

CHM DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

- 1978 Federal surplus land grant to SAUSD & City
- 1979 Santa Ana School District Learning Center concept developed by SAUSD
ROP involved in construction on project
Kellogg House moved to site by City of Santa Ana
- 1980 Not-for-Profit 501c3 – Educational Foundation Formed as:
'Exploratory Learning Center'
- 1981 Maag House & 2 out-buildings moved on site by City
99 year Ground Lease was developed for Learning Center on 13 acres
- 1985 Open for school programs
Jr. League of O.C. furnished and decorated 1898 Kellogg House
- 1987 Established 100 tree citrus grove to teach importance of Ag. History to O.C.
Followed by 200 bush rose garden –
Maintained by UC Cooperative Extension – Master Gardeners
Kitchen herb garden – by O.C. Herb Society
All gardens developed and cared for by O.C. garden and youth groups
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- Name change to 'Discovery Museum of Orange County' (DMOC)
DMOC Board of Directors made commitment to major Science Center
- 1988 Board of Directors restructured to history and science center boards
Gazebo was built
Centennial Garden was developed representing O.C. city trees
Maag House Carriage Barn restored for use as office and classroom
Water tower building restored for museum gift shop
Open for regular public hours
Capital Campaign for Science Center began
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- 1994 Science Center preview facility opened in South Coast Plaza
Science Center staff moved to South Coast area, history administration
remained on site
- 1998 Science Center opened on Main Street, Santa Ana
SAUSD sent eviction notice to museum, negotiations for new lease began
- 2000-2001 Science Center separated from Discovery Museum organization,
formed new 501c3
- 2002 Signed settlement agreement and new lease agreement for 10 acres w/ SAUSD
- 2004 Construction began on Hector Godinez High School