

Historic Resources Board Meeting

December 16, 2009

City Hall

2000 Main Street

Room B-7

Huntington Beach

The meeting was called to order by Ryan at 6:00. Haynes will take minutes for tonight, then a secretary will be voted in. Roll call, members present: Alvarez, Bryant, Harris, Haynes, Heritage, Jepsen, Ryan, Santiago, Schey, Watkins. Staff liaison, Ramos and Hess with Planning Department.

The minutes were approved unanimously, first motion by Haynes, seconded by Jepsen.

Guest speaker was Richardson Grey. He passed around information on the Triangle Square project. Grey stated there were 6700 signatures for preservation of the library.

All board members introduced, gave their background, and why they wanted to be on the board. The overview of the board's purpose as noted in the Muni Code was presented.

Jepsen brought up a question as to how much input the board will have on decisions. As far as acceptance of gifts, further investigation is going to be done. Not listed is the fact that the demo permits go before the board. Staff will develop a list and manual of duties. Santiago feels we should be pulled more into the loop to establish our review purpose.

Schey brought up that Janine from the city was going to get information back to us on The Historical Society. Staff will look into it.

We now have an official bank account. Staff recommended working with the liaisons more for our benefit. The next meeting we will discuss the book Ebb & Flow. The Art Center is still selling the books, DeGuelle Glass is selling books, and we are not sure where else. But the balance of the books is at DeGuelle Glass for storage.

Staff gave an update that Galvin Preservation is working on a draft Historic Resources Survey Report that should be ready the first quarter. The board will be able to give our comments to the planning commission on the project, then it will go to city council.

Agendized for the next meeting will be the book, inventory and how to handle the money, and the Historical Society. It was suggested to hold off on the video until after the survey is completed.

Watkins suggested we do a new demo review so all board members would be able to go out and identify houses and landmarks. She and Santiago will work on the form.

Alvarez wants to reach out to “the old timers” and get more pictures and history. We will have to make a decision as to where the information will go once we get it. It was also suggested we make a list of resources for the public for us to get more information and history. Since Alvarez is secretary of the HBHS alumni, she will see what information she can get. “Let’s create public awareness!”

Jepsen wanted to know if there is a manual available for our guidelines. Staff will make sure everyone gets a copy. The meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month 6:00pm – 7:30 pm, if needed, we can vote to extend the meeting. The next meeting will be January 20th, 2010.

Harris asked if the archivist has anything stored at the city, and stated there are many items above the Newland Barn, but getting in is very difficult. Watkins is now a member of the National Archivist Society, and will get information for us on a national level.

Haynes brought up a concern about the pictures that the city has. People can check out as many as they want, but are they all being returned? Jepsen suggested we add a section on the agenda that we could discuss issues we discovered that aren’t on the agenda. For example, he drove by the back of the Newland House, all the vegetation is mowed down. Why was this done?

Santiago brought up the fact that there is nothing for preservation in place for sidewalks, bricks, signs, etc. Could it be brought up to the department heads that they are tearing everything up? Alvarez was very excited to see that Butterfly Park, which is now Norma Gibbs Park, was saved.

Heritage volunteered to be secretary. Schey made the 1st motion, second by Harris. It was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30. Ryan made the first motion, second by Haynes.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Haynes