

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes for Thursday, January 12, 2012

PRESENT: John McQueen, Mary Ellen Goddard, Christopher Ganiere, Bob Wakeham, Terry Shaw, Louisa Arnold, Melinda Lowery, Margy Johnston and Pam Crenshaw.

ABSENT: Council Member Bever

COUNCIL/STAFF PRESENT: Lisa McPherson and Donna Theriault

CALL TO ORDER

John called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF December 8, 2011 minutes

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. 2011 Accomplishments and 2012 Goals

- Melinda made a motion to approve the 2011 Accomplishments and 2012 Goals and seconded by Bob; passed unanimously

2012 GOALS:

1. Continue to distribute Historical Site Marker pamphlets to participating businesses along Newport Blvd.
2. Continue Historical Site Markers phase II project and begin researching phase III
3. Implement interpretive "1st people" signage along the OCME train tracks at Fairview Park
4. Work with OC Fairgrounds on historical reorganization of Santa Ana Air Force Base
5. Listing street names and significance of name
6. Google map of Historical Buildings
7. Establish a criteria of Historical Buildings and update Historical Building booklet
8. Plan for the City's 60th Anniversary (design a 2013 calendar)
9. Obtain Sponsorship donations

LONG TERM

1. Provide support to and partner with Costa Mesa Historical Society
2. Continue to support any Council issues that arise concerning Historic Preservation for the City of Costa Mesa

2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Sponsorship program was approved by the Community Foundation to assist in offsetting future events and projects cost. A brochure and sponsorship letter was approved for distribution.
2. Partnered with the Historical Society on the Adobe re-opening ceremony held on Saturday, March 5. The Committee sponsored \$118.48 for refreshments and entertainment.

2. *Sponsorship Pamphlet*

- John will contact Ed Fawcett about attending a CM Chamber of Commerce event to promote the Sponsorship program.
- For the February meeting, John requested that each Committee member provide a list of contacts that would be interested in donating.

3. *Tongva Info Sign*

- John has not heard back from OCME; he will contact them before the next meeting.
- Mary Ellen provided a revised version:

The Indigenous Peoples of Orange County

The people indigenous to what is now Costa Mesa were part of a group of American Indians who crossed over the western mountain ranges from the "Great Basin" of Nevada, Utah and Western Oregon . Originally these Indians were hunter-gatherers and totally dependent on their surroundings. As such, they considered themselves stewards of the environment, "Keepers of Mother Earth." Instead of cultivating crops or raising livestock, these American Indians used what was readily available in nature for food, clothing and shelter. They used grasses similar to some still found in Fairview Park to weave elaborate baskets and construct shelter (wikiups). They also used local plants, stones and animals for such things as food, medicine, tools and clothing. For items that were not available locally, they traded with other tribes, traveling on land by foot or on water by canoe. Beginning in the 18th century, their culture was profoundly impacted by contact with Spanish settlers. They quickly transformed from hunter-gatherers to an agrarian society after assimilation into the Spanish Mission system. Today, descendents of the original Indians still live throughout Orange County.

- Bob made a motion to approve “The Indigenous Peoples of Orange County” verbiage and seconded by Melinda; passed unanimously.

4. *Historical Street Names*

- Terry is still researching information regarding streets between Wilson to Adam.

5. *Historical Site Markers Phase II*

- Margy provided a list of Phase II Site Markers. The committee discussed narrowing Phase II to a shorter distance. Lisa to email the Committee.

6. *Historical Building Booklet*

- Mary Ellen provided the Development Services criteria for historical buildings. The criterion is not authoritative resource. Terry asked about Grange Hall on Victoria Street. The Committee discussed establishing a date (i.e. 1950) rather than years (i.e. 50 yrs) as qualification criteria.
- The subcommittee will research and provide more information at the February meeting.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Christopher – add 60th Anniversary to February New Business
- Next Historical Society event: Board Members Installation Banquet on January 20 at 6pm at the OCC Captain’s Table, guest speaker “ Chris Jepsen”

5. **COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

- None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 5:30pm located in City Hall Conference Room 1A