

**PLACENTIA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

July 23, 2019

**Attendees:** Jan Henderson, John Bushman, Larry de Graaf, John Walcek, Wendy Elliott, Lisa Quental, Andrew Gonzales, city rep; Michelle Meades, library

**Absent:** Kathy Frazee, John Adger, Martin Chavez

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes from June passed as corrected.	
<b>Correspondence/announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletter from OC Historical Society (OCHS); discussion of some of their activities</li> <li>• Contact list was updated and checked for accuracy; will be distributed to committee tomorrow by email</li> <li>• Name badges, held at the City, will be distributed for Heritage Days</li> </ul>	
<b>Accounts report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program funds, static: \$1,408.91</li> <li>• Operating, down \$50 for OCHS membership: \$1,709.00</li> </ul>	
<b>New business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Ongoing project/Old business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage Festival: application deadline Sept. 5; Jan asked if the float could be ready one week prior to Festival in 10 weeks. John may not be able to have timeline and budget ready, so float may be postponed. No action taken to date.</li> <li>• Information pamphlet/plaque program: Martin, Lisa and Jan met, shared research of other city's material. We are uncertain if the 2002 survey of 40 homes has been added to the State's records for historic homes. Andrew shared web site has a Resolution No. R-2003-41 that indicates acceptance of a list so we should be able to compare the State's list with the City list. City lacks a discretionary permit known as a "Certificate of Appropriateness" to regulate modifications of recognized historical resources, but the city attempts to protect all historical resources' authenticity. Larry pointed out that our committee has no professional architect or preservationist for future review of newly nominated properties. It was decided that the City needs an established procedure to guide homeowners, which is a goal of the committee at this time. Andrew added that it would be good to note at what point a buyer is made aware of the historical status of a property.</li> <li>• Mini-local community celebrations: can only happen after we get the procedure down.</li> </ul>	Andrew will compare lists for committee.
<b>City updates And library news</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City has distributed the draft General Plan for public review and comment, including the draft Environmental Impact Report, with a public comment period to conclude on August 26. City staff intends it to take the draft General Plan to the Planning Commission in September, then to City Council the following month. It's available on the city's website for the Committee's review, with special attention to be paid on the Conservation Element which the Committee assisted in creating. The city is targeting to have the draft General plan in place before the end of the year.</li> <li>• Old Boys and Girls Club and the Excalibur Extrusions Company were torn down and groundbreaking for <b>The Herald</b> was about two weeks ago. There is an 18-24 month building schedule. The development will encompass over</li> </ul>	

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	<p>200 residential units with an emphasis on high end, luxury living. Rents are anticipated to start at \$2,500 per month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John noted the homeless population is increasing under the freeway overpass. City cannot clean up anything until the Navigation Center is fully operational. City has limitations through a Settlement Agreement on what it can do.</li> <li>• City has been and continues to be pro-active in correcting misinformation that may go out on social media regarding the future Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department that was approved by Council.</li> <li>• Golden Avenue Bridge expansion is moving forward. Construction should commence within the next 4-6 months, with a construction timeframe of approximately 6 months. Financial restrictions nullified historical restoration in favor of safety design.</li> <li>• Another Kraemer home may be demolished to accommodate for a potential residential development. This is a ranch-style house location along Angelina Drive. Preservation of the home is unlikely because of the lack of historical merit.</li> <li>• Michelle attended a grant meeting in Oakland. She will focus on Hispanic Heritage Month and hold an event in Civic Center on the second Saturday of October. It will be “Hispanic Chalk Art Festival” with a folklorica group, storyteller, puppet show, and food. The chalking will be about your heritage, how you came to Placentia, or culture of your life in Placentia. On the third Saturday of October she will be at Whitten Center. This will be an art extravaganza with different craft stations for families to use. Format of this event was determined from interviews conducted in the community. Storytelling and puppet show will be repeated.</li> <li>• After these two events, Michelle will focus on the oral interviews with the 3 people she named last month from the Atwood neighborhood.</li> <li>• Library will close August 2 and reopen on September 14. A video made from a film donated by a former Tuffree employee of a wedding will be shown. Catalog will be dark while the library is closed as well.</li> <li>• Black-tie gala will take place on August 9 at the Nixon Library.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.</p>	