

**CITY OF COSTA MESA  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

*Thursday, June 9, 2005*

**PRESENT:**

Dave Gardner, Chairperson  
John McQueen, Vice-chairperson  
Mary Ellen Goddard, committee member  
Patti Bass, committee member  
Kathleen Eric, committee member  
Margaret Johnston, committee member  
Gennaro Calabrese, alternate committee member (new)  
Darin Tietgen, committee member (new)

**COUNCIL LIAISON:**

Eric Bever

**STAFF:**

Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager, City of Costa Mesa

**ABSENT:**

John Anderson, committee member  
Bob Wakeham, committee member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Dave Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes of meeting of May 12, 2005 was made by Mary Ellen Goddard, seconded by Dave Gardner. Motion was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Subcommittee Reports:**

**1. Costa Mesa History Speakers Bureau**

Kathleen Eric reported that she has been unable to schedule a meeting with Dave Gardner, but they will do so in the next two weeks.

**2. Brochure of Historical Buildings of Costa Mesa**

Jana Ransom distributed a final version of the Historic Buildings brochure. She also distributed an outline of various cost scenarios for printing the piece to the committee. These scenarios covered full color and black & white versions of the brochure. After committee discussion, Margy Johnston made a motion to allocate up to \$4,000 for the printing of to the piece in four color, which will result in approximately 10,000 pieces. Patti Bass seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Jana Ransom said that she would facilitate the production right away.

### **3. National Registry Efforts**

Margy Johnston reported no new action on this item.

### **4. Story of Costa Mesa**

Mary Ellen Goddard reported that she has begun reviewing the draft version of the new Story of Costa Mesa book and will have her comments for the next meeting. She will also provide responses to question list submitted by John McQueen with the draft.

## **B. “Huscroft House” funds disposition**

Jana Ransom reported that the City Council allocated \$120,000 of the funds to repair of the Estancia adobe, with another \$30,000 held in reserve should additional funds be needed after the repair estimate is complete.

Mary Ellen Goddard reported that she has met with John Loomis, a consultant, about the repair project. Mr. Loomis has since submitted an action plan for the project, which includes the solicitation of repair estimates from qualified contractors who specialize in the repair of structures such as the adobe.

## **C. Mills Act information**

Jana reported that she has attempted to meet with members of the planning department to investigate the establishment of an historic building policy in Costa Mesa under the Mills Act. Though she was not able to schedule a meeting in the past month, she will meet with the planning department in the coming month and will report back at the July committee meeting on this subject.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Paularino Park Plaque**

Jana Ransom reported on the current situation regarding Timothy Miguel’s request for the placement of some kind of memorial in Paularino Park to Eduardo Polloreno, as well as his request to change the spelling of the park to “Poyorena,” which he claims is the correct spelling. Mr. Miguel claims to be a descendent of Eduardo Polloreno.

Jana had sent a written response to Mr. Miguel on January 27, 2005, in which she outlined what options might be available to him that would address his request.

Mary Ellen Goddard reported that she had met with Mr. Miguel at the Costa Mesa Historical Society and provided him with background information on Eduardo Polloreno.

The committee discussed the issue and supports the position outlined by Jana Ransom in the January 27 letter.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- A. Mary Ellen Goddard reported that the City Council has agreed to set aside Civic Center Park as a potential library site. Mary Ellen also said that the Friends of the Library is hosting an event on June 28 at the Mesa Verde Country Club that may be of interest to the committee members.
- B. Dave Gardner suggested putting on the July committee meeting agenda a brainstorming session to develop a list of possible future projects for the committee.
- C. Mary Ellen Goddard reported that the Historical Society needs volunteers to work in the Society's booth at the upcoming Orange County Fair.

**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

- A. Councilman Bever expressed his thanks and appreciation for the support of the committee during recent city council discussions on the disposition of the Huscroft House Funds.
- B. Jana Ransom reported that the California legislature is considering a bill that would provide funding for historic and cultural projects. If this passes, Costa Mesa will submit grant proposals for projects including the construction of a Cultural Arts/Historical Society center in Fairview Park.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dave Gardner adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Costa Mesa City Hall Conference Room 3A, Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 5:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by: John A. McQueen*