

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES  
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024 — 10:00 a.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

*Chair Yauger, Vice-Chair Sarkis, and Commissioners Chinn, Gossett, Harrell, Johannes, Moodian, and Skorpanich were present. Commissioners Remnet, Richonne, Senft, and Thoms 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 NOVEMBER 5, 2024 MEETING**

*Motion: Vice-Chair Sarkis  
2nd: Commissioner Gossett  
Approved 8-0*

**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 current status of the HVAC project at the Old Orange County Courthouse and the recent staff changes that include the Clerk of the Historical Commission position. Shaffer informed the Commission of the upcoming winter events for OC Parks, as well as letting the Commission know about the upcoming potential changes with the mailout procedure.*

**V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–D)**

**A. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION**

Recently-appointed Commissioner Margaret Moodian will introduce herself as the newest member of the Commission. All other Commissioners may give a brief introduction of themselves as well.

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*Commissioner Moodian provided a brief introduction of herself and her background.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**B. NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION**

Stephen Paredes, OC Parks Staff Assistant, will serve as the new clerk of the Commission and will introduce himself to the Commission.

*Stephen Paredes, OC Parks Staff Assistant introduced himself to the Commission and provided staff updates regarding his new role as clerk.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**C. COMMISSIONER ROLES REPORTS**

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: Helena Modjeska — Harrell

*Commissioner Harrell informed the Commission of the upcoming Christmas decorations being installed this week.*

3. Cooper Center — Gossett

*No report.*

4. Grants — Remnet

*No report.*

5. Heritage Hill — Vacant

*No report.*

6. Historic Preservationist — Chinn

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*Commissioner Chin requested information on the Mills Act Program in Orange from Commissioner Skorpanich.*

7. OC Archives — Skorpanich

*Commissioner Skorpanich informed the Commission that OC Archives expressed interest in a potential collaboration event for the United States Semiquincentennial coming up in 2026.*

8. Oral History — Remnet

*No report.*

9. Plaque Program — Thoms

*No report.*

10. Publications — Richonne

*No report.*

11. Public Events — Johannes

*Commissioner Johannes informed the Commission of the upcoming conferences at the Eames House and the El Pueblo de Los Angeles in June 2026.*

12. Treasurer — Senft

*No report.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**D. SELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

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 the Calendar Year 2025.

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

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*Motion to nominate Commissioner Skorpanich as Chair and Commissioner Sarkis as Vice-Chair.*

*Motion: Commissioner Gossett  
2nd: Commissioner Harrell  
Approved 8-0*

**VI. 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.

*Chair Yauger informed the Commission of mail received from Andy Coen who resides in Orange County, which was presented to Commissioners.*

*Commissioners informed the Commission of updates on events and projects taking place in their districts.*

**VII. ADJOURNMENT 11:05 a.m.**