

CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes for Thursday, February 12, 2015

PRESENT: Gary Parkin, Christopher Ganiere, Karen McKenna-Juergens,
Mary Ellen Goddard and Terry Shaw

ABSENT: Dave Gardner, Margaret Johnston, Melinda Lowery, and
alternates John McQueen & George Nakai

STAFF PRESENT: Travis Karlen, Justin Martin

COUNCIL MEMBER: Sandra Genis (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

Christopher Ganiere called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF January 8, 2015 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from January 8th was made by Mary Ellen Goddard;
seconded by Terry Shaw; passed unanimously with discussed corrections.

Corrections were made to the present and absent staff and council member sections to reflect actual attendance. A correction was made to change "Herald of Costa Mesa" to "Costa Mesa Herald" in the Old Newspaper Clipping Project section. The word November was added as part of the date in the Identifying Costa Mesa Notable Residents section. The words "once finalized" were added to the end of the 4th sentence of the Identifying Costa Mesa Notable Residents section.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Historical Site Markers

- Margy mentioned that research is time consuming and is still ongoing.

2. Old Newspaper Clipping Project
 - There were no updates to be given regarding the project.
3. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents
 - Gary discussed a past meeting with staff and the city webmaster about how the actual webpage would be laid out. Gary then spoke of the document he and Karen had worked on that discussed purpose and criteria for notable residents. Karen followed with information on how submissions will work and how the page will be laid out for online viewing. The group then discussed best wording of key phrases and identified changes to the proposed notable's document provided by the sub-committee members.
4. Discuss "Then and Now Buildings"
 - Terry brought to the group's attention that the old Burger King restaurant would be becoming a Raising Cane's Chicken restaurant. Mary Ellen added that the old church in the Mesa Verde area will be developed into a new housing area. She had hoped the area would be utilized for a public library space.
5. Mills Act Review
 - Mary Ellen discussed placing a marker or fast hit button on the city's website to easily route to the Mills Act information. The committee wants to educate the public on what the Mills Act is and how they may be able to benefit from it. Karen mentioned the idea of putting something about it in the Daily Pilot. The theme/title of "How to Save Money on Property Tax through the Mills Act" was one that the group favored. Further ideas on educating the public may include an evening seminar that is open to the public, and possibly putting together a brochure that will give simple information on how a property qualifies and whom to contact for further information.
6. Fairview Park Artifacts Research
 - John was not present to update the committee, but Justin let the group know that John had made contact with the VP at the Bowers Museum and she does believe that the museum does have the Fairview Park artifacts. The museum will be looking into their artifact reserve library to confirm that they are in possession. The group discussed that if the artifacts are in possession that they possibly be on loan to the city for a public display in an area such as the Senior Center, the new library project or even in City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

1. None

NOMINATION & APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE

- Gary spoke very much in favor of John McQueen as a great candidates for full member appointment. He spoke on his experience as a professional and as a long standing committee member (over a decade). Gary made a motion to nominate John McQueen as a full member of the committee. Mary Ellen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mary Ellen spoke on a local program called “Through the Eyes of,” which is a speaker program about first-hand experiences through historical speakers. She encouraged the group to try and attend.
- Karen made the suggestion to look into Dick Church’s restaurant as a possible “Then & Now Building”
- Gary spoke about his excitement in getting the Costa Mesa Notables webpage project into motion.
- Terry spoke about the upcoming Historical Society meeting on UFO’s. He also spoke about the upcoming March meeting topic.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- Travis Karlen – spoke about the Parks & Community Services Department reabsorbing community events back to the department. Travis also discussed the public meetings for the proposed Library/NCC project.
- Justin Martin – Spoke upon the need for select individuals with expiring terms to reapply for the committee when the announcement for members opens at the end of February. Justin also spoke about taking tours of both the Historical Society as well as the Diego Sepulveda Adobe.
- Signs of Support –**\$24,844.20** is available in signs of support funds

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room.