

El Cerrito Historical Society

Minutes of Meeting January 21, 2020

Present: David Weinstein, Tom Panas, Chris Treadway

Also present: Dianne Brenner, who wrote these minutes.

1.) Minutes: Approved.

2.) Treasurer's Report: Pat was not present, so there was no Treasurer's Report.

3.) Public Comment: There was none.

4.) Preservation issues:

- a. Tom is going through the list of 90 properties, which was compiled in response to a request from the City. The goal is to shrink the list to 30 properties, per the city's request. He hopes to finish this by the end of this weekend.
- b. Dave has a meeting this week regarding specific historic properties that may be in jeopardy. He should have more information after that.

5.) Governor's Historic Preservation Award 2020 – Contra Costa Florist Bldg: At the awards ceremony in Sacramento tomorrow, (January 22, 2020) we will receive a framed certificate. Dave, Tom and Dianne plan to attend the ceremony on behalf of ECHS. We briefly discussed where best to display the certificate. Ultimately, the Contra Costa Florist Building would be the best place, but only if/when that becomes an active space. We don't want to hang it somewhere where no one will see it. Maybe in the meantime, it could reside in the office of the EC Historical Society. Once we receive the pdf copies of the award certificate, if we like, we can distribute copies to other relevant parties (Eden Housing, the JACL (Japanese American Citizens League), etc.)

6.) Annual Meeting:

- a. Will be held on January 26 at 3 PM at the Community Center, Garden Room. The acoustics in this room are probably better than in the large room.
- b. Dave has procured the new drinking glasses, and he will also get (bottled) water for the meeting.
- c. Dave will check on which Board members will be present for this meeting. (Dianne will not be there.)
- d. Barbara Hill and Christine Roed will not be present to receive their awards. Tom has had the plaques made.

7.) Other Events:

- a. **Pioneer Event:** In Joanne's absence, Tom reported that this event may be in jeopardy of not happening, because of the difficulty in finding Pioneers. We

might consider loosening the criteria defining “Pioneers,” or maybe not doing the event. The feasibility is being investigated.

b. **List of Topics for Public Meetings in 2020:** Dave is working on this. He hopes to have it done soon. He welcomes suggestions.

c. **TrailTrekks Hillside Festival:** We agreed to co-sponsor this event again this year. It is planned for Friday, May 1, 5 pm to 7 pm.

8.) Forge: Chris Treadway’s article on the Mayfair Store is ready. He will send his draft to Dave and Tom. They want to get this issue out before the end of January, to start off the quarterly publication schedule.

9.) Sparks: The latest issue of Sparks was recently emailed. The goal is for this to be issued monthly. Dianne reported she still has never received Sparks. Dave will provide Ed’s email address to Dianne so she can follow up with Ed, since he is now managing that email list.

10.) EC City Newsletter: This newsletter is produced quarterly by Maya Williams (city staff). Chris T. has agreed to be our contact with her. Dave will give Chris a list of ideas for article topics.

11.) Website:

a. John is modernizing and updating the website. All available minutes of board meetings have been posted. It would be great to have a back-up person for managing the website, someone who is familiar with the tool(s) John is using.

b. **Videos:**

i. ECHS is in possession of a few videos, which are on our YouTube channel and in a drawer in the office. Eventually, we would like the website to include links to these videos. Maybe John knows how to download these videos from YouTube to the website.

ii. **Chung Mei video:** Early in this video, there is a shot of a few people who we would like to identify. Once we have names, Chris T. knows how to add their names to the picture. Tom will also talk to John about this.

iii. **Other videos:** We also have videos from programs we’ve held – the recycling center, sports in EC, Creedence event, etc.

12.) Archiving: John was not present, so there was no update.

The meeting was adjourned.