

**EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES**  
**April 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Bartke

Present: Rich Bartke, Tom Panas, Pat Shaw, Barbara Hill, Joanne Rubio, Debbie Weeks  
Absent: David Weinstein

The Minutes of the March 15, 2016 Board meeting were approved, after some amendments.

**City's Centennial Planning** - Pat was interviewed April 1st for the Centennial Planning Committee. The EC Board will make a decision tonight as to who will serve on this committee.

**Recreation Brochure Ad** - Debbie let the board know that our ad was cut for this next brochure. They promised our ad would be in the next brochure.

**Possible Future Programs**

**Geology of El Cerrito:** rare outcroppings; perhaps prof. from C.C. College; other ideas?  
"Art on Bart", **Local Sports**

**The Forge** - The next issue of the Forge will be based on the article from the Chung Mei Chronicles about the Home's dog Brownie. Barbara will work on this. Tom said there is no copyright concern.

**Sparks** - We will hold off on doing a Sparks at this time.

**EC Notables** - El Cerrito High School posted our list of notables on their site.

**Mortar & Pestle** - The Board voted to go ahead and find out more information about the mortar and pestle that we have on display in the Shadi Room. Barbara will contact the P. Apperson H. Museum and also contact the El Sobrante Historical Society to find out about their recent artifact donation.

**El Cerrito Poet Laureate Program** - This program was initiated by the EC Arts and Culture Commission. Last Tuesday, Jack Marshall read his work at the EC Library. There are 4 more readings planned.

**ECHS Web Site** - Debbie has posted a piece about Laurie Berkner who sings a song about El Cerrito. She is also featuring a few notable folks on the "Home" page.

**Chung Mei Home, 1800 Elm Street** - 1) Bronze plaque honoring Dr. Shepherd will be placed on this site. The ceremony will be still TBD. Tom will check with the former residents. The Board agreed that ECHS would be a sponsor of this event. 2) The Art Deco Society (local chapter) gave the Chambers a certificate for the "Historic Preservation of the former Chung Mei Home for Chinese boys".

**Old-Timers - Sharing Their Stories** - The Board wants to come up with ideas for our guests to share their stories of past times in El Cerrito. A few ideas so far are: 1) Include time for comments at the end of our Annual Meeting, 2) Maybe start a "Facebook" ECHS site for people to tell their stories, 3)

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Minutes submitted by J. Rubio, Secretary**

**NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2016**