



**HISTORICAL & COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall
Meeting of Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER- Vice Chairperson Jeannette Lizarraga called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Mark Scoggins, Marina Gurrola, Jeannette Lizarraga, Gloria Maghame, Mary Arias, Hilda Zamora, Elena Lopez Bocca

Absent: Sally Gaitan

Staff: Deborah Raia, Executive Secretary

Guests: None

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- Nothing to report.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-
A motion was made by Gloria Maghame and seconded by Mary Arias to approve the minutes of Wednesday, January 24, 2024. The motion was carried with 7 in favor and 0 against.

5. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – DEBORAH RAI
Modifications to the Advisory Committee- During the January 11th City Council meeting, it was decided to eliminate the assignment of a Council Liaison for all advisory committees. Staff will be providing City Council a report on key items discussed at advisory meetings. City Council requested the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson provide quarterly updates during the assigned City Council meeting. Our Committee’s presentation is scheduled for April 16, 2024. Staff will assist the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson with the presentation of the quarterly updates. Agenda packets have also been modified and no longer include staff reports, old business, and new business.

Changes in the Library- Due to the increase in attendance at events such as First Friday that are held inside the library, the library staff is pursuing options to remove the curved wall in the café seating area.

Café Libro- Members suggested bringing back a coffee business in the Café Libro area, however, it is not profitable, and Deborah previously reached out to companies and did

not receive any interest. Members suggested allowing the Women's Club to sell coffee and snacks.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Museum Assessment Program (MAP)- The Council approved a mission statement for the Carriage Barn on January 22, 2024. The approved mission statement is *“The Carriage Barn collects, conserves, and presents items that are significant to the history and culture of Santa Fe Springs and its diverse community.”* The MAP report has been received and mailed to all committee members. The report highlights previously discussed items such as the need for better lighting, inventory of historical items, and more. Due to a delay in receiving the museum assessment, Deborah was not able to apply for another assessment on a different topic this year but will apply next year. Also, some of the library staff that assisted with the MAP will be attending the California Museum Association conference in Long Beach on March 10–13, 2024.

Carriage Barn- The next step is for the Library, with the support of the Committee, to prepare a strategic plan for the Carriage Barn. Deborah met with City Electrician Abel Meraz for museum lighting and railing. A quote was provided and it will possibly not be finished in time for the Art Fest. A preliminary inventory of historical items with basic information has been made and will be used to decide what the Carriage Barn wants to keep. The film reels of movies taken by Mrs. Clarke that were found in the Clarke Estate have been digitized. The library is also anticipating the use of the Carriage Barn for Art Fest on April 26th. Committee members are willing to volunteer to move items from the Carriage Barn to clear it for the Art Fest.

Gabrielino/Tongva Tribe- Family and Human Services Manager, Ed Ramirez is currently working with the Gabrielino/Tongva Tribe and Deborah has notified him that the Carriage Barn has several artifacts belonging to the tribe. These items may need to be repatriated to the Tribe.

7. NEW BUSINESS- Nothing to report.

8. HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HAAC) REPORT –

The HAAC voted for Gabriel Jimenez as Chairperson and Francis Carbajal as Vice Chair. Last month, the HAAC went to the StayGallery in Downey. Shared that, although it is small, it holds art from various local artists. Sandra Hahn will be adding the final touches to the flyer with assistance from the communications team. Art Fest postcards have been sent out and ArtCrawl website is active. Performers and exhibitors have been booked and reviewed. On Thursday, April 25th during the Preview Showcase, the following bands are: Upstream, LA Misfits. For Friday, April 26th the following bands will play: Wiseguys, Cash'd Out and Bruno Mars and the Hooligans. An Art Fest luncheon will be taking place on March 21st at Heritage Park.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- City Manager will attend the meeting in March
- Revise Lantern Tour Date and Holiday Contest Guidelines

10. MEMBER COMMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- The Women's Club Quarter Mania event taking place March 17, 2024, is sold out.
- An SFS Teacher Union protest is currently taking place for an increase in wages.
- The Volunteer Recognition Dinner is on April 10th and all committee members will receive an invitation.
- Committee member Hilda Zamora shared comments and concerns regarding the recent removal of long-term employees.
- A moment of silence was observed for Nickie Stradley, a Cubmaster for the Boy Scouts Pack 553 of the Santa Fe Springs. She was remembered for her kindness and over 30 years of dedication to the Boy Scouts.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Jeannette Lizarraga, adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Town Center Hall.