

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

**REQUEST FOR ACTION**

**MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 12, 2015  
**SUBMITTED TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
**SUBMITTED BY:** JANEEN LAUDENBACK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR  
**PREPARED BY:** DAVID C. DOMINGUEZ, FACILITIES, DEVELOPMENT & CONCESSIONS MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** LAKE PARK HISTORICAL INFORMATION PLAQUE

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**Statement of Issue:** Staff has been approached by a citizen group, Preserving Our Past (POP) with a donation offer to install a historical information plaque at Lake Park. There is a need for Commission to consider acceptance of the donation and approve wording describing historical events of the park.

**Funding Source:** Funding for the plaque and installation will be provided by POP.

**Recommended Action(s):** Approve the concept of the monument and the wording of the plaque describing historical events at Lake Park as presented and make recommendation to City Council to do the same.

**Alternative Action:** Do not approve the concept and direct staff on how to proceed.

**Analysis:** The City of Huntington Beach has been asked to accept the donation of an informational plaque to be installed at the Main Street entrance of Lake Park. This plaque will be donated to the City of Huntington Beach by "Preserve our Past", (POP) a group of volunteers committed to memorializing significant historical events. As past members of the Historic Resources Board, some members of POP led the way with the historical plaque installation at the Main Street Library, as well as the monument sign marking Triangle Park, at the corner of Main and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. This community group has spearheaded an effort to memorialize the history of Lake Park, as it among the original parks in the City's park inventory.

Because POP has already developed the concept for the monument memorial, and has researched the language contained therein, staff is presenting this concept to the Community Services Commission as a whole, rather than going to the Park Memorial naming committee. The donated marker can serve the community by highlighting some of the significant events that have contributed to Lake Park's meaningful history.

It is important to note that POP presented their research and proposed language to city staff over a series of meetings and communications. (Attachment 1) POP presented language which was historically accurate according to their careful research. Staff then worked closely with members of the Historic Resources Board (HRB) to refine the language to assure the accuracy of the plaque. This process took several months, and both groups agree with the language as presented to the Community Services Commission with the exception of two items.

The first item of concern to the HRB is the mention of the land being acquired for \$10.00 in gold coin. Although this was referenced in the Bargain and Sale Deed for the Lake Park property (attachment 2), there is no mention of the transaction in the City Council minutes from that time period. The HRB believes that this omission in the minutes is significant because it appears that all city expenditures of that time period were voted on and memorialized by Council and further believes the mention of the gold coin in the deed was simply ceremonial in nature.

The second item of concern to the HRB is the mention of the timing of the installation of the playground equipment. The HRB would prefer to see the words “at that location” should be added at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, while the POP prefers the language as presented to remain. The two items are noted in Attachment 3.

In working closely with both the POP and the HRB, Staff believes that one could argue that either interpretation of both items are historically accurate. We have reviewed documents and footnotes presented by both parties and believe that both have presented compelling information to reinforce their position. Staff feels that all other information in the proposed language has been appropriately documented and therefore would like to recommend that Commission approve the language as presented and move this item forward to City Council for their consideration.

**Environmental Status:** Not applicable

**Attachment(s):**

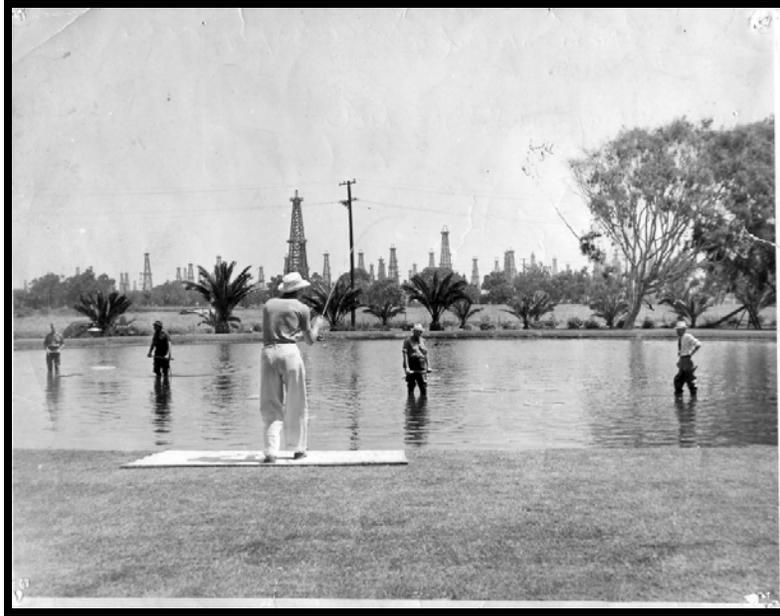
	No.	Description
	1.	Plaque language proposed by Preserving our Past
	2.	Bargain and Sale Deed for Lake Park Property
	3.	Items of Concern to the Historic Resources Board

