



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

HISTORIC WINTERSBURG PRESERVATION TASK FORCE

MINUTES February 22, 2013

Council Members: Mayor Connie Boardman (Shaw and Harper absent)
Chair Mary Urashima, Committee Members Gloria Alvarez, Stacha Khatib, Sue Gordon
Advisory group: Carmen Erber, Dann Gibb, Elaine Parker, Dennis Masuda
Staff: Ricky Ramos
Public: Aimee Caton, CSU-Long Beach

Public Comments: Aimee Caton, CSU-Long Beach anthropology student provided brief explanation of ethnographic film project she is doing on the Historic Wintersburg preservation effort.

Approval of minutes: Unanimous approval of minutes for January 28, 2013, motion by Mayor Boardman, second by Stacha Khatib.

Update on CEQA process:

- a. Draft response to public comments is expected within two weeks; delay due to contractual issues with consultant.
- b. Planning Commission new dates for workshop and public hearing are 5 p.m., March 26, for study session, and 7 p.m., April 23 for public hearing.
- c. Request from task force to review draft Historic Context and Survey—as relates to the Wintersburg property—which which was conducted to facilitate an update to the City General Plan Historic and Cultural Resources Element. Ricky Ramos reported the draft had been provided to the city council liaisons and that he would provide draft PDF copies to task force chair Mary Urashima for review. A City Council study session on the Historic Context and Survey is scheduled for March 18.

Budget: Staff will provide screen shot of budget for next meeting. Mary Urashima reported that a couple more individual donations have been received.

Public Outreach update: Mary Urashima reported on the coverage in the Orange County Register regarding the Consul General visit, <http://www.ocregister.com/news/japanese-495228-site-wintersburg.html>, and the Los Angeles Times, front page, <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-wintersburg-2-20130211,0,1610762.story>. HBTB is working on a video regarding the Consul General visit. Mary Urashima also provided updates on Facebook activity and the archived agendas and minutes on the City web page.

CSU-Long Beach ethnographic film project: Mary Urashima and Aimee Caton provided information regarding the anthropology students' ethnographic film project. The film group is anticipated to attend upcoming meetings and would like to film at the

property. The short film will be used for educational purposes and submitted to university film festivals.

PBS film project: Mary Urashima provided an update on a series in production by PBS, for which there will be more details in the next month or two. The series focuses on American families and there is interest in the Historic Wintersburg story.

Potential relocation sites / matrix update: Mary Urashima reported on a meeting arranged for by Council Member Joe Shaw with Coast Community College District. There was no update from Council Member Matt Harper regarding meeting with County Supervisor John Moorlach regarding County locations. Mary Urashima asked for clarification of the process for selecting and approving a potential relocation site. Ricky Ramos said there would need to be some evaluation by staff. It was recommended the “short list” of sites be provided to staff for preliminary evaluation.

National Trust endangered sites list: At the urging of staff with the National Historic Trust’s Washington, D.C., office and Preserving California’s Japantowns, Mary Urashima prepared and submitted in February an application for Historic Wintersburg to be considered for the Trust’s annual “11 Most Endangered” historic properties list. The list will be announced in June 2013. Being included on this list can gain national support for preservation efforts and funding.

Wintersburg archival material: Mary Urashima requested an update on the return of ephemera and materials taken from the Historic Wintersburg property by Historic Resources Board members. Barbara Haynes and Gloria Alvarez have returned items they safeguarded. Another request was made for the remaining items removed from the property.

Roundtable: Mary Urashima requested each committee member prepare a list of five restaurants that will host a “Wintersburg day/night” with a percentage of proceeds going to the preservation fund. She also requested each committee member prepare a list of five business or corporations to be contacted regarding community donations or grant programs. Each committee member was asked to provide complete information, e.g. name, address, key contact and contact information.

Next meeting date was set for: 9 a.m., Friday, March 22, 2013