



Riverside County
Regional Park & Open-Space
District Advisory Commission Meeting



Thursday, January 23, 2025
MINUTES

Park District
Headquarters
4600 Crestmore Road
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509
951/955-4310

Meeting Location:
Park District Headquarters, Riverfront Room
4600 Crestmore Rd
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING – 1:30 PM

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Johnson.

3.0 Roll Call – Commissioners Present: Vice-Chair Newton (1), Williamson (2), Martland (3), Chair Johnson (MAL), and Lech (5); **Commissioners Absent:** Hohenadl (2); **Staff Present:** BC Adame-Algrim, Hawkins

4.0 Approval of Minutes – Action

4.1 Job Code: 2025-01

September 19, 2024, with correction, approved. (M/S/C Williamson, Lech)

5.0 Special Recognition – Informational - None

6.0 Public Comments Related to Historical Commission - None

7.0 Subcommittee Reports

7.1 Finance Committee Allocation Update – Action

Job Code: 2025-02

The Historical Commission approved the motion for Parks staff to investigate Historical Commissions ability to determine how to use funds with County Counsel. *(M/S/C Martland, Newton)*

8.0 Old Business

8.1 2025 Meeting Calendar (Continued Item from 9/19/2024) - Action

Job Code: 2024-02

The Historical Commission approved the 2025 meeting locations. *(M/S/C Lech, Martland)*

9.0 New Business

9.1 ~~Funding~~ **Plaque Request Template Design Guidelines – Action**

Job Code: 2025-03

Amendment “Plaque” *(M/S/C Martland, Williamson)* The Historical Commission will move forward with the standard template of design for plaques. Historical Commission to send



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revision suggestions and comments regarding request for plaques to staff before the next HC meeting.

9.2 Funding Request for Gilman Ranch Plaque - Action

Job Code: 2025-04

The Historical Commission removed this item from the agenda. (*M/S/C Williamson, Newton*)

9.3 Historical Commission Bylaws Review – Informational

Gaby Adame, Chief

The Historical Commission and staff reviewed specific Historical Commission bylaws.

10.0 Commissioners Report - Informational

Commissioner Lech shared with the Historical Commission that the County Archives have officially relocated to the CAC building in downtown Riverside, with a grand opening ceremony on January 16th, 2025. On March 1st, the County History Symposium will be held at the March Airforce Base Museum, with registration priced at \$45. The event will feature four and a tour of the museum.

Additionally, the Riverside Historical Society will participate in two events in April. The first is the Citrus Fair on April 5th, and the second will take place on April 19th at the Norton Air Force Base Museum parking lot in San Bernardino. This event will bring together multiple Historical Societies from the Greater Inland Empire to showcase their work and sell books. Commissioner Lech and the Temecula Valley Historical Society will also meet the National Park Service to go along the Butterfield Overland National Historical Trail and show different locations and points along the trail.

Commissioner Martland shared with the Historical Commission that Lloyd Romeo will present at the Temecula Valley Historical Society meeting on January 27th at 6 PM, where Lloyd will discuss his search for Amelia Earhart's lost plane in the South Pacific. Additionally, the Temecula Valley Historical Society has been nominated for the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce Sapphire Charitable/Service Organization of the Year, with the winner to be announced March 15th.

Commissioner Williamson shared with the Historical Commission that, unfortunately, the 100th-anniversary celebration for the first school in Norco had to be canceled. Additionally, the Corona-Norco Unified School District has begun preparation for another box-car race for 3rd graders on March 28th. Also, the Corona History Association will celebrate Corona Founder's Day on May 8th with an event.

Commissioner Newton shared with the Historical Commission that the Friends of Mt. Rubidoux and the Riverside African American Historical Society will host a Plaque ceremony on February 28th commemorating Booker T Washington's trip to Mt. Rubidoux. The Riverside Historical Society will also hold a joint meeting with the Riverside African American Historical Society in June.

Additionally, Commissioner Newton's book on Women in Riverside is coming along well and has an estimated publishing date of October. Lastly, Riverside is hosting a Civil Rights Walk; public works will install pillars around town, and Commissioner Newton will work on children's interpretation of the sites.

Commissioner Johnson shared with the Historical Commission that she purchased a photograph of the 1908 8th grade graduating class from Jurupa School, later known as West Riverside School. This school is the only one in Jurupa Valley named after a person, Ina Arbuckle. The photograph that Commission Johnson acquired features Ina Arbuckle, who became a teacher at the school and was also featured in the 1908 8th grade class picture.

11.0 Historic Preservation Officer Updates – Informational

11.1 District Updates



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Bureau Chief Adame-Algrim informed the Historical Commission about the upcoming Annual Report due to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in June. Bureau Chief Adame-Algrim mentioned the current vacancies in the Historical Commission, noting that one application is being processed for an open position. Additionally, she provided an update on the certification of the De Anza Trail, which overlaps with part of the Santa Ana River Trail. Parks is collaborating with the National Park Service to certify these sections soon. Commissioner Lech motioned for marketing material for the Historical Commission vacancies to be created and brought to the next Historical Commission meeting for an action item so it can be shared with other Historical Groups throughout the County. *(M/S/C Lech, Newton)*

12.0 Tentative Future Agenda Items

12.1 Marketing Materials for HC District Vacancies

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13.0 Next Meeting

March 20, 2025, 1:30 PM at Gilman Ranch (Date and/or location subject to change).

14.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM.



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