

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes for Thursday, April 14, 2016

PRESENT: Christopher Ganiere, Dave Gardner, Mary Ellen Goddard, Margaret Johnston, John McQueen, Terry Shaw, and alternate Matthew Fletcher

ABSENT: Melinda Lowery, Karen McKenna-Juergens, Gary Parkin, and alternate George Nakai

STAFF PRESENT: Cecily Renteria

COUNCIL MEMBER: Sandra Genis (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Ganiere called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF March 10, 2016 meeting minutes as amended.

Terry Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Margaret Johnston seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents
 - Dave mentioned that the publication “Costa Mesa - Celebration of 60 Years” has additional notables that the subcommittee may want to look at.
 - The subcommittee will continue their research.
2. Then & Now Historical Buildings

- Margaret shared information she found on the Town of Fairview and Paularino; she requested that fellow committee members review and provide feedback and/or edits. She also discussed having difficulties finding addition information on the history of Costa Mesa. Margaret shared that she had found a map of old Costa Mesa, but there are not addresses.
- Staff mentioned that the historical markers were delivered and would begin to look at the process of getting them installed at their prospective locations.

3. Mills Act

- Mary Ellen spoke about the *Historical Resources Eligibility Inventory*. She mentioned the Original Women's Club, the Den Dell modern house, and the Ashley house as potential Mills Act locations.
- Matthew spoke about visiting five homes on the *Historical Homes* list and taking photos. He will provide pictures via email to discuss at the next meeting.
- The subcommittee asked staff if it is possible to place an advertisement in the quarterly Recreation Guide publication. Staff said it was a possibility and would look into the timeframe for the summer 2016 edition.

4. Costa Mesa Artifact Research

- John spoke about the research process and that step one would cost an estimated \$800.
- Terry Shaw made a motion to allocate no more than \$1,000 to complete step 1. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. The Story of Costa Mesa

- Mary Ellen spoke about the timeframe that would be added to the story and whether or not it would be worth the printing costs to update.
- John will begin to list significant events to begin the process of the update.
- Dave agreed that the committee needs to determine if enough has changed since the publication to warrant an update and new printing.
- Mary Ellen mentioned that people do want to purchase the book as it was last printed.
- Research will be ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. OC History Exposition – Future Forward

- Mary Ellen spoke about the Costa Mesa Historical Society event to be held at the Neighborhood Community Center on Sunday, May 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will focus on new ways to collect and record events for use in the future, there will be speakers and vendors to present on such topics. She requested that committee members forward any potentially interested people or groups to the Costa Mesa Historical Society for additional information.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Dave requested information on committee appointments.
- Terry spoke about a program to be held at the Costa Mesa Historical Society on Sunday, April 17 where author Steve Snyder will discuss his book Shot Down. The book is about his father's experience as a World War II pilot who was shot down in battle. Doors will open at 2 p.m. and he will speak at 2:30 p.m.
- Chris reminded the committee that the City's General Plan was now online and recommended the committee read, review and provide feedback.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- Staff discussed Committee appointments and that the new members should likely be announced at the next City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.