



**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE
Heritage Park Train Depot
Meeting of Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Linda Vallejo called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Francis Carbajal, Sally Gaitan, Adrienne Matte, Larry Oblea, Tony Reyes, Mark Scoggins, Linda Vallejo

Absent: Merrie Hathaway, Astrid Shesterkin

Council Liaison: Councilmember John Mora

Staff: Joyce Ryan, Library Services Division Director

Guest: None

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- Nothing to report.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Larry Oblea, and seconded by Mark Scoggins, to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2019. The motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 2 abstain.

5. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT –

Councilmember Mora reported on the following:

- The Florence Avenue Bridge should be completed by December 2019.
- The Whittier Narrows Dam is in need of repair and the County is looking for funding.
- The Gold Line is looking to expand this way east and the City is looking to have it go through the city rather than go further north towards Montebello.
- The Every 15 Minutes program took place at Santa Fe High School. Mr. Mora expressed that it is a powerful program and tries to show students the costs of driving under the influence and also distracted driving.
- The Census will be taken in 2020 and there is a concern regarding the fact that the census is now online and also might contain a citizenship question.
- Chair Vallejo asked if the pink ribbon banners that are put up throughout the city are paid for by City funds or by the Abigail Barrazza Foundation. A discussion ensued about the general discoloration of the ribbons and that they should be replaced. Councilmember Mora will check on this.
- The Whole Child is taking the lead on the housing development on Laurel.

6. HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT

Sally Gaitan reported on the following:

- The electric box across the street from Fire Station #4 on Telegraph Rd. has been painted in honor of the Department of Fire-Rescue's 60th anniversary.
- CalTrans will be moving the work area on Orr & Day and Florence Ave. This will open the triangle area and the City is looking to purchase and develop that property.
- The State wants to eliminate taxes for public art programs and the City is fighting this.
- The City Council did a ground breaking for the new hotel at the Sculpture Garden area; however, construction may not start for another two years because of legal issues and a soil testing.
- The Post Office is re-negotiating their lease with the City. For many years, the Post Office has been paying \$600 per month for the space. The price could possibly be changed to \$10,000 per month.
- Sonic Burger is now in escrow. This location will be by Target at Carmenita Rd.
- Billboards were approved and should generate approx. \$100,000 per year.
- The Heritage Arts Advisory Committee has been asked to provide artwork for the City Hall lobby by the featured artist at Art Fest. Artwork is not allowed to be placed on the walls; guidelines have been drafted.
- The City is looking to slurry seal a number of streets. In addition, the City will be redesigning the City Hall parking lot.
- Habitat for Humanity is working with the City and a number of other groups to create low-cost housing including temporary and permanent housing.
- Art Walk on March 16 was a success with over 200 participants and multiple art tours, face painting, chalk art and crafts. Member Francis Carbajal commented on the great event and how much she and others enjoyed it. She suggested extending the event from 2 hours to a longer timeframe, and perhaps have the Carriage Barn open and give historical tours.
- Heritage Arts is purchasing new banners for Art Fest.
- The artwork at Founder Plaza has won an award from the National Sculpture Society
- The Committee is looking to repair the Snake Basket Fountain and the boxcar mural. They will also de-assess the Orange Harvest; Kiewit will not be replacing the Construction Worker that had been stolen and this will also be de-assessed.
- Art Fest is on May 3 and we are still looking for sponsorships.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Joyce Ryan reported on the following:

- a. **Volunteer Recognition Dinner** – The Department of Community Services is holding a Volunteer Recognition on Friday, April 12 and all committee members have been invited. Various members RSVP'd to the event.
- b. **SFS Day of Service** – The Department of Community Services is holding a Day of Service at Santa Fe Springs Park on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- c. **SFS Art Fest** – This event will be held on Friday, May 3 from 3-11 p.m.

- d. **Historical Book Sales Update** – FY 2019/2020 ending March 31, 2019. The current balance: \$1196.31. Ms. Ryan distributed the financial report to committee members. Member Carbajal generously donated \$20.00 to push our balance over \$1200. Member Gaitan asked if the pictures were still being sold and Mrs. Ryan confirmed that they were; staff will continue to put them out for sale at Children's Day, etc.
- e. **Historical Postcards Printing** – At the last meeting, the committee members approved the purchase of additional postcards for sale. There are four photographs that will be used for this project. Mrs. Ryan asked the committee to review the postcard text to identify any potential issues. The committee suggested adding information on the history page located on the library's website. Mrs. Ryan will also print them so they can be used as a traditional postcard. Mrs. Ryan will look for a better photograph of the school that shows the bell tower.
- f. **Carriage Barn Tour** – The Historical Committee members toured the Carriage Barn. Mrs. Ryan pointed out various changes that had occurred with the exhibits: multiple exhibits have been moved; the carriage has been moved to the second floor; a new display case has been purchased for the second floor; pictures have been re-hung; new display cases and stanchions will be purchased; a monitor will be installed by the car to show a video regarding the Model T's restoration. The members were pleased at the progress that had been made. Mrs. Ryan told the members to give her any suggestions for enhanced service.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

The Library is currently working on an application to the California State Library for a STEM program series called SFS Innovates. The Library is holding a Game of Thrones Trivia Night on April 19.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Wine and Paint Night** – Mrs. Ryan opened the discussion by going through some of the costs for putting on a wine and paint night. The artist who would conduct the class would charge \$1000. The souvenir wine glasses would cost approx. \$250. The costs for Café n Stuff would be approx. \$400. It was determined that the costs for the program would not garner as much in donations that would make the event worth the effort. In addition, Mrs. Ryan looked for mesh bags to hold water bottles and she has found two separate items, but the colors are unsuitable and one does not have a strap. Member Oblea asked about the Lantern Tour donations and was told that we garnered \$200 in donations last year. Chair Vallejo mentioned that we might want to explore having all staff do a wine and paint night.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Children's Day Involvement** – Mrs. Ryan talked about the upcoming Children's Day being held on Saturday, June 1 from 12-4 p.m. We will have the Carriage Barn open and have our docents here to give tours. Mrs. Ryan invited the members to come out and volunteer in the Carriage barn or at the Historical Committee booth. Mrs. Ryan will email members to encourage their involvement. Adrienne Matte agreed to volunteer that day. Sally Gaitan suggested that we have Art Walk brochures at our booth.

Mrs. Ryan also mentioned that Dia de los Muertos will also be held at the park on October 19 at 1-6 p.m. and encouraged members to attend. Mrs. Ryan mentioned that we may want to have an ofrenda in the Carriage Barn and will have the Carriage Barn open and give tours.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- a. ***Historical DVD*** - Larry Oblea showed the work on the historical video that had been done to date. The video is currently at 18 minutes and takes the history of the city to the oil discovery.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Election of Officers
- b. Lantern Tour

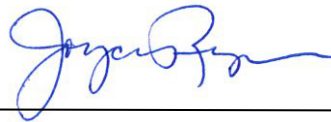
11. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Linda Vallejo adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Park Carriage Barn.



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