

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

(Action Items Displayed in Italics)

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 — 10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Skorpanich, Vice Chair Sarkis, and Commissioners Brown, Chinn, Gossett, Harrell, Johannes, Moodian, Senft (arrived at 10:17 a.m.), Thoms, Richonne, and Yauger were present. Commissioner Remnet was 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 tonight's agenda.

No comments were received from the public.

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 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.

Motion to continue the item to the October 7, 2025 meeting to allow Melanie Goss to attend.

Motion: Commissioner Gossett

2nd: Commissioner Moodian

Approved 11-0-1 (Commissioner Senft abstained)

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

Motion to approve with corrected date.

Motion: Commissioner Richonne

2nd: Commissioner Thoms

Approved 10-0-2 (Commissioners Brown and Senft abstained)

V. STAFF UPDATE (ITEM(S) A)

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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 an update on current projects and recent happenings at the historical facilities and answered the Commissioners' questions.

John Gump, OC Parks Parks Division Manager, answered the Commissioners' questions.

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.

Dennis Shaffer, OC Parks Operations Manager, provided information on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

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.

Motion to approve subject to further adjustments from the Commission's Chair and OC Parks staff.

Motion: Commissioner Senft

2nd: Commissioner Gossett

Approved 12–0

2. Approve the final wording for the Palisades Gazebo Park plaque and authorize up to \$2,500 in funds to purchase the plaque.

Motion to approve subject to further adjustments from the Commission's Chair and OC Parks staff.

Motion: Commissioner Johannes

2nd: Commissioner Chinn

Approved 12–0

3. Approve the final wording for the Pines Park plaque and authorize up to \$2,500 in funds to purchase the plaque.

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Motion to approve subject to further adjustments from the Commission's Chair and OC Parks staff.

Motion: Commissioner Thoms

2nd: Commissioner Sarkis

Approved 12-0

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.

Dennis Shaffer, OC Parks Operations Manager, presented the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

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

Item was received and filed.

C. 2025 ANNUAL NETWORKING EVENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Commissioner Yauger provided an update on the Networking Event planning for 2025 and answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Item was received and filed.

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

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3. Finance & Website – Senft
4. Grants & Oral History – Remnet
Commissioner not present to give an update.
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.

Item was received and filed.

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 12:03 p.m.