

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes for Thursday, February 11, 2016

PRESENT: Dave Gardner, Christopher Ganiere, Karen McKenna-Juergens, John McQueen, Gary Parkin, Terry Shaw, and alternates George Nakai and Matthew Fletcher

ABSENT: Mary Ellen Goddard, Margaret Johnston, and Melinda Lowery

STAFF PRESENT: Justin Martin and Cecily Renteria

COUNCIL MEMBER: Sandra Genis (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Ganiere called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF January 11, 2016 meeting minutes

Terry Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Gary Parkin seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents

- Karen spoke in depth about four (4) residents the committee may consider: Edrick Miller, Hank Panion, Walter Ozmet, and Herb Jenks. The committee agreed that these four (4) residents were a good starting point and discussion followed regarding the possibility of adding additional candidates to research. The subcommittee will continue to research these residents and gather photographs.

2. Then & Now Historical Buildings

No updates were provided.

3. Mills Act

- Matthew spoke about working with Mary Ellen on the project. She had provided him with a document produced by the city in 1999 of homes built in Costa Mesa prior to 1950. The goal is to identify 20 or so properties from that list that are currently listed on a historic registry, which is a prerequisite to for having a Mills Act contract. Matthew has also been touring the city to locate additional homes that may qualify. At a future meeting, Matthew will present a list with photos of possible homes for the committee to discuss.
- John discussed that there is a general misunderstanding of the difference of being on a historic registry versus having a Mills Act contract. The committee will research the process and contract requirements.

4. Costa Mesa Artifact Research

- John spoke about an initial quote totaling \$5,000 from archeologist who outlined a 4-step process to locate Costa Mesa artifacts. Steps included were:
 - o Contacting museums and institutions to locate artifacts,
 - o Coordinating the borrowing of artifacts,
 - o Facilitating the transport of artifacts, and
 - o Assisting in setting up and displaying the artifacts.

After discussion, the Committee decided to request a quote for the initial search only; staff agreed to contact the archeologist on behalf of the committee. The Committee will take another look at the scope of work once the quoted expenditure reflects only the completion of the first step. If the group agrees they may choose to move forward. If the work is completed and artifacts are found, the Committee would request a presentation of the findings at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Member Appointments -- Members Margaret Johnston, Terry Shaw, Mary Ellen Goddard, Melinda Lowery, Christopher Ganiere, and Alternate Matthew Fletcher are required to reapply. Applications are due to the City Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19.
2. Story of Costa Mesa --The Committee created a subcommittee that will work to update the Story of Costa Mesa book, it was last published in 2006. John will

head the subcommittee. George and Dave will join him on this project. The Committee briefly discussed looking at cost differences between publishing solely hardcopies or digital copies, or both.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Terry mentioned the upcoming Costa Mesa Historical Society Program featuring Ann Nepsa and her daughter. They are part of a group called the Cemetery Angels and they will present their experiences and involvement with the Yorba Cemetery. The event date is February 21st.
- Terry also announced a talk with Lynn Miller about Route 66 in March.
- Dave reminded his fellow members that new projects could be added to our list of goals.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- Justin announced that the Recreation Guide will be delivered to residents next week. He also announced that there is a Canine Valentine's event at TeWinkle Park on Saturday, February 13 from 9 - 11am.
- Cecily informed the Committee that they can place an advertisement in the quarterly Costa Mesa Recreation Guide at no cost. The advertisement can be for an event, a request for public input, or anything related to the committee. She also mentioned there is a 3-month lead time required to place the ad.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.