

Historic Resources Board

Draft of Minutes October 21, 2020

I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:07 PM by Chair Schey via Zoom.
2. Roll call was taken: Schey, Knowles, Nguyen, David Wentworth Sr., Hanson noted as present. Duane Wentworth had an excused absent. Also present were Stephanie Beverage, HB Public Library and City Staff Liaison, Michelle Roesner (HBPL), and Steven Park (HBPL).

II. **Welcome and Introduction**

III. **Public Comments**

1. No comments.

IV. **Consent Calendar**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

- i. September 2020 minutes reviewed. Knowles motioned to accept the September minutes with amendments. Hanson seconded. All others approved.

V. **Presentations:**

1. **Design Review Board Report** – Schey reported that there was not much new to share. The energy plant on PCH came up with their 3rd public art plan. It selected a muralist to do a mural on the wall of the new building—reflecting the area's landscape of bogs, palm trees, etc. The DRB approved the mural and the plans move on to Planning Commission.
2. **Board Applicants** – nothing to report

VI. **Administrative**

1. **Fiduciary Commitments:** n/a
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Knowles reported there's \$3,114.36 in the bank. No additional receipts or vouchers. Knowles requested that Roesner scan the board's bank statements and send them along to him. Roesner noted that she only received last month's statement from Beckman. She said she would email Beckman again for the next month's statement.
3. **Staff/Council Requests for Assistance:**
 - i. Schey Update: The City Gym and Pool requested some changes on-site. They include: 1) adding security cameras (agreed they will be as concealed as much as possible), 2) need to remove the folding bleachers (original to building). They take up too much footprint and make some sports non-regulation in the space. Schey and the City suggested that perhaps the historic wood from the bleachers could be used in another form once removed.

4. **Historic Photographs – Use and Recovery:** n/a

VII. **Introduction to City Staff, Steven Park:**

1. Park introduced himself as Principal Librarian for the City of Huntington Beach. He's been with the library for 6 years. He noted he is happy to assist and help with the Historic Resources Board and fill in for Beverage as necessary.
2. Schey noted Park is tech savvy and has been an archivist as well.
3. Beverage noted she would be in and out of the HRB meeting because of other Zoom calls. Park remained on the HRB Zoom meeting in her place.

VIII. Committee Reports

1. **Plaques:** Schey asked if there were any new applicants for historic house status. Knowles noted no new applicants. Knowles mentioned putting a flier in with the water bills (Beckman had looked into it in the past). Beckman had mentioned it was a long wait. Roesner said she could look into again, but she suggested considering putting an ad in the SANDS.
2. Wentworth, Sr. said it looks like the City will not help clean current or future plaques (as a result of a depletion of funds due to Covid). The City said they wouldn't get involved with the private citizen cleaning plaques (and perhaps doing damage to them), but Schey wants the City to be aware of what private individuals are doing. Schey asked how we should let the City know. Wentworth, Sr. suggested Beverage go back through her contacts to let them know the HRB is taking it on. Schey wanted to offer something in writing for her to share. She wants to make sure it is done properly. When Beverage returned from her call, Schey and Wentworth, Sr. filled her in on the plan moving forward. Beverage indicated that nothing can be done to plaques on private property, but the ones on City property could be cleaned by the HRB. Beverage said she'd share with Sean Crumby that the board is willing to share expertise and help out with plaques on city property that need to be maintained. Schey wants Wentworth, Sr. to reach out to the gentleman buffing up benches (as she is worried about plaques on benches). Beverage isn't sure if Public Works is aware of what he's doing. He does it on his own dime and is getting a lot of Facebook attention.
3. **Demolition Reports:** Schey had nothing to report. Schey wants to make sure the process is being followed even for those structures being torn down. A 1950s home at 1001 Huntington St. was torn down according to Wentworth, Sr. Schey noted it was difficult to get attention for the 1950s structures, because there are so many of them.
4. **Research:** n/a
5. **Oral History Project:** n/a
6. **School Outreach:** Nguyen noted that school was going back in the coming weeks in the Huntington Beach School District, and she planned to give the teachers a few weeks before reaching out. Knowles and Nguyen would be able to conduct remote presentations—live or recorded.
 - i. Schey would like Erik Peterson to mention the HRB's classroom interaction at council.

7. Information and Outreach:

- i. Wentworth, Sr. noted no Surf City Nights, and that it will be too late for the HRB to get involved this year. He is hoping to return to SCN in March.
- ii. Facebook: 1,632 likes (picked up 81 in the last 3 weeks)
- iii. Knowles said the website is still doing well and remains near the top on search engines.

8. Future Programming:

- i. Schey reported that HBTv is looking for ideas for small historical snippets. The HRB provided some interesting ideas last month. For example, Nguyen suggested highlighting HB during the Cold War Era. Schey asked if board members would like to step up with 1-page suggestions for the Communications Committee. The page would highlight the core of the story, why it's important, and resources to supplement (photographs, oral histories). Schey asked that written suggestions be sent to her first.
- ii. Future Events: Schey suggested zoom events. Possible events include "Building Styles of HB," "Your Historic House" (showcasing the plaques program). Schey noted that at one point Santiago was working on an FAQ sheet on the Mills Act; maybe that could be presented as zoom event.

IX. Member Comments:

- 1. Wentworth, Sr. needs new envelopes/folders to carry large photographs for Surf City Nights. Schey said we could do a vote, not to exceed \$100. Schey moved to allow Wentworth, Sr. to purchase envelopes not to exceed \$100. Hanson seconded. All approved.
- 2. Schey will be talking on October 29th for the HB Library. The last talk was on Time Capsules. This Zoom topic is on the "Library That Never Was"—what the City had hoped to do with the library. It will be recorded.
- 3. Hanson: Wants to hold the December meeting given we missed a lot of meetings earlier in the year.

X. Future Agenda Items:

- 1. Hanson: would like to request (at next meeting) that the HRB consider a resolution expressing that the HRB should be able to meet at City Hall. Schey noted that even when we can, she would like to be able to provide a Zoom option. Hanson would also like to consider a public call-in line.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm. Wentworth, Sr. motioned to adjourn and Nguyen seconded. All present approved. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th.