

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes for Thursday, December 10, 2015

PRESENT: Mary Ellen Goddard, Dave Gardner, Margaret Johnston, Christopher Ganiere, Matthew Fletcher, John McQueen, Gary Parkin and Terry Shaw

ABSENT: Melinda Lowery, Karen McKenna-Juergens, and alternate George Nakai

STAFF PRESENT: Justin Martin

COUNCIL MEMBER: Sandra Genis

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Ganiere called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF November 12, 2015 meeting minutes

Gary Parkin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mary Ellen Goddard seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Newport Harbor High School student was in attendance for his American Democracy class. He sat at the table with the committee to get the true civic experience.

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Current Project Goals

- Historical Markers: Complete the second half of phase II (6 markers) and proceed to phase III (10 markers); possibly including former City Hall locations as an add-on.
- Notable Residents: Nominate and research four (4) new notables.
- Then & Now Historical Buildings: Add “then and now” photos to the City’s website and use innovative technology to overlay the photos if possible.
- Mills Act: Identify, evaluate and verify twenty historical buildings for possible qualification for the Mills Act.
- Bowers Museum: Explore the viability of using the City’s archaeological resources to gain exposure for Costa Mesa artifacts on loan, and look into possible display options and locations.

2. Future Projects

- Become more involved with community events, offering both, personnel and financial assistance.
- Update “The Story of Costa Mesa” from its 2006 version, utilizing the past decade. The publication print amount will be determined at a later date.
- Work with the Cultural Arts Committee to implement a piece of historical, public art in 2016, such as the utility box project and/or a mural.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Margy has a list of historical sites on the list that are within the city.
- Mary Ellen spoke about the aforementioned historical sites list and said she will provide more at the next meeting.
- Terry announced the Historical Society installation dinner event coming up in January. Tickets are only available via pre-sale.
- John mentioned that the Auto Club’s 115th anniversary is on Friday, 12/11. He attended the Petersen Automobile Museum grand opening and was amazed by its improvements.
- Matthew would like to highlight the industrial history of the Westside of Costa Mesa.
- Mary Ellen spoke in agreeance with Matthew about the large amount of industries that started on the Westside.
- Chris mentioned that the Honor Camping Society of Boy Scouts turned 100 years old and showed his original ID card from the early 1980s.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- Council member Genis spoke about being interested in the Westside industrial project idea.
- Staff mentioned the success of the ARTventure weekend with over 1500 people in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.