

CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Minutes for Thursday, July 13, 2017

PRESENT: Dave Gardner, Christopher Ganiere, Gary Parkin, Mary Ellen Goddard, Kristyn Kohut, and Joshua Hutchinson

ABSENT: Dave Goodman, John McQueen, and Karen McKenna-Juergens

STAFF PRESENT: Ashley Ocasio

COUNCIL MEMBER: Allan Mansoor (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Parkin called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF June 8, 2017 meeting minutes.

A potential correction was discussed, but the Committee agreed it was unnecessary. Dave Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Utility Box Art Project

- Chris reviewed the box in person and reports that it looks great. The wrap should last about 2 years.
- Staff reported that payment was made to the Cultural Art Committee.
- The subcommittee will look for 3-5 possible boxes for the next wrap project and report back at the next meeting. Staff advises that the most likely boxes (*i.e.* the boxes owned by the City) are north of the 55, away from the freeway, and near a signal light.

2. Costa Mesa Artifact Research

- Chris circulated a draft letter from the Committee to the archeology consultants seeking a written report of their findings. The Committee reviewed and approved the letter. It will be sent out before the next meeting.

3. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents

- Gary reported that the subcommittee is still seeking new residents to add to the list. They will have an update next meeting.

4. Then & Now Historical Buildings

- Kristyn reported that the subcommittee was circulating drafts of the form letter to specific businesses. They now had the correct list of businesses for the letters and will complete the remaining drafts before the next meeting.
- Josh was added to the subcommittee.

5. Mills Act

- Staff reported that the Mills Act ad was back in the City guide. HPC can look at other option to inform the public about this Act.
- Mary Ellen reported that a local realtor and former Committee member is interested in promoting awareness about the Act, particularly when people are buying and selling homes.

6. The Story of Costa Mesa

- Dave Gardner reported that 10 years ago 5,000 copies of the Story were printed for \$1 per copy. This cost was split between HPC and the school district. The Story won a State award and trophy. The City does not have any more copies. David got bids to re-print the Story, so Dave asked whether the Committee would like to do a re-print and whether the school district could be enlisted to support the re-print.
- Mary Ellen has a connection in the schools who may be using the Story to teach students. She will investigate to determine whether there is interest in the school district and report back at the next meeting.
- Josh was added to the subcommittee.

7. Recognize CM Businesses (50+ years old)

- Dave Gardner is compiling a list of qualifying businesses. He will complete that list and report back at the next meeting. Gary reported that Karen visited Duffy Electric Boat Company and found that the business would qualify.
- Staff recommended that the subcommittee determine what recognition will be afforded qualifying businesses – *i.e.* council recognition, certificate, medallion, plaque, etc. The subcommittee will work on pricing out plaques.
- Dave Gardner was added to the subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Chris recommended that HPC track and update the list of successful projects.
- Chris asked whether the Historical Society could use Boy Scout volunteers. Mary Ellen responded yes for data entry and cleaning.
- Kristyn noted that the concerts in Fairview Park had commenced for July.
- Mary Ellen provided an update on the Scarecrow Festival.
- Gary reported that he had undergone a successful eye operation and no longer required reading glasses.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned by Gary at 6:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.