

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

Thursday, March 10, 2005

PRESENT:

Dave Gardner, Chairperson
John McQueen, Vice-chairperson
Mary Ellen Goddard, Committee member
Patti Bass, Committee member
John Anderson, Committee member
Patti Bass, Committee member
Kathleen Eric, Committee member

STAFF:

Ruth Raheb, Recreation Supervisor for Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager

ABSENT:

Ed Bever, Council member
Margaret Johnston, Committee member
Bob Wakeham, Committee member

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of February 10, 2005 meeting were amended to reflect that the written request for greater recognition of Eduardo Polloreno's role in Costa Mesa's history was made by Mr. Timothy Miguel of Glendale, California. Motion to approve amended minutes of meeting of February 10, 2005, made by Patti Bass and seconded by Mary Ellen Goddard. 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

Kathleen Eric recommended proceeding with a speaking engagement as soon as possible to the Costa Mesa Senior Center to kick-start the program. Mary Ellen Goddard recommended contacting the OC register and Daily Pilot to make sure the event

was promoted. She named Elia Powers at the contact at the OC Register and Brian Martinez at the Daily Pilot. John McQueen said that he would forward a copy of the previously written program press release to Kathleen for distribution to the appropriate media sources.

Kathleen also suggested having a photo album or other media presentation available to augment the speaker. The media would include historic photos of Costa Mesa that illustrate topics covered by the speaker. Dave Gardner offered to coordinate this with Kathleen.

2. Brochure of Historical Buildings of Costa Mesa

John Anderson recommended that most of changes suggested by John McQueen at the last meeting be adopted, with a number of exceptions that he identified. The entire committee then went through the entire set of recommended changes and decided item by item what changes (if any) would be made. Mary Ellen Goddard had a number of specific changes related to historical accuracy and submitted completely re-written copy for the entry concerning the Diego Sepulveda Adobe. The finalized changes would be forwarded to Jana and incorporated into the brochure.

3. National Registry Efforts

Margy Johnston, though unable to attend the meeting, called Jana earlier and reported that she had made numerous attempts to contact the First United Methodist Church about the registry issue but was unable to make contact with the minister. In previous conversations the Church officials had expressed a serious reluctance to pursue registry, and in light of their lack of response to the latest inquiries Margy recommended that the committee no longer pursue this issue with the Church.

4. Story of Costa Mesa

John McQueen reported no new activity on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. No new business

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

- A. Dave Gardner asked if anyone on the committee knew a Lee from the City of Costa Mesa. Dave reported that he met Lee at a recent event held at the Adobe and Lee mentioned to John that he noticed many of the structural problems facing the Adobe and agreed that some

restoration work is essential. Dave said that he wanted the committee to be aware of the situation at the Adobe for possible future action.

- B. Kathleen Eric mentioned that she had recently attended the premier of the eponymous documentary film about Lonnie Frisbee, who was an important figure in the rise to national prominence of Costa Mesa's Calvary Chapel in the early 1970's. She reported that the film would be shown at the 2005 Newport beach Film Festival, and recommended that interested committee members should see it.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Ruth Raheb (sitting in for Jana Ransom) reported that the disposition of the Huscroft House funds had significantly changed recently. The planned Veteran's Memorial, to which \$135,000 of the \$200,000 fund had been allocated had reached a setback in that the Memorial was planned to be built on private property, a condition that made it ineligible for the funds. The Segerstrom Foundation had expressed concerns about the location, and a staff report is scheduled to be presented to the City Council on April 19 that will recommend to the Council that all or most of the entire Huscroft House Funds be reallocated to projects presented earlier by the Historical Preservation and Cultural Arts Committees, including "seed money" for the multi-use building planned for Fairview Park, repairs to the Diego Sepulveda Adobe and/or the Historical Society. The staff report also recommends using some of the funds to develop plans for the Fairview Park "hub" multi-use building.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dave Gardner adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

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

Respectfully submitted by: John A. McQueen