

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes for Thursday, November 12, 2015

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

ABSENT: Melinda Lowery, John McQueen, Gary Parkin

STAFF PRESENT: Ashley Ocasio

COUNCIL MEMBER: Sandra Genis (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Ganiere called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF October 8, 2015 meeting minutes

Mary Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Gary seconded the motion, Terry abstained; motion was passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Old Newspaper Clipping Project
 - No updates were provided.
2. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents
 - Karen made mention of emailing photos to staff, but she will double check. She expressed that she was having difficulties finding one particular photo. The group requested to view the mock-up prior to it being placed on the website. They also discussed how long the project should be posted on the web; the initial suggestion was two months.
3. Then and Now Historical Site Buildings
 - Staff discussed the requisition of the historical markers & where they are in the purchasing process. More information should be available by next month's meeting.

4. Mills Act
 - Mary Ellen spoke to the group and agrees that it is essential to create a list of homes that may qualify. With the list, the group can then research/drive by identified homes to ensure that the home still exist and that the home's historical condition is visible. The group believes in the past the city provided them a list and they requested for staff to look into obtaining that list once again.

5. Costa Mesa Artifacts Research
 - Assigned staff not present, no updates.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Goal Establishment
 - The group agreed that the 2015 goals will transition into the accomplishment for 2015.
 - The group found a spelling error on the City's website on goal #7 and requested that staff fix the spelling of "Costa Mesa".
 - Chairman facilitated the brainstorming session on potential 2016 goals. Dave listed an array of suggestions to the group including: SAAAB, fire and police dept. histories, early farmers, Fairview/Harper/Paularino, Fairview Park, City Parks, traveling exhibit, coloring book, Story of Costa .
 - Matthew suggested a focus on Westside's industrial and boating history, including documenting historical buildings and former businesses.
 - Continue artifact display efforts with Bowers Museum.
 - A cap of 18 goals was discussed for the 2016 year.
- 2: December Meeting
 - Meeting will consist solely on setting goals for 2016.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mary Ellen spoke on the Scarecrow Festival and expressed positive feedback and requested that the Historical Preservation Committee be more involved in the future, since the event is modeling historical preservation.
- Terry announced a lecture at the CMHS: Bob Davis from the Freedom Committee, speaking at 2pm on Nov. 15.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- Staff encouraged the committee to attend the Cultural Arts Committee's event, ARTventure & then also wished them a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

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