



**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE
Heritage Park Depot
Meeting of Tuesday, July 8, 2014**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Oblea at 5:38 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Ed Duran, Merrie Hathaway, Amparo Oblea, Larry Oblea, and Janet Smith

Absent: Sally Gaitan, Tony Reyes (Excused), Mark Scoggins (Excused), and Astrid Shesterkin

Council Liaisons: Councilmember, Richard Moore, Council Liaison Mayor Pro-Tem, Laurie Rios, Alternate Council Liaison

Staff: Joyce Ryan, Director of Library Services Division

Guest: Management Assistant Wayne Bergeron
Gloria Duran

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Duran and seconded by Amparo Oblea to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2014 with the following amendment.

Let the record show that Merrie Hathaway was present at the meeting of April 8, 2014.

The motion was carried unanimously.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Richard Moore reported that he spoke to City Manager Thaddeus McCormack regarding enforcing established ordinance that would fine individuals up to \$2,000 for illegal fireworks and communicating said ordinance to residents. Another issue discussed was the importance of 4th of July theme to be more patriotic. In addition, Mr. Moore announced that the City Council passed the 2-year budget. At the next City Council meeting, members will be voting on the 2-year labor agreements for each of the bargaining units.

Mayor Pro-Tem Laurie Rios reported that the City has signed a five-year contract with the Whittier Police Department.

7. SUPER COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. **Advisory Committee Code of Conduct Policy** – Chair Oblea introduced Management Assistant Wayne Bergeron who gave an overview summary on the Code of Conduct Policy. A copy of the policy, which was adopted by the City Council on May 8, were distributed to members for their review. Members signed an acknowledgement, which will be kept on file with the City Clerk.

5. HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT

Chair Oblea reported on the following:

Art Fest 2014 – the Art Fest was held on Thursday, May 29 and was very successful. The Committee is now focused in planning next year’s event with future goal in having a two-day event.

Signal Cabinet Art Pilot Program – the first signal cabinet located at the northeast corner of Telegraph Road and Orr and Day Road was completed by artist Candace Galvan.

The Archer Art Piece - This art work is in the process of being located in City Hall. The Committee is also in discussion regarding the placement of the plaque.

Betty Wilson Center Plaque – the Committee is in the first stages of placing a portrait and plaque honoring former City Councilmember Betty Wilson at the Betty Wilson Center.

El Greco “Whispering Shadows Artpiece” – this art piece was completed and the dedication was held on May 13, 2014.

Soaring Dreams Fountain – the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee reviewed options presented by the Department of Public Works. Members unanimously agreed to make a recommendation to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee that the Soaring Dreams Fountain art piece should be restored to its original design, keep at its original site, and replace water feature with dramatic lighting.

Art Education Grants – Local schools and organizations have been invited to apply for the Art Education Grant program for fiscal year 2014/2015. Staff will compile information and will distribute final applications to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee members in the month of June for their review. In July, the committee will make its final recommendations to the City Council for their approval.

6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

- a. **Historical Book Sales Update** – Period FY 2013/2014 ending June 2014 – Joyce Ryan gave an overview report on the book sales and financial update for fiscal year 2013/2014.

Balance: \$143.15

Book Sales: \$220.88

Historical Picture Sales: \$38.19
Royalties: \$147.64

Ms. Ryan explained that there are currently 12 mounted historical pictures for sale. Also, the Library is currently showcasing art work from the Art Fest in the display case. Once the art work is picked up by its respective artists, the historical mounted pictures will be on display in hopes to generate sales.

- b. Crawford Morris Biography – an abbreviated version of this biography was featured in the City’s Newsletter. The biography will be made available on file and a copy will be placed in the historical residence file.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Joyce Ryan reported on the following:

- a. **2008 Legacy Project Video Review of Quotes for Professional Editing Services** – Joyce gave overview of proposals obtained for professional videotaping and editing services at Fiestas Patrias on September 12.

In addition, Joyce shared quote obtained by Mark Scoggins for the purchase of an Ikon D3200-DSLR HD quality photo/video camera with different lenses at a cost of \$580, excluding cost of tripod, memory card, carrying case, and plug in-microphone accessory.

A recommendation was made to contact bidders and inquire if they are open to having committee members to assist with the editing process, and to inquire if the City Council can loan the Committee the funds if willing to reimburse with the sale of video. Joyce will keep members apprised and a special meeting will be held for further discussion.

- b. **Mounted Historical Photos Update** - As reported on Item 6 above.

Chair Oblea announced that he decided to rescind from resigning from the Historical Committee.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of Officers and Liaison to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee FY 2014/2015.

Chairperson: Chair Oblea opened nominations for Chairperson. Ed Duran nominated Larry Oblea and he accepted. There being no further nominations, Chair Oblea closed nominations for Chairperson. In a majority vote the Committee elected Larry Oblea as Chairperson.

Vice-Chairperson: Chair Oblea opened nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Amparo Oblea nominated Ed Duran and he declined, Larry Oblea nominated Janet Smith and she accepted. In a majority vote the Committee elected Janet Smith as Vice-Chairperson.

Liaison to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee (HAAC): Chair Oblea opened nominations for Liaison to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee. Amparo Oblea nominated Larry Oblea and he accepted. There being no further nominations, Chair Oblea closed nominations for Liaison to the HAAC. In a majority vote the Committee elected Larry Oblea as Liaison to the HAAC.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Selling of Post-cards

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Oblea encouraged members to

Joyce reported on the following community services events:

- Read Down Your Fines for Teens, June 9 – September 6
- Italian Street Painting, July 19
- Adult Summer Reading Program, June 16 – August 2
- Grandparent and Me Day, July 24 at Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center

A copy of the Library Evolve brochure and Heritage Arts In Public Places Art Directory Brochure were distributed to members.

12. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the Heritage Park Depot at 5:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Oblea adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Prepared By: Teresa Clift,
Administrative Clerk II

Joyce Ryan,
Director of Library Services Division/
Executive Secretary to the Historical Committee