

Historic Resources Board

An advisory board to the Huntington Beach City Council

MINUTES HUNTINGTON BEACH ART CENTER HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

Friday, March 20, 2009

1:30 p.m.

Huntington Beach Art Center
538 Main Street
Huntington Beach CA 92648

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ryan called the meeting of the Historic Resources Board to order at 1:40 p.m. at which time a quorum was met.

II. ROLL CALL: Essner, Harris, Haynes, Howard, Kennedy, Ryan, Santiago, Schey, Watkins

ABSENCES: Robinson

STAFF PRESENT: Clary, Hoffman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Members reviewed the minutes from the February 20, 2009 meeting. Santiago suggested changing two words and adding a statement in item VII. *Current Issue Updates, Section 1.a.3.* The first two items are to replace words in two respective sentences as follows: “*The board discussed the issue and **decided** that after the centennial year...*” and replaced with, *The board discussed the issue and **suggested** that after the centennial year...*”. The second sentence to be changed is, *The board **agreed** that the funds from the first run of the book could go to the Centennial Committee...*” to *The board **proposed** that the funds from the first run of the book could go to the Centennial Committee...*”. In addition, a sentence will be added to the end of the section saying, “*The board did not agree to any of these items.*” With these changes, the minutes were approved by the board.

IV. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:

Ryan welcomed the board, and introduced the guests; Richardson Gray; Downtown Residence Association; Hayden Beckman, City of HB Planning Dept.; Andrea Galvin, President of Galvin Preservation Associates; Nicole Collum, Architectural Historian with Galvin Preservation Associates; Kellee Fritzal, City of Huntington Beach Economic Development

V. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Planning Dept. Presentation – New Historical Survey
 - a. Galvin Preservation Associates has been hired by the City of Huntington Beach and is teaming with the Historic Resources Team to survey the properties within the city. The scope is to look at all properties within the city for historic significance that may meet established criteria through the Federal Government, State or the National

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Registry. Once GPA has a draft, they will bring it before the HRB for review. Currently, they are looking at the old survey and updating it by inventorying all structure within the City that are 45 years or older. So far 250 structures have been identified. Ryan asked if the survey will be limited to the downtown area as the last survey. Ms. Galvin answered no. Currently, GPA is surveying downtown, but ultimately will include the entire city. Santiago asked that GPA provide the HRB with the same map that the Planning Dept. provided to GPA. Ms. Galvin said this will be provided when the draft is presented. She also said that structures will be given grades, and because there is a limited budget, the final results will list the "best of the best"; however all structure 45 years and older will be photographed for recording. Mr. Hayden said that once the information is ready to present, the Planning Dept. will meet with the HRB again. Santiago asked if the board can be involved earlier, but Mr. Hayden and Ms. Galvin reassured the board that when the draft is presented to them, it will still be early enough in the process for their assistance in identifying properties of significant historical value, and that the boards input is very important to them for this project. Ms. Galvin invited those who are interested to give her their information. For simplicity, the board provided her with a roster with names, addresses and phone numbers of board members. In addition, Nicole Collum of GPA distributed her business card. Ms. Galvin and Mr. Hayden went on to inform the board that they will be involved in the decision of the historical survey and that the City will not be making any decisions behind closed doors. Mr. Hayden went on to reassure the board that the Planning Dept. is very much behind the survey and supports the project completely. A discussed followed on how districts are distinguished. Ms. Collum said they can be as small as three buildings – they just need to be linked in relation to age or style. The board thanked the guests for their time and efforts. Kellee Fritzal, who was late for this meeting, will return to the next meeting to discuss the Master Plan.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Hoffman informed the board that a request was made via email to council liaisons Carchio and Hardy to discuss the Main Street Library. Monday nights (other than Council Meeting nights), are best for the council liaisons. The coordination of the meeting is still progress.
2. Watkins asked that minutes for meetings be supplied to the board within one week of the meeting so that the board has more time to review them prior to meetings. Clary will make every effort to provide the minutes in a timely manner. Additionally, Watkins feels that the "action items" are not being completed. She would like to track the minutes to make sure they are task oriented.
3. Haynes recalled a conversation with council liaison Hardy at her first HRB meeting, whereas, Haynes asked Hardy about funding for the HRB. Haynes recalls that Hardy said she would get the HRB \$5,000. Haynes asked Hoffman if she inquired about a bank account for the board. Hoffman discussed the issue with her supervisor, who said that it would not be appropriate for the Art Center's Foundation to hold the money, which had been a suggestion, and that it is time to ask City Council. Kellee Fritzal suggested the board get an Enterprise Zone fund. Hoffman said it will need to go through the board's council liaisons. The board's chair and vice chair can present this topic when they meet with Carchio and Hardy and then report back to the board.

VII. CURRENT ISSUE UPDATES:

1. **Book - *Ebb & Flow, 100 Years of Huntington Beach***
 - a. Watkins obtained a quote for the school district, who found it to be less expensive than if they were to print the books themselves. Ryan reported that the school district may not want as many books as previously discussed. Watkins informed the board that the book has "green-friendly" markings and if the book is to be reproduced, it has to be produced by a "green-friendly" printer, or the marks must be removed prior to printing.

Santiago asked the board members if any had commentary to his emails regarding the book situation. He has a recommendation.

- b. Santiago voiced his opinion on, and objection to, the Centennial Committee receiving the fund from the donations revenue for the Ebb & Flow book. The board discussed various issues regarding the book including ownership, copyrights, and intellectual property. Santiago proposed a list of resolutions that he has developed and asked the board to review. If the board agrees with the statements and language, which he feels will give the board ownership and stewardship of the book, and then it can be submitted to the Centennial Committee. The board discussed whether the resolution should be adopted and presented the Centennial Committee. The board members discussed this issue in depth, and most agreed that a meeting between the chairs and vice-chairs for the HRB and Centennial Committee to discuss the issues may be more productive. The board asked that this item be held over and all action frozen until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Documentary

Due to time constraints, this item will be held over until the next meeting.

3. Historic Exhibition Event Follow-up

- a. Preservation Panel – Ryan wants to follow up with those who filled out surveys before this topic loses momentum. Ryan feels the board has lost focus and wants to return to the beginning of the Educations Committees mission, which is preservation education. Haynes suggested sending media notices about future preservation panels. Due to time restraints, Ryan would like to continue this matter at the next meeting.
- b. Surf Film – Due to time restraints, this item will be held over until the next meeting.
- c. Howard asked if Hanes received the quote from Dominic for the reproduction of the Pioneer Families book. Haynes reported that there are a few more changes to be made and she will work with Clary on them, and then it will be ready for reproduction. She received a print quote from Dominic for \$22.00 per book and stated that checks should be made out to Dominic.

4. Centennial Committee Update:

- a. Due to time restraints, this item will be held over until the next meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Brown Act, including the Education Committee and emails between board members. This item will be agendized for the next meeting.
2. Council Liaison Updated/Meeting regarding Main Street Library

IX. MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Rosters
2. Huntington Beach Historical Resources Survey 2009
3. Business card for Nicole Collum, Galvin Preservation Associates

X. ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED

1. Historic Exhibition Events Follow-Up (including, but not limited to Preservation Panel and Surf Film updates)
2. Ebb & Flow Book
3. Documentary
4. Centennial Committee Update

5. Brown Act Laws and Procedures
6. Council Liaison/Chair, Vice-Chair Meeting
 - a. Main Street Library
 - b. Enterprise Zone Fund

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Resources Board is scheduled for 1:30 pm on Friday, April 17, 2009 at the Huntington Beach Art Center, 538 Main Street, Huntington Beach.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Clary, Recording Secretary