

PLACENTIA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

via ZOOM on October 27, 2020

Attendees: Jan Henderson, Lisa Quental, Larry de Graaf, Kathy Frazee, Martin Chavez, Wendy Elliott; Andrew Gonzales, city rep; Michelle Meades, library

Absent: John Walcek, John Bushman, John Adger

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	February minutes were not available, review/approval deferred to November meeting	
Correspondence/announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No correspondence was received at city hall • Wendy joined OC Historical Society and will share their publications. Also, she recalled that today is the second anniversary of the death of former member Charlene Riggins. 	
Accounts report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating funds \$2,288 - change due to sales at city hall and expense of \$50 for membership at OC Historical Soc.; motion for approval of this expenditure was passed • Program funds remain \$1,492.09 	
New business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan noted that we are out of <i>Placentia, A Pleasant Place</i> and reprints are unavailable. She said the Friis-Pioneer Press is out of business. No one knows who owns the copyright since Virginia Carpenter died in 1995. • Historical brochure – As the subcommittee of Jan, Lisa and Martin continued to meet during the COVID cancellations of regular meetings, the concept of what information was needed grew beyond just a small brochure to now become <i>Historic Resources Survey and Preservation Plan</i>. They sought counsel from the cities of Tustin, Orange and Anaheim as well as the OC Historical Commission regarding steps they took to establish city guidelines for use of historical buildings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An accurate site survey is essential; Lisa noted some properties on the 1988 survey were not on the 2002 update. Larry said the culling had removed buildings that did not meet State criteria at the time. Lisa and the subcommittee suggested that all properties be returned to the designation list in order to have more leverage in guiding the remodel and future use of these sites. ○ Though expense may be a factor, they recommend the city hire professionals to modernize and update the survey and make one cohesive folder that would include the survey, listing of architectural plans and design features, an interactive map locating the structures and a cross-reference to city codes pertaining to preservation. These would not restrict future owners but would offer guidelines for improvement and restoration work. ○ They want the city to establish a review process for approving major changes to identified structures. Staff seemed amenable to their ideas. ○ The sub-committee shared a well-thought-out proposal they will present to city council in November or December, if possible, which they hope can be used as a standard, long-term Preservation Guide for the city. • Wendy commended the sub-committee for all its diligent work 	Kathy is charged with sleuthing out further information on the Carpenter book copyright.
Ongoing project/Old business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	

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City updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City hall is not closed and no one works from home. There is a plan to divide the staff into A and B teams to enable the place to remain open should anyone be identified as positive with COVID. Standard CDC steps are in place and being followed. • Martin asked when Madison Avenue will be resurfaced in the stretch that lies within Placentia city limits. Andrew will check. 	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned to the regular meeting date of November 24.	