CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 19, 2004

PRESENT:

Dave Gardner, Chairperson
Mary Ellen Goddard, Committee member
Patti Bass, Committee member
John McQueen, Committee member
Bob Wakeham, Committee member
Kathleen Eric, Committee member

STAFF:

Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Chris Steel, Council member

ABSENT:

Margy Johnson, Committee member (excused)
John Anderson, Committee member
Bill Orton, Committee member

CALL TO ORDER:

Dave Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Correction to minutes of November 18, page two, Item B Costa Mesa History Speakers Bureau: Leonard Hill should be Leonard **Hall**.
Motion to approve minutes of meeting of November 18, 2004 as corrected, made by Goddard and seconded by Bass. All were in favor of approving the minutes and the motion was so carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Huscroft Fund Allocation recommendations **Jana Ransom**

1. Jana Ransom reviewed Council's charge to the HPC and CAC: of the approximately $200,000 that was given to the City of Costa Mesa, $135,000 was given to the Veteran's Memorial project. The Council wishes to receive the recommendations of the HPC and CAC for how best to use the remaining $65,000. Committee discussed the following possibilities:

1. Use as match for grant application (Goddard) – cited "Saving America's treasures" grant which requires a 1:1 match and deadline to apply is February 1, 2005. Jana noted that there are a couple of other opportunities out there that City has inquired about and appears to be well positioned for. Jana also pointed out that the Committee's remaining Signs of Support money could also be dedicated to this purpose.
2. Provide funding to Historical Society for needed equipment and Adobe for restoration (Goddard/McQueen). $10-15,000 is needed to create a "clipping file". Historical Society also needs Microfilm machine, shelves, book carts and a computer server. The restoration of the Adobe cost is estimated to run $80,000.
3. Develop and install a recognition piece at Fairview Park for the area's "first people" (McQueen).
4. Develop and install a recognition piece Airfield History (Gardner)
5. Develop and install recognition pieces of significant Costa mesa events and things at/near the locations of same (all), develop supporting brochure.
6. Commission several murals depicting Costa Mesa history around the City.

B. **Subcommittee Reports** – no new reports
   1. **National or State Historic Registry** — **Margy Johnston**
   2. **Historical Map of Buildings with Facts about Sites** — **John Anderson**

C. **Costa Mesa History "Speakers Bureau"** — **Kathleen Eric**
   No new report

D. **Historic Society's "Story of Costa Mesa"** — **Mary Ellen Goddard**
   No new report

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mary Ellen Goddard provided HOPC with information about OC Histroy book available for $20.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dave Gardner adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Costa Mesa City Hall Conference Room 3A, Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jana Ransom