

HB Historic Resources Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 16, 2014
Conference Room 3rd Floor City Hall
2000 Main Street Huntington Beach, Ca. 92648

I. Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Alvarez at 6:03 pm.

Roll Call – Alvarez, Cowling, Essner, Haynes, Minnie, Santiago, Schey, David Wentworth Sr., Duane Wentworth

Staff: Ramos

Liaison Ed Pinchiff, Planning Commission

Guests: Teri Baker

II. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Alvarez welcomed everyone.

III. Approval of the minutes – Minutes approved with corrections, 1st Cowling, and 2nd Alvarez, all approved.

IV. Public Comments – No public comments.

V. Oral Communication and Presentations – Design Review Board
Schey reported there is no meeting scheduled as of yet.

VI. Administrative – Elections were held for officers. Haynes nominated Alvarez for her 2nd term as chair, Santiago nominated Schey for chair. Vote taken by show of hands, 5 in favor of Alvarez, 3 in favor of Schey.

Nominations for vice chair were, Minnie nominated Duane Wentworth and Santiago nominated Schey. Vote taken by show of hands, 5 in favor of Wentworth, 3 in favor of Schey.

Essner was not present for the elections.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Mills Act

Teri Baker reported that everything was moving forward with the Mills Act.

Baker had met with Planning and Building, and Legal is working on the papers. The application fee will be \$500.00, which is in line with other cities. There will be a maximum of 10 applications in 1 year. If more

applications are submitted, a waiting list will be established. Inspections will include the interior and exterior. Santiago questioned the interior and stated it is usually not included. He wants to make sure this is as “user friendly” as possible. Baker distributed the Government Code for review, and said that all the paper work will be submitted to the HRB for review before finalizing. The Galvin Survey has a recommended list for the criteria to be met in order to be eligible for the Mills Act.

B. Demolition Review Committee

Schey reported there are no demo permits at this time. Schey reported on 125 8th Street, which was on the survey as historical.

Santiago reported one of the cottages on 9th Street added a huge addition.

Santiago also addressed his concerns with 2 of the city plan checkers, stating that their skill sets as planners are not good. Schey remarked that one of the planners had been very helpful on another project.

Santiago would like to see HRB come into the process earlier on a demo permit to catch any mistakes. It was suggested that the 2 planners attend an HRB meeting for discussion. A letter would have to be drafted for this to happen. Schey suggested we wait until the Galvin Survey is completed so we have an official government working document.

C. Galvin Survey

Schey reported the survey is almost complete and how important this document is. A copy of the report was provided if anyone wanted to look at it. It was explained how the districts have shrunk because there are so many “holes” in them due the numbers of homes being demolished.

Scott Hess is looking into whether it would be possible for the HRB to have access to a home being demolished to salvage any part of it.

Santiago said the survey is a good list, not a perfect list.

D. Wintersburg Task Force

Haynes reported Wintersburg made The 11 Most Endangered Sites in America list. This will open up grants and funding to buy the property back from Rainbow. Mary Urashima is preparing the documents to have Wintersburg put on The National Register of Historic Places.

Alvarez distributed a copy of The Independent newspaper with a letter from Dave Wentworth supporting preservation.

E. Main Street Library

Alvarez reported on the current photos at The Main Street Library and the amount of people that are visiting the library specifically to view the exhibit.

Minnie shared that displaying the photos at other libraries would be difficult due to the size of the buildings. Schey suggested that putting one photo on an easel for display could be an option.

It was approved for the remaining year HRB will provide the new pictures for a maximum of \$300.00 each exhibit. There will be 5 or 6 instead of the current 9 to keep the cost down. A motion was made by Alvarez, 2nd by Haynes, all approved.

The summer pictures will go up within the next few weeks. The fall selection will be about Wintersburg to coincide with the documentary on PBS about Wintersburg.

F. Oral Histories / Archiving / Artifacts

Alvarez and Minnie reported everything is moving forward, not on hold. Schey stated she had the releases ready to go but did not receive the equipment.

Alvarez explained again that Daryl Rivers from The Historical Society will be doing the interviews for the oral histories. Santiago voiced his concern if someone is unable to come to the high school, how will that be handled? He feels we should have another option if this problem arises and waiting for the situation is a bad idea.

Duane Wentworth reported the remaining blueprints are being scanned and will be available to the HRB. The city was having some issues with one of the blueprints not actually printing. Haynes will contact HB Digital to see if they can identify the problem or help.

Wentworth has been unable to contact Daryl Rivers to get together to make copies of the photos the Historical Society has.

G. Walking Tour

Alvarez, Haynes and Minnie distributed the new Walking Tour brochure. Everyone was very pleased with the results. Alvarez and Minnie will distribute to all the entities as needed.

H. Sub committees

Alvarez will update the list for the next meeting.

I. Surf City Nights

Kay Cowling is joining the Surf City Nights Committee. Dave Wentworth reported donations from last month's donations for Ebb & Flo and photos were \$176.00.

HRB had a booth at the 100 Year Celebration at the pier. Donations from that was \$325.00.

J. Plaques and Markers

Ramos distributed the copy of the Golden Bear plaque with the picture and verbiage that Councilman Carchio approved. Santiago and Schey were not happy with the verbiage. Alvarez stated that Carchio had asked that any concerns can be made directly to Councilman Carchio and reminded us that we are not the decision makers in the end. Several board members also had concerns and will be contacting Councilman Carchio direct. Ramos stated the plaque has been ordered. Ramos was asked to check to see if it can still be changed. Santiago made a motion to rewrite which was approved.

VIII. Materials Distributed and Recent Findings

Haynes reported Facebook has 412 likes and encouraged everyone to be active on Facebook.

IX. Items to be Agenized

Nothing to be agenized

XI. Next Meeting / Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be on August 20, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Haynes