

CITY OF COSTA MESA  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes for Thursday, January 8, 2015

PRESENT: Dave Gardner, Margaret Johnston, Christopher Ganiere, Melinda Lowery, Karen McKenna-Juergens, Mary Ellen Goddard, Terry Shaw and Alternates: John McQueen & George Nakai

ABSENT: Gary Parkin

STAFF PRESENT: Travis Karlen, Justin Martin

COUNCIL MEMBER: N/A

**CALL TO ORDER**

Christopher Ganiere called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF** November 13, 2014 and December 11, 2014 minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from November 13<sup>th</sup> was made by Terry Shaw; seconded by Mary Ellen Goddard; passed unanimously with discussed corrections.

A motion to approve the minutes from December 11<sup>th</sup> was made by Mary Ellen Goddard; seconded by Terry Shaw; passed unanimously with discussed corrections.

A punctuation correction in staff comments was noted as a change to the November 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. The December 11<sup>th</sup> minutes include changes to: a correction of past date that falls under identifying notable residents; updating the reporting status under “then and now buildings; including additional details under committee member Terry Shaw’s comments to include information on an Historical Society Installation Dinner with Phil Brigandi as the speaker, scheduled for January 16, 2015; and a punctuation correction in staff comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Historical Site Markers
  - Margy mentioned that research is still ongoing and that there would be further update at the February meeting.
2. Old Newspaper Clipping Project
  - Melinda mentioned that while researching, she encountered several name changes/updates to publications and we should be sure to include them all on the website: Costa Mesa Herald, Costa Mesa Globe, Globe-Herald, OC Daily Pilot, and Daily Pilot. The phrase “Researching the History of Costa Mesa” should be used.
3. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents
  - A meeting with City Staff was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2014 to discuss how to put the information on the website. Layout and design ideas were discussed with the webmaster. It was mentioned that it made sense to get a back-log of submissions so that there would be an adequate amount to pull from in the future. The verbiage “posted for the public’s information and amusement” is a phrase that the group would like to be added to the webpage once finalized. Staff can make postings to the webpage as needed. The public will be encouraged to make nominations and to include a non-copyrighted photograph. There was discussion about whether or not to include a photo on the website and the committee agreed on the important/lasting impact a photo can make when included in a historical setting.
4. Discuss “Then and Now Buildings”
  - No New Updates to Report
5. Mills Act Review
  - The group briefly talked the goal being to reach out to residents and inform them of the Mills Act and how they may benefit from it. There will be a sub-committee that will consist of Melinda Lowery, Mary Ellen Goddard and Karen McKenna-Juergens. The group discussed the necessity to make the city website more easily accessible to find the links and pages related to the department and to the committee.
6. New Project Ideas
  - The grouped talked about the potential future project of the redevelopment of the Library and the Neighborhood Community Center. If the project is approved the committee would like to be involved in an historical/art related capacity. The idea of a “wall of notable residents” was mentioned as a possible idea.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. John McQueen will reach out to local museum contacts to see if he is able to locate the whereabouts of the Fairfax Park Indian Artifacts. The group believes they are in a local museum archive.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Terry Shaw mentioned the upcoming February 15<sup>th</sup> Historical Society events featuring Jan Harzan.
- Christopher Ganiere mentioned his involvement with a national scouting organization and that his son will be looking for an Eagle Scout project.
- George Nakai mentioned that his travels took him to the North East (New York, Baltimore, Virginia) and he was able to view a collection of historical art including a wall of notable locals in the Baltimore Harbor area and sidewalk plaques in Norfolk, VA.

## **COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

- Travis Karlen – Welcomed Justin Martin, new Recreation Supervisor and new committee liaison. Spoke briefly on the January 20<sup>th</sup> vote to approve an architect for the redevelopment design of the Library and the possibility of the committee taking on a project in the future if plans move forward. Mentioned that Pam Crenshaw has resigned from the committee and that new members would be appointed in April. There will also be a new City Council liaison assigned to the committee. Mentioned that Arts in the Park would be taking a hiatus in 2015 and a new Fall Signature event would be happening in fall 2015.
- Justin Martin – Introduced himself and spoke about background and experience. Thanked the committee for their work and expressed excitement about working with the group.
- Signs of Support – **-\$24,844.20** is available in signs of support funds

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room.