

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES JULY 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Bartke

Present: Tom Panas, David Weinstein, Joanne Rubio, Rich Bartke

Absent: Debbie Weeks, Barbara Hill

The Minutes of the June 14, 2014 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

Program Reviews

Anza Program - June 18, 2014 - Arlington Club House - Hale Sargent's slide show was interactive and well-received. About 30-40 people attended this event. Tom spoke about about Anza's visit to the East Bay.

4th of July

The location of our table was great. It was in the usual place on Pomona Avenue near the Community Center. A lot of people stopped by or were engaged as they passed by. We gave out about 75 of each flier and 130 of the *El Cerrito Coloring Book*. We sold \$12 of merchandise. Many people were asking about the renaming of Potola Middle School.

Suggestions for next year:

- *Consider not selling items at all so we don't pay the vendor fee.
- *Use one large table.
- *Try to get a couple of younger folks to join our volunteers who served wonderfully.
- *Do have one large info board with pictures like we did this year, to draw attention to the table.
- *Start our conversation and plans about next year's 4th of July in January or February 2015.

Future Event - September 17th

Music Program El Cerrito High School - September 17th - 6 p.m. - Music Room El Cerrito High
Keith Johnson, Music Director at El Cerrito High, will do a program on the music program and its history at El Cerrito High School. Dave will purchase a book and CD that goes with it from Keith.

Possible Events

August - East Bay Regional Parks, 80th Anniversary

Dave will try to schedule time for Dave Zuckermann, of the EBRPD to talk about the beginning of the the East Bay Regional Parks which form the eastern border of El Cerrito. Dave W. will make a flier to send out as soon as he has the information.

November - Architectural Tour

Dave is working on this event and will let us know more details at our next meeting.

December - Band Era in El Cerrito's History - Tea Dance

Joanne will work on exploring this idea. She will check with possible live-bands in the area. The event would be commemorating the music and dance of the 1930's-1940's Band Era in El Cerrito, which many of our pioneers mentioned in their biographies for our recent *Pioneer Reception*. Tom will contact the Sr. Center leadership to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring such an event. Some Board members suggested it could be a donation event to cover the costs, with anything left going to the El Society Historical Society. This would be open to the community.

Revised Collection Policy

The Board approved the revised *El Cerrito Historical Society Collection Policy*.

Update Walking Tour

Tom will put together an illustrated draft of Dave's *Walking Tour of El Cerrito* for the next Board meeting in August.

Change In Minutes

The board had a discussion about how our minutes should be written. The Board agreed to leave this as described and approved in the June 2014 minutes. This discussion was to update those who were not present at the June Board Meeting.

PROPERTIES OF INTEREST TO OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Vet's Building

Discussion was held as to whether it would be a possible for us to own and use this site as a museum. The Board agreed that is is not a good site for us as there would be too much upkeep and we do not want to be property managers involved in renting it out to other groups.

Rodini House

There was discussion & proposals put forward at the June 2014 City Council Meeting about the Rodini House/Property. Councilman Lyman suggested creating a meandering path through the property for the creek and moving the house to the southeast corner. The Council voted 3-2 to study Councilman Lyman's proposal. During the council meeting Carlos Campos, the architect, suggested the property owner could donate the house to a non-profit, such as the El Cerrito Historical Society or the Garden Club.

Navallier Home

This home has a new owner who visited the Shadi Room to look at pictures of the home. It is being maintained as a residence.

7211 Fairmount Avenue - Tall Salmon-Colored Home

Joanne will do further research. Tom will check the 1926 parcel map, to get the owner's name at that time on that piece of property. Joanne mentioned this home was built in 1910. Some pioneers who went to Harding School in the 1930's mentioned the people who lived in the house at that time had horses on the property behind the house.

Mabuchi Building

Eden is still working on arranging the funding the for the project.

Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Minutes submitted by J. Rubio, Secretary