

CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes for Thursday, August 13, 2015

PRESENT: Mary Ellen Goddard, Margaret Johnston, Terry Shaw, Dave Gardner, Gary Parkin, Christopher Ganiere, Karen McKenna-Juergens and alternates George Nakai and Matthew Fletcher

ABSENT: Melinda Lowery, and John McQueen

STAFF PRESENT: Justin Martin

COUNCIL MEMBER: Sandra Genis

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF July 9, 2015 meeting minutes

Mary Ellen Goddard made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Terry Shaw seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Old Newspaper Clipping Project
 - Mary Ellen spoke about the clippings that she intended to bring to the meeting, but ultimately forgot. She will plan to bring back in September for an update.
2. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents
 - Six new candidates were spoken about by Gary:
 1. Sarah Conant
 2. Robert Bob Wilson

3. Jacob Shiffer
4. Dan Quisenberry
5. Sharon Day Moore
6. Rollo McClellan

- Karen spoke about continuing to keep submitting additional names for the future of this ongoing project. Mary Ellen made mention of Donald Dungan as a potential notable person. Some additional names will come from the list of Historical Sites that were discussed at prior meetings.

3. Then and Now Historical Site Buildings

- Mary Ellen spoke about her top six choices for Historical Site Markers. In addition, Margy also gave her opinion on the six she would like to see selected. The group agreed on the following choices:
 1. Hi Way Garage
 2. Red & White Grocery Store
 3. Friday Afternoon Club Clubhouse
 4. Costa Mesa Methodist Episcopal Church
 5. Costa Mesa Fire Station
 6. Costa Mesa Grammar School

- Chris motioned to move forward with the six selected choices. Margy seconded; passed unanimously.

4. Mills Act Review

- The group reviewed the proposed webpage design and discussed necessary changes. Staff will simplify the necessary steps process to make it clearer.
- The group also discussed putting an article in the paper in the future. In addition, they will vote on the approval of the final page at next month's meeting.
- Matthew spoke about the fact that the Mills Act contract carries over from a home seller to the new buyer/owner.

5. Costa Mesa Artifacts Research

- No updates at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Gary spoke about his experience at the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Event.
2. George inquired if all states have something similar to the Mills Act.
3. Terry spoke about the Historical Society events on August 16 on Scarecrows, and the September 20th event - 50th Birthday Kick-off event.

4. Chris spoke about missing the last meeting because he was visiting a NASA site at an Air Force base.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- Justin spoke about the steady progress the group made at this meeting and that they should be sure to visit the Fair before it ends.
- Council member Genis spoke about being interested in the Bowers Museum Research the committee is doing. She also spoke about the rich history in Mesa Verde and the relation to it being called Adams Acres in the past.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.