

CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes for Thursday, February 13, 2014

PRESENT: John McQueen, Margy Johnston, Dave Gardner, Terry Shaw,
Melinda Lowery, Mary Ellen Goddard and Gary Parkin

ABSENT: Pam Crenshaw

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa McPherson

Council Member: Wendy Leece (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

Terry called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF January 9, 2014 minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Ellen; seconded by Melinda; passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Historical Site Markers

- Margy informed the Committee about a write up regarding the “Old Town” site markers in the Historical Society newsletter.

- Margy informed the Committee about the “Newport Creamery “ on 22nd and Santa Ana (northwest corner) *“1927 Earl Patterson purchased 5 acres of land and built a “modern dairy” which had corrals and pens for 50 head of cattle, icing boxes, bottling dept., and office space. Raw milk was pasteurized, machine bottled, chilled and delivered in white wagons. Also made butter and ice cream. To build a cliental, Patterson gave away 1 free bottle of milk to every customer for the first 2 weeks of business. Trademark – an anchor - was on all bottles and packages. In 1929 the business merged with Raitt Daily of Santa Ana and continued to operate in Costa Mesa with Patterson as manager. The building was razed in 1972”*
 - Lisa informed the Committee about the Harbor Boulevard Beautification project that will be constructed Feb-Aug. Margy will do some research on possible site markers.
2. Old newspaper clipping project
 - Lisa passed around a draft that Tess Bernstein (Historical Society member) and she worked on. Dave will work with Tess on making the draft more readable for the March meeting.
 3. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents
 - Melinda will do some internet research and provide some names at the March meeting.
 - Lisa will ask the Cultural Arts Committee if they can assist with the notable artist category.
 - The Committee discussed a couple names have been researched on each category (authors, artists, entertainers, business owners, educators, Olympians and scientists) the information will be posted on the website.
 4. Research “Then and Now Buildings”
 - Tabled
 5. Identify an alternate way to distribute Historical Site Marker pamphlets
 - Lisa will contact NMUSD Elementary Superintendent Susan Astarita on sharing the link with the second though fourth grade CM teachers.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- The Historical Society event – Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m. guest speaker Patrick Mitchell “Santa Ana Mountains”.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A