

**CITY OF COSTA MESA**  
**HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
*Minutes for Thursday, May 8, 2008*

**PRESENT:** Dave Gardner, Patti Bass, Chris Bunyan, Stephanie Love Callen, Steph Campbell, Linda Feffer, Mary Ellen Goddard, Margaret Johnston, Jeff Mathews, Bob Wakeham

**ABSENT:** Council Member Leece, Tyler Hilbert, John McQueen, Jana Ransom

**COUNCIL/STAFF:** Lisa McPherson

**GUESTS:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dave Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 10, 2008 was made by Bob and seconded by Linda; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**1. Historic Murals Project**

Dave informed the committee that Jean Geroo called Peggy Gardner to discuss the project. Peggy mailed artist Janeellen Walker a picture of the mural. Lisa discussed her conversation with Janeellen Walker about getting artist volunteers to help with the project and/or supervise the children. Peggy Gardner has agreed to donate her \$3,000 fee back to the City.

**2. Estancia Adobe Restoration Project**

Lisa has attempted to make contact with architect Doug Pearl but so far it has been unsuccessful. Mary Ellen feels that since we did not receive the grant from the state to match our funds, we will be unsuccessful in obtaining an architect. Margy suggested that we expand our search out of the area for another historical architect who has worked with Adobe's. Stephanie Love Callen and Jeff offered to send out the scope of work to others and see if we can get someone else.

**3. Historic Site Markers**

Margy provided a list of the markers showing the first date and late date. Margy feels it would be better to have a single date (the first date) on the markers and expand information within the pamphlets. Construction will in July. Several designs were distributed and each member of the Committee voted on their preferences. Patti suggested that both the Committee and the Historical Society should be on the plaque. It was agreed that next month we should start thinking about the pamphlets that provide

information about each marker. There will also be a dedication for the Markers. Margy made a motion that the “plaques should be 12” round, raised letters, state “Historical Preservation, City of Costa Mesa and logo, name of business and date, the font will be determined at the June 12 meeting” Seconded by Bob Wakeham, Motion passed unanimously. After further discussion it was realized that the logo includes the wording “Costa Mesa” so the choice of design needs to be re-reviewed. Margy made a revised motion which proposed “a solid border, circular 12”, Costa Mesa Historical Site on the top, the city logo on the bottom, the name of the business and the date under the business name in the center with the font will be determined at the June 12 meeting,” Patti seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. First People**

Jana and David will be scheduling a date to take a tour of other Cities park signage

#### **5. Activity Book**

Tabled until June 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business:**

None

#### **Committee Member Comments:**

Mary Ellen Goddard announced the annual open house on May 18 of the Historical Society with a speaker at 2:00 pm on the effect of WW II on the population. Speaker is Barbara Phillips; her family has been in the area since the 1870s.

Dave Gardner discussed the Speaker’s Bureau.

Bob Wakeham commended Margy’s hard work on the Historical Sites Markers project,

#### **Council/Staff Comments:**

The budget hearing for the Study Session will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. The budget books all have pictures from “The Story of Costa Mesa.” The Committee is in the budget for \$20,000.

#### **Adjournment:**

Dave Gardner adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 5:30pm located at City Hall Conference Room 1A

Respectfully submitted by:  
Stephanie Campbell