

# Historic Resources Board

An advisory board to the Huntington Beach City Council

**MINUTES  
HUNTINGTON BEACH ART CENTER  
HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2007  
1:30 p.m.  
Huntington Beach Art Center  
538 Main Street  
Huntington Beach CA 92648**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Historic Resources Board came to order by Chair Watkins at 1:40 p.m. at which time a quorum was met.

**ROLL CALL:** Essner, Harris, Howard, Kennedy, Morgan, Ryan, Santiago, Watkins

**ABSENCES:** Council Liaison Carchio

**STAFF PRESENT:** Hoffman, Clary

**GUEST:** Scott Hess, Director, Planning Dept.; Jason Kelly, Associate Planner, Planning Dept.

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:** Hoffman welcomed the guests. The board introduced themselves and briefly described their background to the guests.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Hoffman reported that Council Liaison Carchio has two new people that he wants to introduce to the board.
2. New member, Brad Johnson, will be leaving the board to attend Yale University. He emailed Hoffman with his resignation. The Board wished him good luck.

**CURRENT ISSUE UPDATES:**

1. **Educational Program Committee:**
  - Ryan gave an overview and discussed the outline developed from the last HRB Education Committee meeting. She said the board may want to consider educational workshops as soon as possible after hearing the process from the Planning Dept, instead of waiting for the centennial.

**2. Demolition Process:**

1. Scott Hess and Jason Kelly related their backgrounds to the board. Scott Hess explained the current demolition process and provided handouts to the board. Hoffman voiced the board's concern that the HRB's recommendations come too late in the process for the Planning Dept. to consider the recommendations made. Hess said that there are four departments that review the demo request and that no permits are issued prior to the HRB's review. In order for the HRB's review to come earlier in the process, an action by City Council would be needed to change the ordinance. The board suggested that penalties be incorporated into the proposed ordinance for those who bypass the permit process through the City. Hess said the board can help educate the public by developing and providing documents or brochures that can be placed at the Planning Dept.'s counter for the public to pick up (i.e., benefits of preservation).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The board agreed to change the meeting dates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month with a review of how that is working for everyone in the fall.
2. Hoffman informed the board that those who have terms expiring need to complete a new application on the City's website and resubmit it to Council for their next term.

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Education Committee Outline
2. "Saving Old Town's look"
3. How to File a Demolition Permit for Potentially Historic Structure

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 1:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Charlene Clary  
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Huntington Beach Art Center