



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## HISTORIC WINTERSBURG PRESERVATION TASK FORCE

### MINUTES

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 6 p.m.**

**Huntington Beach City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

**ROOM B – 8 (lower level near City Council chambers)**

**Attendance:**

Council Members: Council Member Jill Hardy (absent), Council Member Erik Peterson (absent)  
Chair Mary Urashima, Committee Members Barbara Haynes, Dennis Masuda, Dave Wentworth (excused absence), Mark Bixby, Ernie Nishii (excused absence), Kanji Sahara (excused absence), Rebecca Nehez (excused absence), Dann Gibb, Miguel Zamudio, Art Hasegawa (excused absence), Frankie Edeza

Chair Urashima called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**Public Comments**

No members of the public present.

**Approval of minutes for August 24, 2017**

Motion by Bixby, second by Masuda. Unanimously approved with no corrections.

**Announcement of “Most Endangered” by Preserve Orange County**

Chair Urashima announced that Historic Wintersburg had been named one of Orange County’s “Most Endangered” historic places. It is one of six historic places on the list. This follows the listing of Historic Wintersburg as one of America’s 11 Most Endangered in 2014 and the designation as a National Treasure in 2015, as well as the determination of potential eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A by the National Park Service in 2013.

**Financial: Preservation fund balance**

\$16,055.05, pending: deposit of \$150.00 donation.

**Old Business:**

- **California State University Long Beach** – Chair Urashima advised the proposal to conduct archaeological survey of property, pro bono, as upper level student curriculum, remains on hold pending Republic Services action to allow collaboration with the University’s archaeology department to move forward.
- **Current site conditions** – The task force discussed the recent weed abatement and tagging clean up at Historic Wintersburg. Zamudio reported he had observed weed abatement around the exterior fence line and that more weed abatement had been conducted on the property. Task force members agreed the area around the 1947 house is improved. The task force discussed their ongoing concerns regarding the site condition and the urgent need to conduct additional clean up and stabilization work.

- **University of California Irvine, Samueli School of Engineering EPIC study** – Chair Urashima advised she had listened to an update on the project at the Oak View Task Force meeting and will follow up with the program director.

### **Status of discussions with Republic Services**

Chair Urashima advised she had been informed by Chris Kentopp, general manager for Republic Services Huntington Beach (Rainbow), that discussions regarding property purchase will resume after major construction deadlines are met at the Rainbow facility. Chair Urashima advised the offer to fly to Phoenix to meet with corporate principals was repeated. Motion by Bixby, second by Haynes, regarding action by Chair Urashima to call Republic Services to follow up and request negotiations move forward.

### **Public outreach and education**

- **“Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America”**: joint exhibit with **Smithsonian Institution** at Heritage Museum of Orange County. The task force discussed the exhibit and movie night event. Chair Urashima advised HMOC paid for the cost of the movie screen and concessions (in addition to concessions contributed by the task force). She will look for opportunities to re-use the exhibit at a location in Huntington Beach for additional public viewing.
- **Dia los Muertos**: Chair Urashima advised the task force had been invited to participate at the event, to be held Saturday, November 4, in Oak View. Participation is pending additional volunteer assistance; option is to attend and support.
- **“Holidays in Huntington Beach 1917”**: The task force discussed planning for the fourth annual “Holidays in Huntington Beach 1917” with **Huntington Beach Historical Society**. The event has been confirmed for Friday, December 1, 2017 at Newland House Museum. The Historical Society and the task force are asked to wear period clothing for 1917 to provide a reenactment experience for guests. Masuda will again provide tents and lighting. The task force discussed set up of structures the day before the event, with additional item set up on the morning of the event. A sub-committee will further develop event details.
- **2018 tentative public outreach events**: Chair Urashima advised the task force of known events in first quarter 2018, including the Day of Remembrance at the Japanese American National Museum in February, and the Huntington Beach Cherry Blossom Festival with the Huntington Beach Sister City Association, on Sunday, March 18, 2018, 10:30 am – 5:30 pm.

The next meeting date was set for **6 pm, Thursday, OCTOBER 26, 2017, at Huntington Beach city hall, Room B-8.**