

**CITY OF COSTA MESA  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

*Thursday, January 12, 2006*

**PRESENT:**

Dave Gardner, Chairperson  
John McQueen, Vice-chairperson  
Mary Ellen Goddard, committee member  
Kathleen Eric, committee member  
Bob Wakeham, committee member  
Darin Tietgen, committee member

**COUNCIL:**

Eric Bever, Mayor Pro Tem

**STAFF:**

Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager, City of Costa Mesa

**ABSENT:**

Patti Bass, committee member  
Margaret Johnston, committee member  
John Anderson, committee member  
Gennaro Calabrese, committee member (alternate)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Dave Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes of meeting of December 8, 2005 was made by Dave Gardner, seconded by Bob Wakeham. Motion was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Subcommittee Reports:**

**1. Costa Mesa History Speakers Bureau**

Dave Gardner (DG) reported no activity on web site sign-up for Speakers Bureau. Jana Ransom (JR) reported that a letter was sent out in mid-December to area community groups promoting the availability of the Speakers Bureau, but there has been no response to date.

## **2. Story of Costa Mesa**

John McQueen (JM) reported that the City of Costa Mesa graphics department has produced a mock-up publication using the text he provided to them in December 2005. The mock-up was shown to the committee: 8 ½" x 11" color front/back cover with 2-color inside. The mock-up was about 30 pages, but did not contain any photographs as these have yet to be selected by Mary Ellen Goddard (MEG). The final piece will be about 60 pages once photos are selected. Also, JM shared preliminary pricing information with the group for the printing of the piece. JR had gotten an estimate from the City printing services based on several different runs.

MEG said that the Historic Society may have some funds to contribute to this project that were left over from a grant from the Disney CO. She felt that this project might fall within the parameters of the grant. She was going to investigate this more and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

The concept of the committee soliciting sponsors to cover some or all of the costs of printing the Story of Costa Mesa again came up, but it was determined that the committee should first design a sponsorship "package" that explains the project and what a sponsor would receive for participating. JM will draw up a draft sponsorship package for discussion at the next meeting.

## **3. Historic Murals Project**

Kathleen Eric (KE) reported that she had done an informal survey of potential mural locations within the city. JM asked if there was a comprehensive list of possible mural sites. JR suggested issuing a press release asking the public for input. KE said that she would work on compiling a list of possible mural sites, and will write the press release. JR will check with Costa Mesa Planning Department to ascertain relevant regulations.

## **4. Historic Preservation Incentives**

JR will talk to Kim Brandt (Senior Planner with City of Costa Mesa) to set up a meeting to discuss this issue.

## **5. Estancia Adobe Restoration Project**

MEG reported that she has taken photos of the areas of the adobe that are in need of repair. JR said that this project has not been given a high priority by the public services department, so little has been done to advance the project forward at this time.

In response to a question from MEG, JR said that she will look into the process of getting the adobe designated an "historic structure" with the State of California. Such a designation would allow for some significant cost savings on the repairs required on the adobe.

#### **6. Historic Recognitions**

DG reported that he has spoken to the Archeological Society to get information about the areas "first people."

Councilman Bever reported that he has asked the city Public Works Department to put together a cost estimate of making and installing historic markers. JR will ask the city graphics department to develop a treatment of what the historic site markers might look like.

Darin Tietgen (DT) said that the city of Temecula place historic site markers around their city and that he would talk to them to get an idea of what they do and the cost.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

MEG reported that the Historical Society installation of officers is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Captain's Table (OCC), and is open to anyone to attend.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- A. JR reported that the City Council has received copies of the Historic Building's brochure, so they are now officially available to the public.
- B. JR will contact committee alternate Gennaro Calabrese to determine if has any interest in remaining on the committee. He has attended only one meeting since joining the committee (June 2005).

#### **COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

- A. Starting with the February, 2006 meeting, future Historical Preservation Committee meetings will take place in Conference Room 1A.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Dave Gardner adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Costa Mesa City Hall Conference Room 1A, Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 5:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by: John A. McQueen*