

CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes for Thursday, May 9, 2013

PRESENT: John McQueen, Terry Shaw, Pam Crenshaw, Margy Johnston, Mary Ellen Goddard, and Gary Parkin

ABSENT: Dave Gardner, Melinda Lowery and Rich Cantillon

COUNCIL/STAFF PRESENT: Lisa McPherson

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF April 11, 2013 minutes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Commemorate the Santa Ana Army Air Base

- The Committee reviewed a street plaque to be installed at the OC Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds is asking to split the cost (\$950); the Historical Society agreed to pay (\$225) and has asked if the Committee will pay the other (\$250); Mary Ellen made a motion to pay (\$250) for the plaque purchase; seconded by Terry; passed unanimously.

- Wendy informed the Committee that Nick Berardino from the OC Fairgrounds is interested in Cornell Iliescu military memorabilia and Mr Iliescu will be display some of the memorabilia at the 60th Kick-Off event.

2. Historical Sites Markers

- Margy informed the Committee about the “Friday Afternoon Clubhouse” located at 1747 Newport, “Women’s Club first organized in 1908 as a sewing circle/social club. Women met in member’s homes every Friday afternoon. Name changed in 1962 to Costa Mesa Women’s Club. Clubhouse was built in 1923 without public funds. It was paid for through a variety of fundraisers. Debt cleared in 4 years. The Clubhouse was used for social and civic gatherings. The members sponsored many community projects including beautifying the downtown area by planting trees, shrubs and California poppies along the railroad right-of-way on Newport; supporting the library, holding Well- Baby clinics at no charge for pediatric exams and advice once a month (started in 1924). Other projects included sponsoring speakers, musical programs, plays, lecture series, dances and publishing a cookbook”.

3. 60th Anniversary

- Coloring Book
 - Lisa informed the Committee that she and Christopher are finalizing the revised pages.
 - The Committee reviewed the draft versions and will finalize the book at the June 13 meeting.
 - Verbiage is still needed for the following pages:
 - Bird Farm
 - Palo Drive In
 - Fish Fry
 - OC Fairgrounds
 - City Hall
- Historic Building Booklet
 - The Committee reviewed the revisions to the booklet and made additional revisions. The Committee will let Lisa know by May 20 if any other revisions are needed. To print 1,000 copies it will cost \$1,250. Gary made a motion to approve the booklet after additional revisions were made and to print 1,000 copies for \$1,250; seconded by Mary Ellen; passed unanimously.
 - The booklet will go to the printers in early June so copies can be distributed at the 60th Kick-Off event.
- Old Newspaper clipping project
 - Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

- Gary made a motion to have John as Chairman and Terry as Vice Chairman; seconded by Pam; passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- The Historical Society event – Sunday, May 19 at 2pm will be two videos on “Discovering Costa Mesa”.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- Wendy informed the Committee that Art Goddard is creating a list of long time family names and if any Committee member knows of same to give the names to Lisa. She also informed the Committee to “keep up the great work”.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 5:30 pm located in City Hall Conference Room 1A