

**CITY OF COSTA MESA**  
**HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
*Minutes for Thursday, April 9, 2009*

**PRESENT:** Dave Gardner, Patti Bass, Stephanie Love Callen, Steph Campbell, Mary Ellen Goddard, Margaret Johnston, Jeff Mathews, John McQueen, Bob Wakeham

**ABSENT:** Jana Ransom, Mayor Pro Tem Leece, Christopher Ganiere, Chris Bunyan

**COUNCIL/STAFF:** Lisa McPherson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dave called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2009 MINUTES**

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2009 was made by Mary Ellen and seconded by Patti; motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Cheng, student from Cal Poly Pomona attended. She inquired about how students can get involved in historical preservation projects.

**4. AGENDA ADDITIONS**

**A. Historical Mural Plaque Update**

The plaque will be considered for approval at the April 22 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

1. Estancia Adobe Restoration Project – Mary Ellen

a. Update – going to whitewash the inside; should be back in by May. Looking for volunteers to do the work.

2. Historic Sites Markers – Margy, Bob and Steph

a. Update – Margy is continuing to do research and will continue this effort through the 1930's to cover the earthquake and the rebuilding.

b. Flyer - No update to the flyer since the last meeting; need to send an updated copy to Margy for her review.

3. Signs in Fairview Park

Update- verbiage for the Introduction sign was approved by the Fairview Park Administrator Robert Staples

4. Activity Book –Bob

a. Update – Bob is meeting a member of the Cultural Arts Committee who may do the artwork or may find a student at the Arts Institute. Bob is providing the text.

5. Indian Village – Dave & Stephanie

a. Update – Stephanie reported that a youth theater group may be involved. She will have an updated report in May.

b. We have agreed that we can't do Styrofoam. There was a discussion about using dome tents with hula skirts but it would be preferable to use the theater group.

6. Online History of Street Names and Plaque Inventory – Stephanie, Patti & John

a. Update - this item is being tabled pending meeting with the Planning Department.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Military Airplane Crashes Plaques – No update but will leave on the agenda for another month. John Connell had wanted this as a remembrance; however he is now deceased; unclear if this project can go any further.
- B. New Projects Discussion –  
Jeff talked about putting historical photographs with captions in community buildings such as NCC. Lisa will add this item for next month's agenda. Dave and Bob also volunteered to be part of this project.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

- A. There will be a book signing on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Historical Society for the book "Early Costa Mesa."
- B. Mary Ellen raised the second phase of the historical markers; Margy prefers to hold off until the first phase is done.

**8. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 5:30pm located at City Hall Conference Room 1A

Respectfully submitted,  
Steph Campbell