

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

Thursday, April 14, 2005

PRESENT:

Dave Gardner, Chairperson
John McQueen, Vice-chairperson
Mary Ellen Goddard, Committee member
Margaret Johnston, Committee member
Bob Wakeham, Committee member

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Eric Bever, Council member (absent)

STAFF:

Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager
Also, guest Steve Mandoki, Administrative Services Director

ABSENT:

Kathleen Eric, Committee member (excused)
John Anderson, Committee member
Patti Bass, Committee member

CALL TO ORDER:

Dave Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of February 10, 2005 meeting were amended to reflect that the contact for OC Register is Brian Martinez and the contact for the Daily Pilot is Elia Powers (page two). Mary Ellen Goddard moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Margy Johnson seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes as changed and the motion was so carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Costa Mesa History Speakers Bureau

No new report.

2. Brochure of Historical Buildings of Costa Mesa

Jana Ransom asked committee members to review draft one final time and she will ask that an initial production of 1,500 be made. She hopes to have them ready for distribution in May.

3. National Registry Efforts

Margy Johnston recommended that the committee no longer pursue this issue with the Church. Committee will look into ownership of the Station Masters House on Newport Blvd. and will see if they have an interest in getting listed on the Registry.

4. Story of Costa Mesa

John McQueen reported that the story is nearly completed through 1980 but he would like some assistance with the past 25 years. Mary Ellen Goddard indicated that she would assist. John will try to get copies for distribution to full committee for the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request for City participation in Historical Preservation legislation

Mary Ellen Goddard presented a request to the committee from John Morehart (owner of the "Huscroft House") asking for the City to support the Mills Act, a property tax abatement program. Jana will look into what the process would be and will get back to the Committee.

B. Adobe Repairs

Mary Ellen reported that maintenance had done several repairs to the Adobe. Dave Gardner mentioned that he will be meeting with Maintenance Manager from the City to discuss doing an informational sign/kiosk out front. Mary Ellen was requested to see if she could get moiré information or a quote for how much repairs to the Adobe would run.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

- A. Dave Gardner asked Jana to provide an update on the "Huscroft House" funds. Jana indicated that the Segerstrom's, who have some say over the use of the \$200,000 had brought forward some concerns about using a portion of the funds for the Veteran's Memorial due to it being planned for placement on private property. City staff have prepared a report for City Council and have included the Committee's recommendations to use the funds for Adobe repairs and to provide for items needed by the Historical Society, as well as develop a concept plan for Fairview "hub". This was going to be on the agenda for Tuesday, April 19 but the Segerstrom's have requested that this item be continued to the May 3 meeting. Jana requested that the

Committee have someone attend the meeting to represent the Committee's interests.

- B. Mary Ellen Goddard mentioned that the Santa Ana Army Airbase was holding a reunion on April 30.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Dave Gardner adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Costa Mesa City Hall Conference Room 3A, Thursday, May 12, 2005 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Bob Wakeham