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ITEM #4



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

MEETING OF: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
DATE OF MEETING: July 8, 2019
TIME OF MEETING: 5:00 PM
PLACE OF MEETING: City Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER:

Commission Chair Majer called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m. after waiting for a quorum to be present.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Laurie Boone, Anne Estes, Chad Majer

Absent: none

Staff Present: Suzanne Smithson, Deputy Library Director
Sarah Dana, Senior Librarian
Dianna Galindo, Sr. Office Specialist

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2019 were approved (3/0/0/0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The commission heard from community member Jim Strickland regarding his concern for the Encina Power Plant smokestack. Mr. Strickland shared a short power point with the commissioners showing ideas on preserving the chimney stack and his desire for it to have historic designation. He distributed print copies of his presentation to the commissioners.

The commission moved to add the Encina Power Plant smokestack to the September 9, 2019 agenda for further discussion (3/0/0/0). The commissioners would like to walk the site before the next meeting.

NEW COMMISSIONERS:

No new commissioner appointments will be made until the revised appointment process is confirmed by City Council. The commission currently has two vacancies.

PROPERTIES OF CONCERN:

The commission would like to keep the Magee House as a property of concern.

MEETING LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

By proper motion and vote (2/1/0/0) the commission moved to keep the meeting in the council chamber for the all future meetings at 5:00 p.m. with the exception to start the September 9 and November 4 meetings at 6 p.m. to accommodate holiday schedule and another commission who will meet in the council chamber earlier those same days.

CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE:

Commissioner Boone updated the commission on the 3rd grade student tours being very successful this past year. There has much cooperation between the Historical Society and Carlsbad Police Department to make sure the park is free of disruptive people helping the public and students feel safe when touring the Magee House.

Commissioner Boone also related that the president of the Historical Society has reached out to City Public Works to remove the bench at the entrance of the Magee House. On the weekends there have been people lying on the bench making it look uninviting for those who would like to take a tour. Also, before opening for tours the porch needs to be washed off because of offensive odors. There has been much effort to keep the Magee House a pleasant experience for the public and not allow it turn into a homeless encampment.

COMMISSION LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commission Liaison Smithson informed the commissioners that the Community Forest Management Plan, which includes the Heritage Tree Reports, is being updated and likely be available to the public in mid-August. Parks and Recreation Director Kyle Lancaster and possibly the arborist will present at our September meeting to update the commissioners on the revision to the reports and plan. Liaison Smithson will send them the link to the information when it is available.

Liaison Smithson also mentioned the Council's discussion of the Village and Barrio moratorium on building and development at their June 25 meeting. No action was taken but the discussion may be viewed on the city website under "City Council Meeting Archive" if the commissioners are interested in viewing it.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Estes asked how the commission could coordinate the official property list, the walking tour brochure and the plaque program. Commission Liaison Smithson said there is a spreadsheet that a staff member had put together that shows the three data points of what is on the walking tour, the official property list and those with a plaque. The spreadsheet will be updated, verified, and shared with the commissioners.

Commissioner Boone asked if we can get our goals to City Council soon, so the commission can start with oral histories and video histories.

Commissioner Majer would like to get the oral histories on a schedule. Commission Liaison Smithson replied that a 48 hours request can be sent to have the library staff record the oral history.

Commissioner Majer noted that there has been talk about making the State Street area a historic district. Maybe this is something this commission would like to explore. Commissioner Majer would like to add this as an agenda item and have a brief discussion on how this commission can start the process of designation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Dianna Galindo