

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes for Thursday, April 14, 2011

PRESENT: Dave Gardner, Melinda Lowery, Christian L Olson , Jeff Mathews, Margie Johnston , John McQueen, Bob Wakeham, Mary Ellen Goddard and Christopher Ganiere

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL/STAFF: Lisa McPherson; Council Member Bever absent

CALL TO ORDER

Dave called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF January 13, 2011 minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Ellen and seconded by Melinda; passed unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Hector Garcia is interested in becoming a member and wanted to know more about the committee.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Sponsorship Pamphlet

- Lisa and Christopher attended the March 29 Community Foundation Meeting. The Sponsorship pamphlet was approved with minor revisions. The Committee reviewed the revisions and Mary Ellen made a motion to approve the pamphlet, seconded by Melinda unanimously approved.
- John will draft a sponsorship letter to go along with the pamphlet.

2. Tongva Info Sign

- Lisa will contact Eco Signs for a mock up sign to discuss at the May meeting.

3. Historical Street Names

- Melinda will email Lisa the information she researched (Wilson to 16th street). Lisa will add that to the list.
- After all the information is gathered the information will be posted on the City Website (later this year). The information will indicate where certain themed

section street names (i.e. Bird named streets, President named streets, etc) are located as well as provide history about the main streets (i.e. Harbor, Newport Blvd, Fair, etc...) and show where they are located.

4. *Traveling Historical Exhibit*

- Melinda made a motion to remove the item from the agenda and table it until more research is provided, seconded by Mary Ellen unanimously approved.

5. *Historical Site Markers Phase II*

- Margy is still researching the history. Melinda and Christian offered to be part of the subcommittee.

6. *Adobe Renovation*

- The Adobe re-opening ceremony held on Saturday, March 5 was a success. 100 people attended the event throughout the day. Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Mensinger and Council Member Leece were present. The Committee paid the Historical Society \$118.48 for refreshments and entertainment.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Mary Ellen made a motion to approve the 2010 Accomplishments & 2011 Goals, seconded by Melinda unanimously approved.

2011 GOALS:

1. Continue to distribute Historical Site Marker pamphlets to participating businesses along Newport Blvd.
2. Complete Historical Site Markers phase II project and begin researching phase III
3. Implement interpretive “1st people” signage along the OCME train tracks at Fairview Park
4. Assessment of historical resources at OC Fairgrounds
5. Listing street names and significance of name.
6. Finalize and implement Sponsorship Pamphlet.
7. Google Goggles
8. Establish a criteria of Historical Buildings and update Historical Building booklet

LONG TERM

1. Provide support to and partner with Costa Mesa Historical Society
2. Continue to support any Council issues that arise concerning Historic Preservation for the City of Costa Mesa

2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Revised and published on the City Website (HPC webpage) electronic “Story of Costa Mesa book” activity sheets.
2. Displayed ten historical photos on the walls at the Neighborhood Community Center and create & implemented an informational pamphlet explaining each photo.
3. Researched each parks historical background and publish on the City Website (located under each parks description).
4. Retained *Mark Sauer Construction, Inc* for the Adobe renovation (restoration of existing stabilized walls; exterior walls and paint them, kitchen walls, Adobe floor, windows and new front door).

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Next Historical Society event “Blue & Gray in Orange County” on Sat, April 17 at 2pm

6. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- None

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 5:30pm located in City Hall Conference Room 1A