

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Minutes for Thursday, June 9, 2016**

PRESENT: Matthew Fletcher, Dave Gardner, Christopher Ganiere, Mary Ellen Goddard, Gary Parkin, and alternate Dave Goodman

ABSENT: Karen McKenna-Juergens, John McQueen, George Nakai, Garrett Peterson, and alternate Susan Tuchler

STAFF PRESENT: Cecily Renteria

COUNCIL MEMBER: Sandra Genis (absent)

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Parkin called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF May 12, 2016 meeting minutes as amended.

Chris Ganiere made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Dave Gardner seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

1. Identify Costa Mesa Notable Residents
 - Dave Gardner reminded the group again about the Costa Mesa Magazine that was created for the 60th anniversary. He asked that the subcommittee review information on potential notable residents the committee can use.
 - Staff will send the committee the biographies that were provided for Edrick Miller, Hank Panian, Walter Ozment, and Herb Jenks.
2. Then & Now Historical Buildings
 - Dave Goodman volunteered to join Garrett on this subcommittee.
3. Mills Act
 - Gary discussed the need for the committee to visit the homes so that decisions could be made on home owners the subcommittee should contact.
 - All committee members agreed to visiting five (5) homes on the list to discuss at the next meeting.
 - Mary Ellen will look at the old directories for additional historical information on homes listed, which may add to the interest of a homeowner applying for the Mills Act.

- Staff will work on finding someone who could present how the Historical Registry works, the steps to add a home to the Historic Registry, and the steps to apply for and gain Mills Act approval, including transferability and any costs associated with canceling the contract
4. Costa Mesa Artifact Research
 - Staff informed the committee that contract for the archeologist was signed and that the research will begin shortly. Staff will contact the archeologist and ask if they will be able to present at one of the upcoming four meetings.
 - Chris volunteered to join this subcommittee.
 5. The Story of Costa Mesa
 - Dave Gardner indicated that the committee is out of the booklet, and asked the committee if they think that there has been enough significant change in the last ten (10) years to update the story.
 - Mary Ellen mentioned that the Newport Mesa Unified School District had donated funds for the last printing since it was used in schools. She committed to contacting the school district to see if they want more copies, and/or if they would be interested in contributing towards printing costs again.
 - Mary Ellen suggested that the committee determine if they want to provide digital copies regardless if it is updated or not.
 6. OC History Exposition – Future Forward
 - Mary Ellen reported that the event was successful with more than 150 attendees and that exhibitors were happy with the experience and hope to attend the event again in 2017. She also mentioned that the OC Historical Society may host next year's event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Brown Act Overview
 - Staff handed out information on the Brown Act and highlighted key information for the committee to remember while serving.
2. Recreation Guide Advertisement
 - Staff updated the committee on the placement of an advertisement in the Fall 2016 Recreation Guide.
 - Gary suggested the ad stay fairly simple, possibly listing achievements, meeting dates, and committee contact information including the website.
 - Staff indicated that the ad would have a title, dates of upcoming meetings, and achievements if possible. Dave Gardner motioned to approve the ad content, Dave Goodman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1.
 - Staff will work with the City graphic designer to create an ad.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Dave Goodman asked that the possibility of creating a logo for the committee be added to the upcoming meeting.
- Mary Ellen reminded the group about the Early California Days event to be held by the Costa Mesa Historical Society on August 28, from 1 to 4 pm at the Adobe at Estancia Park.
- Chris announced that he would be presenting a seminar at USC the weekend of June 11.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

- Staff mentioned that the Costa Mesa Historical Society and the Orange County Model Engineers are partnering to hold the annual Scarecrow Festival on October 15-16 and they are looking to increase the community's participation this year. In hopes that the participation increases through number of scarecrows entered, the CM Historical Society will be demonstrating how to plan and build a scarecrow at the Early California Days event mentioned earlier by Mary Ellen.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.