

CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes for Thursday, October 10, 2013

PRESENT: John McQueen, Terry Shaw, Dave Gardner, Mary Ellen Goddard, Gary Parkin, Margy Johnston

ABSENT: Pam Crenshaw, Melinda Lowery and Rich Cantillon

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa McPherson

Council Member: Wendy Leece (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

John called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

APPROVAL OF September 12, 2013 minutes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christopher Ganiere is interested in getting back on the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Committee 2014 Goals:

- Identify and publish Costa Mesa notable residents.
- Establish qualifying criteria for Costa Mesa residential homes reorganization (i.e. a plaque or home tours).
- Research and publish a “Then and Now Buildings”.

- Secure sponsors to fund each project.
- Find relevant newspaper clippings within the past 60 years and post them on the City's Website.
- Identify an alternative way to distribute Historical Site Marker pamphlets.
- Complete 6-8 Historical Site Markers phase II project and begin researching phase III
 - Add American Legion Hall and Newport Township Justice Court
- Continue to partner with the Historical Society to work with the OC Fairgrounds on Santa Ana Army Air Base (SAAAB) recognition and assessment of historical resources at OC Fairgrounds.
 - OC Fairgrounds will be saving and moving the historical building.
 - Committee requested to move item off the agenda until a new project is established.

The Committee will finalize the 2014 goals and 2013 accomplishments at the November meeting.

2. Historical Site Markers

- Margy informed the Committee about the "Opp's Blub Farm" (2184 Newport Blvd). *"The Opp's Blub Farm opened in 1924 by Fred and Harry Opps, and sold in 1951 to Mesa Homes for housing development. Raised 10 acres of bulbs, iris, narcissi, tulips, daffodils, ranunculus, freesias, and gladioli to sell to the Los Angeles and Santa Ana flower markets. Also grew 9 acres of Bird of Paradise. Wholesale not retail. Also famous for gourds and dried gourd items, napkin rings, table lamps, flower vases and magazine racks which were sold to the public. Their products where exhibited at the 1939-1940 New York World Fair. The Opps developed a "double knife-saw" used to cut designs in the dried gourds"*.

3. Old Newspaper clipping project

- Dave passed around a mock up example of a 1924 newspaper headline "M' Coy Raps Proposed Santa Ana Ave. Paving" and an ad from "Costa Mesa Lumber Company".

NEW BUSINESS

- None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- The Historical Society event
 - Sunday, October 13 from 12-4pm at Estancia Park "Early California Days".

- Sunday, November 17 at 2pm; guest speaker “Dan Henry”
- Early November will be an exhibit of Den Wear.

- Scarecrow Festival Oct 12 & 13 from 10am-3pm at Fairview Park train station.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 5:30 pm located in City Hall Conference Room 1A