

CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Minutes for Thursday, June 28, 2007

PRESENT: Dave Gardner, Mary Ellen Goddard, Patti Bass, Margaret Johnston, Arthur Kinzli, John McQueen, Linda Feffer.

ABSENT: Stephanie Campbell and Bob Wakeham excused

COUNCIL: City Council Member Wendy Leece

STAFF: Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager
Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor

GUEST: Leigh Chalkley, Central Services Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dave Gardner at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John moved and Linda seconded to approve the minutes of June 14, 2007 as read. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: **Historic Society's "Story of Costa Mesa"**
Leigh Chalkley, Central Services Supervisor, opened a discussion about the printing of the History of Costa Mesa 40 page book with two color, 80# matte text inside pages and four color, 80# gloss bright white cover. Leigh did not have the final quote but estimated a two week delivery.

Wendy requested a better picture of children on the cover. It was noted that Bob Wakeham should replace James Winter on the last page and Wendy suggested that some be distributed to high schools. Linda moved and Arthur seconded that all changes are now final. Motion carried. The goal is to have it printed by August 1st so that John and Mary Ellen can present it to Council on August 7th.

A discussion followed regarding the quantity and price which includes 2,000 for Newport Mesa School District (paying \$1.50 each for the book), 500 for the Historical Society at no charge and 1,000 for the City. Jana will check to see if they can be sold for \$2.00 each by the City and if the revenue can be accepted. Patti moved and Arthur seconded that there be no price printed on the book. Motion carried. Patti moved and Mary Ellen seconded that we print 4,000 copies. Motion carried.

Historic Murals

Jana shared that there are no new developments. The budget has been approved and we need to consider an artist at our next meeting.

Estancia Adobe Restoration

Jana reported that we should hear about the grant ranking by the end of June.

Historic Site Markers

There is nothing to report. Jana is looking for a possible grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

First People

Wendy stated that graffiti is not an issue. However, in considering a type of monument, copper or bronze plates are stolen for their street value and concrete monument signs are expensive. We could potentially use the same style of sign that is already in Fairview Park. Jana will bring photos of the existing signs to the next meeting. The project has been on the table for a year and it will be put back on the agenda.

Ideas for New Projects

The Committee is thinking about new projects and reviewed the 2007 Goals and Objectives. The following items will remain on the list for 2008:

1. Complete historic murals project.
2. Designate historic places (19th Street and Newport) program.
3. Meet with Segerstroms about family home and barn being developed as a historic site and for State/National Landmark Registry.
4. Partner with Historic Society on Estancia Adobe restoration project.
5. Assist with staffing Historic Society's booth at Fish Fry.
6. Implement recognition of historic people/places.
7. Continue to support any Council issues that arise concerning historic preservation for the City of Costa Mesa.

COMMITTEE

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mary Ellen announced a central library fundraiser at the Neighborhood Community Center and an Adobe open house honoring pioneers and their families plus crafts and demonstrations to be held on September 15th.

COUNCIL/STAFF

COMMENTS:

Wendy commented on the great meeting and Jana announced an Artist Showcase at Triangle Square on August 11th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm with 50 artists and entertainment.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Next meeting: August 9, 2007 at 5:30 pm, Costa Mesa City Hall, Conference Room 1A.

Respectively submitted,
Patti Bass