

**MINUTES
HUNTINGTON BEACH ART CENTER
HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD**

**Friday, July 21, 2006
1:30 p.m.
Huntington Beach Art Center
538 Main Street
Huntington Beach CA 92648**

Diane Ryan, Chair, called the meeting of the Historic Resources Board to order at 1:35 p.m. at which time a quorum was met.

ROLL CALL: Harris, Kennedy, Morgan, Ryan, Santiago, Watkins, Council Member Hardy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hanson, Howard

STAFF PRESENT: Hoffman, Clary

GUEST: Nuwana Robinson, Pauline Chavez-Bent, Flossie Horgan, Barbara Haynes,

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:

1. The Board welcomed back Pauline Chavez-Bent, former board member as a guest.
2. The Board welcomed Nuwana Robinson, Barbara Haynes and Flossie Horgan and Jill Hardy, Council Liaison.
 - Jill Hardy related to the Board that one of her goals in running for City Council was to preserve properties within Huntington Beach.
 - Flossie Horgan, Planning Commissioner attended as a guest and expressed her interest in the Board's comments on historic preservation.
 - A discussion of the historical significance vs. demolition of local properties within Huntington Beach and the Board's involvement in the process ensued. Santiago stated that the process as currently established does not allow for the Board's recommendations to be considered early enough in the process. He said it appears that the Board's opinion comes too late for real consideration or impact on a demolition decision.
 - The Board enlightened the guests on their concerns at the loss of homes not only in the downtown area, but the surrounding community. The Hotel Evangeline was discussed as an example.

- Hoffman confirmed with Council Member Hardy that the Board could express its concerns before City Council as needed.

CURRENT ISSUE UPDATES

1. Wesley Park – Planning Commission Meeting:
 - The Board was reminded about the Planning Commission meeting on July 25, 2006 at 7:00 pm for Wesley Park. Nuana Robinson encouraged all members to attend the meeting. It was suggested that people from outside of the topic area attend the meeting in order to impact the importance of the Main Street preservation to the public at large, not only the local residents.
2. Follow-up Discussion on Preservation Workshops for Realtors/Historic Classes for the Community:
 - There was a follow up discussion regarding preservation workshops and historical classes for the community. Ryan suggested the formation of a committee to work specifically on educational programs on historical preservation. The members discuss the need for research in order to present a comprehensive educational program. It was determined that the Board will undertake the research project for 90 days before asking for additional assistance from City staff.
 - Hoffman will research the possibility of providing information about the Historic Resources Board and historic preservation in the insert that is provided in the community's water bills.
 - The board discussed the potential limitations of education program without financial resources. Watkins asked Hoffman to recall the reasons the board cannot raise funds. Hoffman explained that the Historic Resources Board is defined as an advisory board only.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Kate Hoffman – Meeting with Planning Dept. on July 24, 2006 regarding the creation of historic districts.
2. Identify Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the HRB:
 - Diane Ryan announced that she will not be able to continue as chair of the Historic Resources Board and opened discussion for nominations. The Board decided to agendize this topic until the next meeting. Clary will send out announcements for the Board to be prepared for a vote.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 18, 2006 at 1:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Charlene Clary, Office Administrator