



AGENDA



ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

IRVINE RANCH HISTORIC PARK
13042 Old Myford Road
Irvine, CA 96202

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Executive Officer
Dennis Shaffer

Staff Support
Brianna Lopez

The Orange County Historical Commission welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission shall not hold a meeting unless the number of members participating constitutes a quorum of the Commission. The Commission encourages your participation and welcomes public comments on items under the purview of the Commission. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Participation period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes. Public speaker request forms will be available onsite. The Commission meeting will be an in-person meeting held at the Mess Hall at OC Parks' Headquarters (13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602). In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this meeting should notify OC Parks 72 hours prior to the meeting at (714) 973-6606.

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I. ROLL CALL

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.

III. PRESENTATION(S) (ITEM(S) A)

A. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR MELANIE GOSS

Melanie Goss has been a dedicated member of OC Parks for several years, having initially contributed as a volunteer before being joining OC Parks and eventually being promoted to Park Maintenance Supervisor for Cultural Resources Operations. Her efforts have been instrumental in the maintenance and preservation of all OC Parks historical sites. In recognition of her dedication and service, OC Parks and the Commission are honored to present Melanie Goss with a certificate of recognition.

IV. 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 FEBRUARY 4, 2025 MEETING

V. 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.

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–D)

A. COMMISSION HISTORIC SITE PLAQUE APPLICATIONS

The Commission has received and accepted three applications for historic plaques. The Commission will consider the wording and funding for each plaque.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve the final wording for the Laguna Beach Japanese Language School and Community Center plaque and authorize up to \$2,500 in funds to purchase the plaque.

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- “Built in 1934, the Japanese community of Crystal Cove made the Laguna Beach Japanese Language School and Community Center. Here local children attended Japanese language classes. This farming community thrived from 1927 to 1942 until the internment of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Japanese characters inscribed on the interior roofboards reveal its history.”
2. Approve the final wording for the Palisades Gazebo Park plaque and authorize up to \$2,500 in funds to purchase the plaque.
- “Palisades Gazebo Park and Viewing Garden were erected circa 1928 by the Capistrano Beach Company, owned by Edward L. “Ned” Doheny Jr. (1893-1929). Subsequently, the Doheny family donated the property to the public. As major philanthropists, the Doheny family played a significant role in shaping Orange County’s history and development.”
3. Approve the final wording for the Pines Park plaque and authorize up to \$2,500 in funds to purchase the plaque.
- “Pines Park, also known as Pines Bluff Park and Doheny Pines Park, was established for residents in 1928 by the Capistrano Beach Company, owned by Edward L. “Ned” Doheny Jr. (1893-1929). Subsequently, the Doheny family donated the property to the public. As major philanthropists, the Doheny family played a significant role in shaping Orange County’s history and development.”

B. ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

The Commission will review an orientation on guiding principles for oral history interviewing and will discuss the implementation of the Commission’s Oral History Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Receive and file.
2. Develop a list of possible individuals to interview for the Commission’s Oral History Program.

C. REPORT FROM 2025 ANNUAL NETWORKING EVENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The 2025 Annual Networking Event Ad-Hoc Committee will provide an update on the planning for the 2025 Annual Networking Event.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

D. COMMISSIONER ROLES REPORTS

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

1. Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens – Harrell
2. Cooper Center – Thoms
3. Finance & Website – Senft
4. Grants & Oral History – Remnet
5. Historic Preservation – Chinn
6. N/A – Brown
7. N/A – Moodian
8. Public Events – Johannes
9. Networking Event – Sarkis
10. Networking Event – Yauger
11. OC Archives – Gossett
12. Website – Skorpanich
13. Website & Publications – Richonne

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

VII. 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.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT