

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF NORWALK
Historical Heritage Commission
January 30, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:27 p.m. by Interim Recreation Supervisor Pati Escano. Commission members present were: Marie Carter, Gina Ayala, Polly Haack, Marlene Hardy, Ericka Hidalgo, and Pat Martin. Staff present were Pati Escano, Interim Recreation Supervisor, and Susan Colon, Recreation Leader II. Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley was also in attendance.

Commissioner Haak moved to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Carter seconded. Minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Establishing Legacy Stories Project for the City of Norwalk

Recreation Supervisor Blanche Grove will update the commission on the progress made with the project upon her return from leave.

History Trunk Meeting with School Principals

Interim Recreation Supervisor Escano shared with the commission regarding the meeting on January 20th at Dolland Elementary. She reported that the presentation was well received and that the principals were pleased to know that we have two museums. The director asked if we could arrange to give presentations to the teachers at the individual schools. It was also suggested that we survey the teachers to find out what their needs are timewise. Over all things look very promising.

NEW BUSINESS

History Trunk Meetings with Teachers

As stated above, Interim Supervisor Escano is working with the district to arrange presentations for the teachers at each school. Ericka and Pat will begin purchasing high quality replicas to place in the trunk.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim Supervisor Escano gave an update regarding commissioner terms as the result of the upcoming election cycle. According the Theresa Devoy all terms will expire March 31, 2017, although another 90 days will likely pass while awaiting new assignments. The projected change will be in June 2017. Council member Kelley suggested that each

commissioner fill out an application. Interim Supervisor Escano will get the applications for everyone.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Carter inquired about the restoration of the Hargitt House. Interim Supervisor Escano informed them that the exterior is finished, the tenting for termites is complete and that a deep cleaning will take place on Friday, February 3. The city is currently waiting for bids to come in for the work on the roof and the water tower. Lastly, a re-grand opening is being planned and is expected to take place near the end of May. Commissioner Haak expressed her excitement with the progress and is anticipating getting back into the house. She also inquired as to whether the door to the tank house had been repaired. Interim Supervisor Escano replied that it had been repaired.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Ericka Hidalgo asked when she and Commissioner Martin should be prepared to bring in the items that they purchase for the History Trunk. Interim Supervisor Escano responded that she would like the items in 3 weeks.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Marlene Hardy, Chairperson