RCA Author: D. Dominguez

PERSERVE OUR PAST PROPOSED PLAQUE LANGUAGE

**ATTACHMENT #1**

## LAKE PARK



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On April 6, 1938, there was a formal opening of the recreation building, now known as the Lake Park Clubhouse, which is still used by multiple service and social organizations.

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BARGAIN AND SALE DEED FOR LAKE PARK PROPERTY

**ATTACHMENT #2**

1912

See also  
Books 9, 10  
#13, 21, 22

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# Bargain and Sale Deed

CORPORATION

This Indenture, made the twenty-first day of October  
in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve...

Between HUNTINGTON BEACH COMPANY a Corporation

organized under the laws of the State of California, and having  
its principal office in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles,  
California the party of the first part

And THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH the party of the second part

**Witnesseth:** That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the  
sum of Ten 00/100 (10.00) Dollars  
in gold coin of the United States of America, to it in hand paid by the said  
party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted,  
bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant,  
bargain and sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and  
to its heirs and assigns forever, all that certain lot, piece or parcel  
of land situate, lying and being in the County of Orange  
and State of California and particularly described as  
follows, to wit:

That piece of land in the City of Huntington Beach,  
known as "Lake Park", situated between Main, Eleventh, Twelfth  
and Lake (formerly Railroad Ave) streets, as designated and  
delineated upon a certain map of said property recorded on  
page 17, Book 4 of Miscellaneous Maps, Records of said County of  
Orange, State of California.

It is hereby covenanted and agreed, however, with a covenant  
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~~public park and for no other purpose, otherwise the title hereby~~  
granted shall revert to and be vested in the grantor herein, or  
in its successors or assigns, and it or its successors or assigns  
shall be entitled to the immediate possession thereof.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances  
thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions,  
remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

To Have and to Hold, all and singular the said premises, together with the appur-  
tenances, unto the party of the second part and to its heirs and assigns for-  
ever.

In Witness Whereof: The said party of the first part has caused its corporate name  
and seal to be affixed by its President and Secretary thereunto duly authorized  
the day and year in this indenture first above written.

HUNTINGTON BEACH COMPANY (Seal)  
By [Signature] President.  
By [Signature]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

County of Los Angeles

} ss

On this twenty-first day of October nineteen hundred and twelve, before me H. Levinson a Notary Public in and for said County of Los Angeles and State of California, personally appeared E. J. Gates

known to me to be the president and Alex Mills, known to me to be the Secretary of the Corporation described in and that executed the within instrument and known to me to be the persons who executed the within instrument on behalf of the corporation therein named, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal.

H. Levinson

Notary Public in and for said County, State of California.

No 31920

Deed

LAKESIDE  
Bargain and Sale  
CORPORATION

HUNTINGTON BEACH COMPANY

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THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

DATED October 21, 1912

RECORDED AT REQUEST OF

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Orange County Records  
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Orange County Recorder  
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H. E. Laverne  
H. E. P.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH COMPANY (Seal)

(SEAL)

By E.J. Gates Vice-President

By Alex Mills

( Recorded in Book 224 Page 72 of Deeds, Orange County Records)

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD EDITS TO PLAQUE LANGUAGE

# **ATTACHMENT #3**

Preserve Our Past final submittal **with HRB Edits**

Photo of competitive fly casters [HERE](#)

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