

PLACENTIA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

February 25, 2020

Attendees: Wendy Elliott, Larry de Graaf, Kathy Frazee, John Walcek, Martin Chavez, John Adger, Lisa Quental; Andrew Gonzales, city rep.

Absent: John Bushman, Jan Henderson

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	Minutes of January meeting were approved.	
Correspondence/announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new correspondence from the county. Phil Brigandi is still being honored by OC Courier. • Beverly Womak, member of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission visited. She is draftsman, calligrapher and painter. She has a project painting elements of Placentia buildings and shared samples of her work. Her painting of the church at the corner of Chapman and Bradford avenues sparked conversation of Rev. Fuller. Beverly shared information on Fuller and his relation with the earlier church community. She offered to work with the committee. John W. set up a show of her work on April 26 at Bradford House. Martin suggested her art could be featured as part of a future lecture series the committee might present. • Brief discussion of active membership and emeritus status. Topic will be added to next agenda • Oral history workshop held last Saturday was appreciated by all who attended; library equipment is suitable for musicians and would only be needed for special individuals we may interview; all admired Andrew's recording system 	
Accounts report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating funds gained \$20 at Tamale fest to \$2288 • Program funds are static at \$1,492.09 • John A.'s reimbursement check was sent to wrong address 	Andrew will check on its status
New business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamale fest question tabled until Jan returns. 	
Ongoing project/Old business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical plaque program: from Marie's interview Kathy found that the committee paid for the first plaque assigned but subsequent property owners paid for their own. The location of Marie's own notes is not known. Andrew found invoices in our records from 2004 when 4 plaques were purchased for \$482, unit cost \$120.50. Procedure: committee makes nomination to recognize a building, it goes to city council, council would approve and committee handles details of purchase and installation. State office of Historic Preservation is our guide to nominations. QTorta is the first drive through in the city. The city has to "set the threshold of significance" for nominations. Discussion of historic recognition followed. • Historic House Guidelines: Subcommittee found many details involved in setting a process guideline. Research in other cities' guidelines continues. We still want to have something to hand to new property owners but need this guide to be developed first. We want to encourage investment in old properties as well as maintenance of them. Placentia needs a preservation guideline. 	Committee should go to see how Anaheim reused its packinghouses and have lunch. Claremont and Yorba Linda also have adaptive reuse of packinghouses.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The oral history workshop on Saturday raised the idea for a field kit for equipment to be on hand and easy to use by various members in homes of our narrators. We will create material in formats Michelle requires for the archive. If equipment is purchased where would it be stored? Storage in city hall is a “hot commodity”. Apparently there is NO restriction on committee members storing equipment at their homes. We would leave some examples of materials that are sold through the city offices with the city. An inventory of our holdings will be done on March 13, Friday, in the front community room so we will have an accurate count. First line of narrators was suggested: Caroline Baden worked in packinghouse; Martin will work on his contacts in La Jolla; John W. will interview Larry Kraemer. Wendy has several leads. Larry will look for city employees or committee members involved in city development. Goal of project is to gather information in preparation for celebration of the city’s 100th anniversary in 2026. 	
City updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigation center hopes to open March 19. Dedication will be planned. This should shift homeless encampments from Crowther Ave. underpass. Fire dept. chief has been hired. He will start at beginning of the month. His office will take over an old conference room at city hall. Equipment for dept. is funded by sale of land that the city owned. Much research has been done to prepare for the dept. Clarification statement sent out by city manager to combat misinformation that has been spread by “outside forces.” Change was made due to costs of county fire agency. 	
Adjourn	Adjourned to next regular meeting on March 24.	