

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Skorpanich, Vice-Chair Richonne, and Commissioners Brown, Chinn, Gossett, Harrell, Maahs, Sarkis, Thoms, and Yauger were present. Commissioners Johannes, Moodian, and Senft 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 MARCH 3, 2026 MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Brown

2nd: Commissioner Richonne

Approved 10–0

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 an update on current projects at the historical facilities and answered the Commissioner's questions.

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–D)

A. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Recently appointed Commissioner Kristen Maahs will provide a brief introduction as the newest member of the Commission. All other Commissioners will be given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the new Commissioner as well.

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Commissioner Maahs provided a brief introduction of herself. Other Commissioners were given time for a short introduction as well.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Item was received and filed.

B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING SPRING NETWORKING EVENT

Discussion regarding the upcoming event for the Orange County Historical Commission Networking Event scheduled for April 28, 2026.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming event to verify that all important and relevant decisions for the event have been covered.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Item was received and filed.

C. OVERVIEW OF USA 250 – ORANGE COUNTY

Dennis Shaffer, OC Parks, will give a brief overview of USA 250-OC, the countywide two-year initiative commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. His update will highlight planned events, where to find additional information, and potential opportunities for the Historical Commission to participate.

Dennis Shaffer, OC Parks Operations Manager, provided a presentation overview of USA 250 – Orange County events throughout the County and answered Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Item was received and filed.

D. COMMISSIONER ROLES AND REPORTS

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

1. Brown – Oral Histories

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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
7. Sarkis – Networking Event
8. Senft – Finance & Website
9. Skorpanich – Website
10. Thoms – Cooper Center
11. Yauger – Networking Event
12. Gossett – OC Archives

Commissioners provided updates for their roles if they had information to provide.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

The item was received and filed.

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.

VII. ADJOURNMENT 11:14 p.m.