

**CITY OF COSTA MESA  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Minutes for Thursday, May 10, 2012**

**PRESENT:** John McQueen, Jeff Mathews, Melinda Lowrey, Bob Wakeham, Terry Shaw, Margy Johnston, and Mary Ellen Goddard

**ABSENT:** Christopher Ganiere, Pam Crenshaw and Louisa Arnold

**COUNCIL/STAFF PRESENT:** Council Member Wendy Leece and Lisa McPherson

**CALL TO ORDER**

John called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

**1. APPROVAL OF April 12, 2012 minutes**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Three students from Newport Harbor High School were in attendance as part of their Government class community service.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

*1. Sponsorship*

- John spoke to CM Chambers (Ed Fawcett) and they will create an article in the newsletter about the Committee's sponsorship opportunities and mail out the sponsorship letter and pamphlet to the businesses.

*2. Tongva Info Sign*

- John met with the OCME to decide on the sign's placement. OCME suggested the sign be placed on the right side of the train station building, facing the parking lot. Mary Ellen made a motion to place the sign on the right side of the train station building, facing the parking lot; seconded by Terry; passed unanimously.
- A draft mock up sign was shown to the Committee. The mock up draft sign is 32"w x 42"h and is 72" above ground and 24" below ground. The sign will cost \$913.74. Council Member Leece suggested changing the word descendents to descendants. Melinda made a motion to approve the sign with

Council Member Leece's correction; seconded by Terry; passed unanimously.

- Lisa will place the order and have the sign made. She will work with Maintenance on installation. The sign will take 4-6 weeks to make after the order is placed.
- The Committee discussed having the "Sign Unveiling Ceremony" on Sunday, September 16 before the Historical Society event at the Adobe. Also the train will be operating on that day.

3. *Historical Street Names*

- No report

4. *Historical Site Markers Phase II*

- The subcommittee is still researching the Phase II locations. Margie Johnston shared the history regarding Costa Mesa Fire Station 121 on Rochester. "Costa Mesa's Fire Department was first organized in 1926 with 15 volunteers. It remained a volunteer department until the city was incorporated. The Fire Department's equipment was one hand drawn hose cart and a cast iron bell used to call the firemen. In 1935 the Fire Department acquired a model T with a pressure tank. In 1938 the Fire Department moved to a permanent location at 121 Rochester Street. The new fire station cost \$10,000. They had a new pumper and a rescue truck with a resuscitator, one of the first in Orange County. This was the only fire station in the city until 1958. It was closed in 1979 and the building demolished in 1981".

5. *Historical Building Booklet*

- The Committee agreed to have the booklet completed and ready to be distributed at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event (Street Fair) in June 2013.

6. *60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Calendar*

- Public Affairs Manager, Dan Joyce attended the meeting to discuss the following 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ideas (June 2013):
  - Partner with the Fairgrounds to close Fair Drive for a "Street Fair" and have a closing concert at the Pacific Amphitheatre.
  - Banner program (similar to Signs of Support)
  - Parade; car show (partner with Barrett Jackson)
  - Hold a poster contest; use winner's design as the advisement piece

- Have the Historical Society & Historical Preservation Committee have a booth at the Street Fair that displays historical timeline pictures
- Dan will attend the August meeting to discuss the City's event plan

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

### **3. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Next Historical Society event: Sunday May 20, "Preserving your Heirlooms" presentation by Hal Horrocks
- Bob passed around a sign up sheet for Committee members to choose a date when they could attend the Concerts and pass out the Sponsorship pamphlet.

### **4. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

- Council Member Leece asked the Committee for someone to check with the stores located in front of Triangle Square on if they needed more historical plaque pamphlets. Margy will check with the stores and let Lisa know on how many pamphlets need to be printed.

### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 5:30pm located in City Hall Conference Room 1A