



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

HISTORIC WINTERSBURG PRESERVATION TASK FORCE

MINUTES – May 31, 2013

Attendance:

Council Members: Mayor Connie Boardman (absent), Council Member Matthew Harper (absent), and Council Member Joe Shaw (absent)

Task Force members: Chair Mary Urashima, Committee Members Gloria Alvarez, Stacha Khatib (absent), Sue Gordon, Barbara Haynes, David Wentworth Sr., Dennis Masuda

Staff: Ricky Ramos

Public Comments

No public comments were received

Approval of minutes

Motion by Alvarez, second by Masuda, for approval of April 5, 2013 minutes; unanimous approval.

Status update on CEQA process

Planning Commission – The task force discussed the upcoming Planning Commission public hearing on June 25, 2013.

Historic Context Survey (City General Plan Historic and Cultural Element)

Task Force members were advised by Ricky Ramos that staff has requested cost estimates from the consultant regarding making the corrections provided via public review and input.

Budget

Preservation Fund update – Over \$4,000 in preservation budget, with donations expected from restaurant night at Red Table with matching donation from Huntington Harbour Mall.

Fundraising

- Restaurant nights – Mary Urashima has sent inquiries to several restaurants to schedule next fundraiser. It was determined not to do a fundraiser at 25 Degrees.
- List of corporations / businesses – Task force members were reminded to provide a list of five corporations / businesses that they have vetted regarding community grant or donation programs.

Public Outreach update

- **Facebook page** - As of 5-28-13, 173 “likes”; potential reach of 58,888; verified weekly reach average 337
- **Communications with Senator Feinstein’s office** – Mary Urashima updated the task force regarding recent communications with the Senator’s office. Assistance with funding and future tour of site was discussed with the Senator’s

staff. As a child, Senator Feinstein visited the detention center at Tanforan, a racetrack south of San Francisco. She has been very involved in efforts to recognize Tule Lake detention center as a National Register site.

- **National Park Service communications** – Mary Urashima updated the Task Force on recent communications with the NPS west coast regional staff. A future tour of the Historic Wintersburg property will be scheduled this summer.
- **Wintersburg Presbyterian Church** – Mary Urashima updated the Task Force on a recent meeting with the Church, providing the senior pastors with an update and answering their questions. The Church cannot take an active role, but is interested and supports the preservation effort. They plan to send a letter of support.
- **Asuza Pacific** – Mary Urashima updated the Task Force on a recent meeting with Evelyn Shimazu Yee, Asuza Pacific University, regarding her participation at the U.S. Department of the Interior meeting in Washington D.C. about the Asian American heritage initiative.
- **Our American Family** – Mary Urashima updated the Task Force on the upcoming filming of oral histories of the Furuta family for the new PBS series, Our American Family. Some background video will be filmed at the former Furuta farm property.

Potential relocation sites / matrix update

This item was postponed until a later meeting, pending Planning Commission decisions affecting the next phase of effort. Mary Urashima explained staff review of potential sites creates a cost for the City and all information is needed before that effort is undertaken.

Roundtable

Task Force members were asked to support the preservation effort at the Planning Commission public hearing and City Council meeting re: the Historic Context Survey. Additionally, task force members were reminded to provide their list of five restaurants and five business / corporations, as discussed under fundraising.

Mary Urashima discussed general Task Force communications.