



AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

IRVINE RANCH HISTORIC PARK

13042 Old Myford Road

Irvine, CA 96202

MARYANNE SKORPANICH, Chair

Second District



STEVE SARKIS, Vice Chair

First District

KRISTINA SENFT

Fourth District

BARBARA GOSSETT

First District

BARBARA FORCE JOHANNES

Fifth District

PHILIP CHINN

Second District

MARGARET MOODIAN

Fifth District

PAMELA HARRELL

Third District

JUDY RICHONNE

Fifth District

MARILYN THOMS

Third District

VACANT

First District

LYNNE YAUGER

Third District

VACANT

Second District

ARTHUR C. BROWN

Fourth District

VACANT

Fourth District

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.

All supporting documentation is available for public review <https://ocparks.com/about-us/commissions-and-committees/oc-historical-commission> under the "Meeting Agenda" link or by calling (714) 973-6606 during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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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. MELANIE GOSS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Melanie Goss served as a dedicated member of OC Parks for several years, having initially contributed as a volunteer before 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 OC Historical 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 NOVEMBER 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'S PROPOSED 2026 MEETING AND FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the Commission's 2026 meeting and field trip schedule.

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B. SELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

The bylaws of the Commission require that the Commission elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the calendar year during the last meeting of the year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Elect Commissioners to serve in the following positions for Calendar Year 2026.

1. Orange County Historical Commission Chair
2. Orange County Historical Commission Vice Chair

C. DISCUSSION OF NOMINATING THE HISTORIC YORBA CEMETERY TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The Commission will discuss the possible nomination of the Historic Yorba Cemetery to be part of the National Register of Historic Places and the creation of a limited-duration ad-hoc committee to research the procedure and planning of this nomination.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Recommend the Chair establish the Historic Yorba Cemetery National Register of Historic Places Nomination Ad-Hoc Committee with a dissolution date of April 7, 2026.
2. Recommend the Chair select up to three Commissioners to serve on the Historic Yorba Cemetery National Register of Historic Places Nomination Ad-Hoc Committee until the designated dissolution date.

D. COMMISSIONER ROLES REPORTS

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

1. Brown – Oral Histories
2. Chinn – Historic Preservation
3. Harrell – Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens
4. Johannes – Public Events
5. Moodian – Oral Histories
6. Richonne – Website & Publications

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7. Sarkis -- Networking Event
8. Senft – Finance & Website
9. Skorpanich—Website
10. Thoms – Cooper Center
11. Yauger -- Networking Event

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