



**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE
Heritage Park Depot
Meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Oblea at 5:32 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Ed Duran, George Felix, Jr., Amparo Oblea, Larry Oblea, Tony Reyes, Mark Scoggins, Astrid Shesterkin, and Janice Smith

Absent: Sally Gaitan, Merrie Hathaway (Excused), and Councilmember Richard Moore (Excused)

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

Staff: Joyce Ryan, Library Services Division Director

Guest: Gloria Duran

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Duran and seconded by Janice Smith to approve the minutes of July 8, 2014.

A motion was made by Tony Reyes and seconded by Ed Duran to approve the minutes of July 22, 2014.

A motion was made by Astrid Shesterkin and seconded by Amparo Oblea to approve the minutes of October 14, 2014.

The motion was carried unanimously. The minutes for July 8 and July 22 had been approved at a previous meeting, but the approvers had not attended the meetings.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Laurie Rios reported that the council would be honoring outgoing Mayor Juanita Trujillo at the next City Council meeting. She also noted that Jersey Avenue School is participating in Read Across America on February 23 and encouraged everyone in attendance to participate in the effort. Mayor Pro Tem Rios also spoke about the new Starbucks going in at the Promenade in place of Taco Bell. She also noted that the new LED readerboard was working very well and residents had remarked on how colorful and attention-getting it is. The City Council adopted a

resolution, phase 1 of water conservation measure to save 20% consumption. Members were reminded to abstain from watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Also, the City Council will be honoring family milestones on Thursday, February 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The community may submit their requests by Monday, February 9, 2015. In addition, the City has passed and adopted Ordinance 1062 restricting solicitations from the public at local businesses and residential areas. Complaints may be directed to the Police Services Center. Furthermore, Caltrans will be closing the southbound I-5 Freeway, Carmenita Road on-ramp and off-ramp through the middle of this year. Similarly, the southbound I-5 Freeway, Alondra Boulevard is permanently closed. A reminder that the Code of Conduct must be signed by all appointed committee members for each committee in which he or she serves. Moreover, The Clarke Estate grounds will be undergoing some changes and it is anticipated to be completed by the beginning of the wedding season. Additionally, the Destiny Scholarship and Powell Grant applications are available to all senior high students through the Chamber of Commerce. The deadline to submit an application is March 20, 2015. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Rios reminded members to donate to Gus' Kitchen/Pantry at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.

5. HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT

Chair Oblea reported on the following:

- a. **Art Fest 2015** – The Art Fest will be held on May 8 at the Clarke Estate. The Committee is working with the art consultant and staff to ensure the event's success. We are hopeful that the damage caused to the Clarke Estate from the last storm will be repaired in time for the event.
- b. **Signal Cabinet Art Program** – the first signal cabinet located at the northeast corner of Telegraph Road and Orr and Day Road was completed by artist Candace Galvan and was such a success that the Committee wants to have her paint another one at the corner of Jersey Avenue and Telegraph Road.
- c. **Soaring Dreams Fountain** – the Soaring Dreams art piece was completed just prior to the tree lighting and looks very nice. Heritage Arts Advisory Committee had reviewed options presented by the Department of Public Works for the art piece's restoration. 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.

6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

- a. **Introduction of new member, George Felix, Jr.** - George was welcomed by all the members and expressed his delight at being in the committee. George mentioned that the paperwork that was sent to him shows the suffix Sr. which is incorrect. Joyce Ryan mentioned that she would make sure that the error was fixed.

- b. **Historical Book Sales Update** – Period FY 2014/2015 ending December 2014 – Joyce Ryan gave an overview report on the book sales and financial update for fiscal year 2014/2015.

Balance: \$262.49
Book Sales: \$36.74
Historical Picture Sales: \$0
Royalties: \$0

Ms. Ryan explained that there are currently 12 mounted historical pictures for sale. The historical mounted pictures are on display in the Library's display case.

- c. **DVD Progress Update** – Larry Oblea mentioned that, although the committee had decided to start the historical video with the Four Corners area, progress has stalled. He suggested that he write the DVD material and perhaps someone else could record the audio. The suggestion was met with approval by the group, so Larry Oblea was going to write sections for the DVD on Santa Fe Springs history.

7. SUPER COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Joyce Ryan reported on the following:

- a. **Historical Postcards Printing and Sale** – Joyce Ryan gave overview of proposal to print and sell historical postcards at the next Children's Day. After much discussion, a motion was made by Amparo Oblea and seconded by Astrid Shesterkin that the Committee should purchase two sets of postcards, 4" x 6", both 250 quantity, at \$60 each set for the purpose of selling them in Heritage Park's Carriage Barn, at the Library, and at special events.

Discussion then turned to the images to be used for this pilot project. Joyce Ryan had brought in a number of historical photographs. After much discussion, with everyone contributing their two favorite images, the committee agreed on the Santa Fe Springs Promenade sign picture and the Old Windmill picture by having members vote for their two favorites. Joyce Ryan said she would check on the legality of the use of the Promenade picture. If that picture could not be used, she will substitute the picture of the 1920s intersection of Norwalk and Telegraph.

The postcard will have the historical description of the image on the back from the latest Historical book and a phrase reading "For more information regarding the history of Santa Fe Springs, please read 'Images of America: Santa Fe Springs' available through Arcadia Publishing."

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Santa Fe Springs Library Website/Historical Photographs** – Joyce Ryan spoke of the fact that the Library is creating a new website and, as part of the process, is "branding" four separate pages within the site. These "branded" pages will have separate background photographs and separate buttons for information access.

Ms. Ryan showed the example of the Whittier Local History site which has historical photographs online along with audio recordings. She will bring photographs to the next meeting for the Committee to vote on which one should be used on the “branded” site. The Committee can also discuss which “buttons” they would like on the site.

- b. **Conference of California Historical Societies Membership** – Joyce Ryan asked the committee if they would like to be a member of the Conference of California Historical Societies. The membership includes the quarterly newsletter and notification of quarterly symposiums. The membership is \$40 per year. A motion was made by Larry Oblea and seconded by Mark Scoggins that the committee join as an organizational member for \$40 per year.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

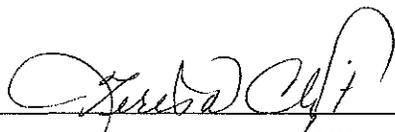
Joyce Ryan reported on the following community services events:

- Tuesday Club, starting February 3, 11 a.m.
- Sensory Storytime, February 6, 10 a.m.
- Little Learners, February 14, 10 a.m.
- Hearts and Crafts valentine craft, February 12, 3:30 p.m.

12. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 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 6:50 p.m.



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