

# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 — 10:00 a.m.

## ROLL CALL

*Chair Skorpanich, Vice Chair Sarkis, and Commissioners Chinn, Gossett, Harrell, Johannes, Moodian, Remnet, Richonne, Senft, and Yauger were present. Commissioner Thoms was absent.*

## I. 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.

*No comments were received from the public.*

## II. 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 DECEMBER 3, 2024 MEETING

*Motion: Commissioner Richonne  
2nd: Vice Chair Sarkis  
Approved 11–0*

## III. 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 current status of the HVAC project at the Old Orange County Courthouse, including the expected completion date. He also provided an update on the Skylight Repair Project for the Courthouse, relayed the precautionary steps being taken at OC Parks Facilities due to a Red Flag Warning, and invited the Commission to attend the upcoming USA250 Event at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library. The Commission was also informed about the upcoming SoCal PAPA Exhibit, to be installed in the Old County Courthouse Gallery and that a ribbon cutting will follow sometime before March 2025.*

## IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–F)

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**A. COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**

The Chair will give an annual report to discuss goals and objectives for the calendar year 2025.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

*Item was received and filed.*

**B. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF COMMISSIONERS ROLES**

The Chair will lead a discussion of the vacant roles available to Commissioners.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

1. If a Commissioner volunteers to serve in a role, appoint the Commissioner to the role for which they volunteered.
2. The Chair will assign a role to Commissioner without a role.

*No action taken aside from discussion of the roles.*

**C. ANNUAL NETWORKING EVENT DEBRIEF AND SUGGESTIONS**

The Chair will lead a discussion about plans for the 2025 Annual Networking Event. Discussion will focus on previous networking events and potential changes for the next networking event.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

*Item was received and filed.*

**D. ANNUAL NETWORKING EVENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

To manage the planning and organization of the 2025 Annual Networking Event, the Commission will discuss the creation of a limited-duration ad-hoc committee.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

1. Recommend that the Chair establish the 2025 Annual Networking Event Ad-Hoc Committee with a dissolution date on or before December 31, 2025, or 30 days after the event, whichever is sooner.

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2. Recommend that the Chair select up to three Commissioners to serve on the 2025 Annual Networking Event Ad-Hoc Committee until the designated dissolution date.

*Motion to recommend that the Chair establish the 2025 Annual Networking Event Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of Commissioners Gossett, Johannes, and Senft.*

*Motion: Commissioner Richonne*

*2nd: Commissioner Senft*

*Approved 11–0*

### **E. HISTORICAL COMMISSION WEBSITE INFORMATION**

The Chair will lead a discussion about what information can be utilized online, through the website, in order to capture a bigger audience with a more robust digital presence.

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

1. Commissioners will discuss the current state of the Commission's website.
2. Commissioners will recommend changes to the Commission's website to increase public outreach efforts.

*No action taken aside from recommendations for improving the Commission's communications with the public.*

### **F. COMMISSIONER ROLES REPORTS**

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

1. Administrative — Vacant
2. Arden: Helena Modjeska — Harrell

*Commissioner Harrell informed the Commission of the upcoming native plant restoration event.*

3. Cooper Center — Gossett

*No report.*

4. Grants — Remnet

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*Commissioner Remnet discussed how, and if grants could be sought after in order to provide funding for oral history and other Commission activities.*

5. Heritage Hill — Vacant

6. Historic Preservationist — Chinn

*No report.*

7. OC Archives — Gossett

*Commissioner Gossett informed the Commission of wanting to work with OC Archives.*

8. Oral History — Gossett

*Commissioners Remnet, and Gossett discussed the importance behind interviewing local historical figures who have been involved with the development of Orange County and/or the Commission. A list first needs to be created, and then outreach efforts can begin, since time is of the essence due to the ageing community.*

9. Plaque Program — Thoms

*No report.*

10. Publications — Richonne

*No report.*

11. Public Events — Johannes

*No report.*

12. Treasurer — Senft

*Commissioner Senft expressed interest in being the Treasurer again.*

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

Receive and file.

*Item was received and filed.*

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**V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT**

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** *11:39 a.m.*