

PLACENTIA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

April 24, 2018

Attendees, Larry de Graaf, Kathy Frazee, John Walcek, Martin Chavez, , John Bushman, John Adger, Charlene Riggins, Janna Wade; Andrew Gonzales, city rep; Michelle Meades, library

Absent: Jan Henderson, Wendy Elliot-Scheinberg

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	In the absence of both committee chair and vice chair, a motion was made and passed that the past chair, Larry de Graaf, conduct the meeting. Minutes from March were unavailable and will be handled at the next meeting.	
Correspondence/announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry brought voter redistricting maps being studied by city council. This practice is nationwide to have each councilmember represent the district in which they live. Submitted a set for the History Room. Andrew reported a letter from Steve Pischle with comments on how he enjoyed working with the committee and he gave a \$75 donation as he begins a new life chapter John asked that our Heritage Days float be put on agenda for next meeting Kathy remembered to inform committee that she conducted the oral interview of Earl Nickles on Monday, April 23. 	
Accounts report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating funds: \$1,467.80 including profits from play –<i>play attendance</i> was 40+ on Saturday, 50 or so Sunday. Program funds: \$1,540.58 	
New business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both the Committee and the Placentia Founders seem to want increased <i>use of the Bradford House</i> for special community events. The questions of how such events would be scheduled, what sort of use fee would be charged, who would safeguard the House during such events, and what role would the city play in increased uses came up. –For our play, the committee did most of the contact work with the students, no docents from the Founders were on hand to give tours, and yet there is a 50-50 split of the proceeds. Committee wanted to thank the VHS students and teacher for their work on presenting <i>Cordially Invited</i> again <i>Golden Avenue Bridge</i>: Comments on the proposed widening project are due by May 1. Martin and Kathy felt the report showed ample work to safeguard environment, cultural and historical resources. Larry suggested that more in-depth historical research be done and gave various new sources that he sees as important. He also suggested that photos of the bridge be taken and added to the report. Such research and documentation would be mitigating measures taken to make the project more legally defensible. 	<p>1) It was suggested we <i>invite PFS representatives</i> to come and tell us their policy and collaborate with us on future guidelines for community use, such as school activities and other committee uses.</p> <p>2) Andrew will put recognition on City Council Calendar</p> <p>3) Andrew would use the written response Martin supplied and Larry would provide a written statement explaining his concerns and these would comprise the committee’s reply to the report.</p>
Ongoing project/Old business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National trend is to demolish local water towers no longer in use. Golden State Water owns our water tower, “iconic symbol of the city”, that is recognized as a local landmark. The City would like to collect as much information as possible on the historical significance of the structure to have available should there ever be a threat to its existence. City wants to be equal partners with Golden State yet 	<p>1) Larry will complete his research on water towers in general and combine with Wendy’s info on our tower in particular and get information to Andrew.</p>

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	<p>secure the structure for years to come with a state designation of historical significance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic Center and Library Tours scheduled in May for six schools need tour guides and History Room Speakers. • Remembrance of library History Room founders Schmidt, Irot, and Jertberg was tabled until Jan can be present • final talk in the history series will be July 2 by Doug Westfall on Southern California Water –suggestion for a notice to go out in June water bills per Fullerton model 	<p>2) All should consult calendar and see when they are available to help with tours.</p>
City updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Placentia Volunteer event coming on Apr. 28, Saturday • Voter redistricting suggestions can be seen at drawplacentia.org – City did some meetings in La Jolla for this issue and there Andrew met a great storyteller with info on working in the citrus groves and packinghouse; Martin may know the person and would love to have her commit to an interview • City is in the final 20 out of 300 cities to apply for another designation as All America City. Defense is in June. 	
Adjourn	Adjourned to next regular meeting on May 22, 2018	