

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes for Thursday, May 12, 2016

PRESENT: Matthew Fletcher, Dave Gardner, Christopher Ganiere, Mary Ellen Goddard, George Nakai, Gary Parkin, Karen McKenna-Juergens, John McQueen, Garrett Peterson, and alternates Dave Goodman and Susan Tuchler

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Cecily Renteria

COUNCIL MEMBER: Sandra Genis (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Ganiere called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

APPROVAL OF April 14, 2016 meeting minutes as amended.

George Nakai made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Dave Gardner seconded the motion; the motion was passed 10-0-1, with new member Susan Tuchler abstaining as she was not an appointed member until after the April 14, 2016 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents

- Gary spoke on Herb Jenks and Walter Ozment as notable residents the committee should consider. He handed out information on both gentlemen to be reviewed by the committee members.
- Karen mentioned residents Edrick Miller and Hank Panian as residents for the subcommittee to research. Research will be ongoing.

- Dave Gardner reminded the group about the Costa Mesa Magazine that was created for the 60th anniversary, noting that there was information on notable residents the committee can use. Staff provided a copy of the magazine to each committee member.
- The committee will review the handouts provided and vote at the next meeting for publication of the notable residents.

2. Then & Now Historical Buildings

- Garrett volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.
- Committee requested that staff locate and provide copies of the Old Town Costa Mesa Historical Markers publication to the committee.

3. Mills Act

- Matthew provided a brief introduction of the Mills Act and history to the new committee members.
- Matthew spoke about the handouts he provided to the committee. The handouts had a picture of each of the homes he visited that may qualify for the Mills Act. The committee will review the handouts, potentially visit the homes themselves, and then discuss them at the next meeting.
- Staff committed to sending the information to get an advertisement into the Fall 2016 Recreation Guide to advertise about the Mills Act and the Historical Preservation Committee.

4. Costa Mesa Artifact Research

- Chris and John provided background information of the project to the new committee members.
- Staff indicated that they reached out to the archeologist and were waiting for response.

5. The Story of Costa Mesa

- Dave provided background information on the project to the new committee members.
- Research will be ongoing.

6. OC History Exposition – Future Forward

- Mary Ellen reminded the group of the upcoming 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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Welcome New Members
 - Committee members introduced themselves and provided a brief background and history of service to this committee and others.
2. Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary Nominations
 - Nominations for Committee Chair were made. Gary nominated John, Karen seconded the motion. Dave Gardner nominated Gary Parkin, Gary seconded the motion. Both nominees said they were willing to serve, but John said his work schedule may get in the way and recommended that they consider Gary over himself.
 - a. Dave Gardner repeated the motion to nominate Gary Parkin. Chris Ganiere seconded the motion; the motion was passed 10-0-1, with new committee member Susan abstaining.
 - Nominations for Vice Chair were made. Dave Gardner nominated Chris, Garrett seconded the motion. Gary nominated John, Matthew seconded the motion. Both nominees said they were willing to serve, John said his work schedule would allow him to serve as Vice Chair. Chris spoke about his previous work as Vice Chair.
 - a. Gary repeated the motion to nominate John. Matthew seconded the motion; Dave Gardner, Matthew, Chris, Gary, George, and Karen voted yes, new committee member Susan abstained. Dave Gardner, John, and Garret voted for Chris.
 - b. John McQueen was voted as Vice Chair.
 - Nominations for Secretary were made. Karen nominated Matthew, Chris seconded the motion; the motion was passed 10-0-1, with new committee member Susan abstaining.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Dave Goodman asked about the role of the alternates for the committees and mentioned that he was excited to serve on the committee and be active within his community.
- Dave Gardner said he was impressed with the new committee members and looks forward to working with them.
- Garrett asked if it was possible to update Costa Mesa Notables on Wikipedia pages, if there is a possibility of a Historical Preservation Committee Facebook page.
- Karen mentioned that she had attended the Costa Mesa Community Run.
- Susan asked if it was possible to work on creating a welcome packet for the new committee members. She also asked if there was a policy for absences for the committee members.
- Gary thanked the committee for the nomination, and thanked Matthew for accepting the role as secretary.
- Chris thanked the committee for allowing him to serve as the Committee Chair.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- Staff mentioned the Action Arts in the Park event to be held on Sunday, May 14. Staff also addressed the request to look into creating a new committee member welcome packet. Finally, staff mentioned that they would look into what it means to have a Facebook page for the Committee and what it would entail.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.