Organization Representatives – 70.

12. Treasurer – Senft

Commissioner Senft reported there have been no changes to the Commission's fund.

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 *11:11 a.m. (Meeting adjourned for tour, which concluded at 11:50 a.m.)*