

CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Minutes for Thursday, January 11, 2018

PRESENT: Dave Gardner, Gary Parkin, Mary Ellen Goddard, Kristyn Kohut, Joshua Hutchinson, Karen McKenna-Juergens, and John McQueen

ABSENT: Dave Goodman and Christopher Ganiere

STAFF PRESENT: Ashley Ocasio

COUNCIL MEMBER: Allan Mansoor (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Parkin called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

APPROVAL OF December 2017 meeting minutes is deferred to the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Art Goddard spoke about the last City Council meeting, during which several former City officials were discussed, with whom many meeting attendees were not familiar. Mr. Goddard suggested that HPC compile a list of City parks and buildings named after people and explain the significance of those individuals. Dave Gardner noted that HPC had previously compiled a list of City parks, which could be used for this project. Staff will look for the list. The project will be added to New Business at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Utility Box Art Project

- Mary Ellen reported that the wrap has not yet been completed, but HPC has paid the Historical Preservation Society for use of the photograph.

2. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents

- Karen reported that HPC has a working list that simply needs to be updated. Dave Gardner has names, and other members agreed to search for new additions.

3. Then & Now Historical Buildings

- Josh reported that the plaques were due to be placed the previous week, but were postponed due to rain. Staff will notify committee members of new plaque installation dates, so they can hopefully attend.
- Staff reported that the City sent the letters to business owners and received no responses.

4. Recognize CM Businesses (50+ years old)

- Mary Ellen will circulate the oral history questions for use in interviewing the five businesses selected for recognition.
- Josh is preparing a letter to the businesses, which will include information about the award and an interview request.
- Staff will have the Council sign the certificates, then HPC can schedule dates for the interview/award ceremony at each of the businesses. The dates will also be announced on HPC's social media.
- Staff will also inquire about using the City's video production team to record the events.

5. Social Media

- Josh reported that the subcommittee did not have the opportunity to meet.
- Staff suggested pulling content from the website and posting it on the HPC Facebook page; for example, the notable residents. The subcommittee can approve website posting without full committee review. Original/new content would be subject to full review.

6. Historical Artifact Displays

- Staff reported that the City would like a proposal for an HPC display case as soon as possible with as much detail as possible, including funding, cost, partners, climate control, electricity, who will run, who will notate, etc.
- The Committee discussed whether funding could be obtained from the Orange County Historical Preservation Committee, but that funding is only available for plaques.
- John resigned from the subcommittee; Mary Ellen and Josh were added to the subcommittee. They will pull together a proposal to review at the next meeting, which will then be submitted to the City in mid-February.

7. Committee Goals for 2018

- Staff reported that the goals will be posted on the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mary Ellen shared a handout for an upcoming Historical Society dinner event.
- Josh discussed the potentially outdated signs in Fairview Park. Josh or Kristyn will photograph the signs for review at the next meeting.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned by Gary at 6:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.