

CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Minutes for Thursday, June 8, 2017

PRESENT: Dave Goodman, Dave Gardner, Christopher Ganiere, Gary Parkin, Mary Ellen Goddard, Kristyn Kohut, and Karen McKenna-Juergens

ABSENT: John McQueen

STAFF PRESENT: Ashley Ocasio

COUNCIL MEMBER: Allan Mansoor (absent)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Harla Wood

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Parkin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF May 11, 2017 meeting minutes.

Karen made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Dave Gardner seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Historical Preservation Map – Harla Avenue

- Harla Wood was present to give an historical background related to the naming of Harla Avenue. She proposed adding the street to the Historical Preservation Map.
- Harla also offered to bring items of historical significance to future HPC meetings. Mary Ellen suggested providing them to the Costa Mesa Historical Society.
- Mary Ellen made the motion to include, Harla Avenue in the Historical Preservation Map. Karen seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.
- Harla will send 1-2 sentences describing Harla Avenue to the subcommittee.

2. Utility Box Art Project

- Staff showed the Committee a photo of the utility box wrap that had been installed on Harbor Blvd. and 19th street. Credit to the Costa Mesa Historical Society for the photo will be added to the wrap within the week. HPC paid the Historical Society for use of the image. Staff noted that the last item is to pay the Cultural Arts Committee.
- Dave Goodman would like to move on to a new utility box wrap project. Possibly one in each of the six districts. This item will stay on the agenda with Chris to give additional updates.

3. Costa Mesa Artifact Research

- Chris reported that the PowerPoint from the archaeology consultants had been provided and shared that presentation.
- Staff explained that it was a four-step process. The first step was complete, according to the consultants. The next step would be to arrange loans.
- The Committee discussed the results of the report. Several members were disappointed with the lack of information.
- Gary proposed that the subcommittee draft a paragraph about what HPC is looking for to put in a letter to the consultants.
- Chris proposed writing a letter expressing dissatisfaction with the results.
- The subcommittee will discuss and report back.

4. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents

- Karen reported that the subcommittee has four names on the list: Robert Wilson, Henry Segerstrom, Alice Plumber, and Dan Quesnberry.
- Kristyn proposed adding Marshall “Duffy” Duffield, a long-time business owner in Costa Mesa, who invented the Duffy Boat. She will type up Duffy’s story and send it to the subcommittee.
- Gary will continue outlining people.

5. Then & Now Historical Buildings

- Dave Goodman passed out two proposed letters to Hi Way Garage and the Costa Mesa Fire Station. Kristyn offered proofreading suggestions.
- The Committee discussed which other organizations should have plaques placed out front. Staff will take inventory of the plaques, which have already been made, to see which businesses are included. She will then send photos to the committee to determine the list.
- Dave Goodman and Kristyn will revise the letters. This item will be addressed again at the next meeting.

6. Mills Act

- Mary Ellen stated that there were no updates on this item.
- Staff reported that there have only been two more views of the website and suggested printing out fliers. Karen proposed a blurb in the local paper. Dave Goodman proposed putting it on the City Council Monitor.
- This item will be addressed again at the next meeting.

7. The Story of Costa Mesa

- Dave Gardner reported that he went to NMUSD off of Bear Street. There is some interest in pursuing the project. He will follow up on June 9, 2017.

8. Historical Preservation Committee Logo

- Staff distributed the final logo. This item can be removed from future agendas.

9. Recognize CM Businesses (50+ Years Old)

- Karen explained the new project, which would recognize Costa Mesa businesses that have been operating for 50 years or more.
- Mary Ellen asked each member to bring 1-2 proposed businesses to the next meeting. Dick Church's and Duffy Boats were suggested. The committee discussed which types of business would be recognized and how they would be recognized. Gary suggested a certificate for the businesses.
- Dave Goodman proposed creating a subcommittee; seconded by Mary Ellen; passed unanimously. Karen, Mary Ellen, and Kristyn will form the subcommittee. They agreed to try to coordinate a meeting outside of the monthly committee meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Chris mentioned that it was Frank Lloyd Wright's birthday, and he would have been 150 years old.
- Mary Ellen noted a community event occurring that Saturday from 10-2.
- Staff passed around a flier regarding an upcoming art event.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned by Gary at 6:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.