

CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Minutes for Thursday, May 10, 2007

- PRESENT: Chair: Dave Gardner. Members: Patti Bass, Stephanie Campbell, Linda Feffer, Mary Ellen Goddard, Margaret Johnston, John McQueen, Bob Wakeham
- COUNCIL: Eloise Ott representing City Council Member Wendy Leece
- ABSENT: Arthur Kinzli was excused.
- GUEST: Eloise Ott
- STAFF: Recreation Manager Jana Ransom; Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor
- CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dave Gardner at 5:32 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 12, 2007 by Linda Feffer; Mary Ellen Goddard seconded. They were approved with a unanimous vote.
- PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- OLD BUSINESS: A. **Subcommittee Reports**
1. Story of Costa Mesa

Mary Ellen Goddard – took a copy of the book from the last meeting to Bonnie Swan, Director of Elementary Education at NMUSD who wants to partner with us and get it in to the schools. Mary Ellen plans a follow up with a revised version of the book in June. It was agreed that we need to get a definition of “partner.” Bob Wakeham offered to go with Mary Ellen to help in the presentation to get funding.

John McQueen talked about the revisions that had been made to the book and he feels that there has been a comprehensive review. The revisions should be completed prior to the end of May. An early draft was provided to Eloise Ott.

 - a. Sponsorships – It was discussed that we need to find someone with marketing expertise that can assist us on selling space in the book. This was acknowledged but if the partnership of the schools involves money, they could be the only sponsor. It was agreed to wait until we find out what the school district wants to do.
 - b. Digital printing was discussed and rejected as it would take 25% more; the plan is to create a .jpg or a .pdf for printing.
 - c. Approval of final draft – this is pending receipt of draft
 2. Historic Murals Project

The prototype has been approved and the concept has been approved; one change is that the soccer player has to be removed. A decision on the artist has not been finalized. Eloise raised concern about vandalism of the murals but it was discussed that studies show that if youth artists are involved vandalism is reduced. Jana also discussed the requirements of cleaning up vandalism.
 3. Estancia Adobe Restoration Project
 - a. Grant submitted and received by the California Cultural & Historical Endowment. They are currently reviewing grant applications but information on receipt of grant won't be available until September. The grant is for \$150K (funding will be matched by City Council). We should have an idea of where we are when the rankings are published in June. The grant proposal was distributed at the meeting.

- b. Adobe Cover Up – Per Mary Ellen, along the outside back there was deterioration which we are now trying to prevent. Per Jana, Maintenance is supposed to come up with a plan to protect (cover up) the adobe but a tarp can't be used because of the city's no tarp rule.
- 4. Historic Sites Markers
 - a. Margy Johnston has drafted a letter requesting \$20K of funding and sent it to Jana who has sent it on to Allan Roeder, City Manager at the urging of Mayor Pro Tem Bever. The letter was reviewed by the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Dave Gardner felt that we need to find some new projects for next year
 - i. Eloise Ott suggested the Costa Mesa River Marina be a project, however the consensus was that it did not relate to historical preservation.
 - ii. Discussion as to whether or not there was anything known – it was agreed that next month we would brainstorm ideas

COMMITTEE MEMBER

- a. May 19th from 10am-3pm - Open House at the Historical Society; the theme is 100 years of Costa Mesa

COUNCIL/STAFF

- a. Lions Park Fish Fry will occur on June 2nd.
- b. City budget will be voted on June 19th – anyone may make a comment during Public Comment.
- c. Eloise Ott expressed her pleasure at being here and the work the committee is doing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Next meeting: June 14, 2007, 5:30 pm at Costa Mesa City Hall, Conference Room 1A

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Campbell