

El Cerrito Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Oct. 16, 2018

Present: David Weinstein, Barbara Hill, Chris Horn, Tom Panas, Pat Shaw

Minutes: Minutes of Prior meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Mechanics Bank Sept. 28, 2018)

EC Photo Book royalties – paid occasionally, will stick with receiving paper check

Income: Dues \$50.00

Expenses: None

Restricted Funds: \$5,500.00

Unrestricted Funds: \$12,654.96

Cash Balance: \$18,154.96

EC Photo books, should we buy some to have on hand – decided to buy 20 to have for sale at July 4th event.

Events:

“Gambling Walking Tour” Nov. 11, 2018

To start in Plaza parking lot near Macaroni Grill at 12:00 PM. Dave developed the flyer.

“Annual Meeting” Jan. 2019

Possible topic included Creedence Clearwater Revival – Dave knows a possible speaker, Old Schools, WPA Parks projects, Pennies for Parks – early 1960's

A topic has to be chosen and arranged

“Genealogy Event” Winter 2019

“Pioneers Day” Summer 2019

Other topics:

List of Historical Buildings – Cultural Survey – Dave and Tom will make another tour to review areas just off San Pablo Ave. Home east of the BART tracks.

Gathered information for historical consultants for Historical Preservation Ordinance – focusing on historical value and possible threat.

Storage and Research – talked about reorganizing room and identify any items that might be stored somewhere else. Discussed buying more shelving and storage cabinets, what are the steps towards doing so and if the City needs to be involved.

New Library – will there be a space dedicated to the Historical Society was discussed again. Dave to draft a proposal for ECHS space to the Library Foundation.

Circus World magazines – Barbara sorted through the donated material. Kept historical things, with other less important ECHS material available for donation – possibly to the Circus Museum.

Rodini House – most intact house of its era and a creek in original alignment, a rare thing here.

Tom to find out if City entitlement is about to run out. Seek preservation and CA Register of Historic Places.

Sparks – was sent on 10/13/18. Topics included Mid-Century Home tour in Oct., Gamblers Tour in Nov., Tepco exhibit in Martinez, Down-Home Music exhibit at SFO, Bye Bye to Playland-not-by-the Beach.

Forge – Chris finalize Civil War article and gave to Tom for October publication.

History of City Hall – for future Forge – Barbara has been doing newspaper research. Wishes she had a photo of the ‘Portable Era’. Might contact City Clerk.

Donations

Journals – Tom sorting through the large donation covering many years. Talk of digitizing them and Tom to research how it can be done and the cost. One possibility that Tom is checking into is the “CA Digitizing Newspaper Project” – UC Riverside – on going digitizing – professional, OCR software leads to searchable results put online. M Self wishes to donate to ECHS, maybe it can go towards doing this.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 20, 2018