

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes for Thursday, January 14, 2015

PRESENT: Mary Ellen Goddard, Dave Gardner, Christopher Ganiere, Karen McKenna-Juergens, John McQueen, Gary Parkin, Terry Shaw and alternate Matthew Fletcher

ABSENT: Margaret Johnston, Melinda Lowery, and alternate George Nakai

STAFF PRESENT: Justin Martin

COUNCIL MEMBER: Sandra Genis (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF December 10, 2015 meeting minutes

Terry Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mary Ellen Goddard seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Newport Harbor High School student was in attendance for her American Democracy class.

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Committee Goals Review

- The committee reviewed their goals from the December 2015 meeting and made a few minor corrections to the wording for clarification.
- The group then discussed the idea of setting a new goal regarding the industrial era of the city, but decided to lump it into another goal regarding "The Story of Costa Mesa."
- Mary Ellen made a motion to accept the goals as amended. Terry Shaw seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.
- Current Project Goals and Initiatives:
 - Historical Markers: Complete the second half of phase II (6 markers) and proceed to phase II (10 markers); possibly including former City Hall locations as an add-on.

- Notable Residents: Nominate and research at least (4) new notables.
 - Then & Now Historical Buildings: Add “then and now” photos to the City’s website and use innovative technology to overlay the photos if possible.
 - Mills Act: Identify, evaluate and verify twenty historical buildings for possible qualification for the Mills Act.
 - Explore the viability of using the City’s archaeological resources to gain exposure to Costa Mesa artifacts on loan, and look into possible display options and locations.
 - Future Project Goals and Initiatives:
 - Become increasingly involved with community events (The Scarecrow Festival, or another Historical Society event); offering both, personnel and financial assistance.
 - Updates “The Story of Costa Mesa” from its 2006 version, utilizing the past decade. The publication print amount will be determined at a later date.
 - Work with the Cultural Arts Committee to implement a piece of historical, public art in 2016, such as the utility box project and/or a mural.
2. Old Newspaper Clipping Project
 - Chris spoke about not moving forward with this project.
 - Christopher Ganiere made a motion to strike the project from future agendas. Karen McKenna-Juergens seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.
 3. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents
 - Karen discussed that she sent photos to staff for posting.
 - Staff will input notable’s information onto the City’s website by the February meeting.
 - Karen reminded the group on the criteria for nominating a notable. She recommended that the group do additional nominating as well.
 4. Then & Now Historical Sites
 - No Update.
 5. Mills Act
 - Mary Ellen supplied staff with a list of addresses that qualify on the historical register. Staff will work with the Council liaison to send a contact letter to the Costa Mesa residents.
 - The project will continue by confirming that the houses actually still exist. A follow-up letter in regard to the potential of qualifying for the Mills Act will be sent out.
 6. Costa Mesa Artifact Research

- John spoke about the City's archaeologist contractor and their thoughts regarding the artifact research.
- The group would like an initial price point from the archaeologist that recommends a parameter of research done for the amount money spent.
- Matthew spoke about also waiting to have an inventory of items that won't be loaned; but to have as a resource for others.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Terry spoke about the Costa Mesa Historical Society installation dinner on January 22, 2016. RSVP is due by January 15th. Terry also mentioned the upcoming Costa Mesa Historical Society Program featuring Ann Nepsa and her daughter of Cemetery Angels and their involvement with the Yorba Cemetery. It will take place on February 21st.
- Chris spoke about an award he had won for exemplary service. This award is The Arrow Man of the Year, for 2015.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.