



# AGENDA

## ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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



**SODA FOUNTAIN PAVILION  
IRVINE REGIONAL PARK  
1 Irvine Park Rd.  
Orange, CA 92869**

**MARYANNE SKORPANICH, Chair**  
Second District

**STEVE SARKIS, Vice Chair**  
First District

**ARTHUR C. BROWN**  
Fourth District

**BARBARA GOSSETT**  
First District

**KRISTINA SENFT**  
Fourth District

**MARY ANN REMNET**  
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**  
Second District

**LYNNE YAUGER**  
Third District

**VACANT**  
Fourth District

**Executive Officer**  
Dennis Shaffer

**Staff Support**  
Stephen Paredes

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 a field trip held at the Soda Fountain Pavilion at Irvine Regional Park (1 Irvine Park Rd., Orange, CA 92869). 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. 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 JANUARY 7, 2025 MEETING**

**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.

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

**A. SODA FOUNTAIN PAVILION WELCOME**

Staff will give a brief overview of the Soda Fountain Pavilion, its history, and how it is used today.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**B. UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL DISCUSSION**

The Chair will report the inaugural meeting of USA250OC.org at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum and the upcoming plans to commemorate the event. The Commission will discuss potential ways it may want to participate in the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and birth of the United States of America.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

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**C. COMMISSION HISTORIC SITE PLAQUE APPLICATIONS**

The Commission has received three applications for historic plaques. The Commission will consider the historic site plaque applications for Crystal Cove State Park's Laguna Beach Japanese Language School and Community Center and the City of Dana Point's Palisades Gazebo and Pines Parks for approval.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

1. Approve Crystal Cove State Park's application for a plaque for the Laguna Beach Japanese Language School and Community Center and authorize Commission funds for purchase of the plaque.
2. Approve City of Dana Point's application for a plaque for Palisades Gazebo Park and authorize Commission funds for purchase of the plaque.
3. Approve City of Dana Point's application for a plaque for Pines Park and authorize Commission funds for purchase of the plaque.

**D. COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS FOR REVENUE**

Discussion about the role of Commission publications as a potential source of revenue for Commission activities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**E. COMMISSIONER ROLES REPORTS**

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

1. Administrative — Vacant
2. Arden: Helena Modjeska — Harrell
3. Cooper Center — Vacant
4. Grants — Remnet
5. Heritage Hill — Vacant
6. Historic Preservationist — Chinn
7. OC Archives — Gossett

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8. Oral History — Remnet
9. Plaque Program — Thoms
10. Publications — Richonne
11. Public Events — Johannes
12. Treasurer — Senft

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**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**