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Agenda
City of Vernon
Regular Vernon Historic Preservation Society Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 9:00 a.m.,
or as soon thereafter as the Industrial Development Authority
adjourns its meeting
Council Chamber
4305 Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, California



William J. Davis, President
Yvette Woodruff-Perez, Vice President
Luz Martinez, Director
Melissa Ybarra, Director
Leticia Lopez, Director

CALL TO ORDER

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT - At this time the public is encouraged to address the Board of Directors on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Vernon Historic Preservation Society.

MINUTES – To be received and filed

1. [Minutes of the Regular Vernon Historic Preservation Society Meeting held December 1, 2015](#)

NEW BUSINESS

2. [California Historical Landmark No. 167 – La Mesa Battlefield Site](#)

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Recommendation

- A. Find that the proposed action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15031, because the installation of a small concrete pedestal and memorial plaque involves minor exterior construction with negligible or no expansion of use and
- B. Receive and file a presentation on the Battle of La Mesa during the Mexican-American War to be provided by the *Native Sons of the Golden West*; and
- C. Recommend and request that City Council approve the manufacture and installation of a memorial plaque, to be located in the City Hall courtyard, 4305 S. Santa Fe Avenue Vernon CA, 90058.

ELECTIONS

- 3. **In accordance with Resolution No. VHPS-0017, Article VI, Section 2, of the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Vernon Historic Preservation Society, election of the following officers to serve for the annual term of December 2016 through December 2017:**
 - a. **President**
 - b. **Vice President (Optional)**
 - c. **Chief Financial Officer**
 - d. **Secretary**

ORAL REPORTS

- 4. Brief reports on activities and other brief announcements and/or directives to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the City of Vernon City Hall, located at 4305 Santa Fe Avenue, Vernon, California, and on the City's website, not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting set forth on this agenda. Dated this 1st day of December 2016.

By: _____
Maria E. Ayala
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF THE
CITY OF VERNON HELD DECEMBER 1, 2015, IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL LOCATED AT
4305 SANTA FE AVENUE VERNON, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: McCormick, Davis, Martinez, Ybarra, and Woodruff-Perez

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by President McCormick.

President McCormick announced that there are no changes to the agenda and announced that this was the time allotted for public comment and inquired whether anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one responded.

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Special Vernon Historic Preservation Society Meeting held December 9, 2014.

It was moved by Davis and seconded by Woodruff-Perez to approve the above listed Minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.

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- b. Vice President (Optional)**
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It was moved Ybarra and seconded by Davis to elect the same officers and keep the status quo: the President will remain the Mayor, the Vice President will remain the Mayor Pro-Tem, the Chief Financial Officer will remain the Finance Director, and the Secretary will remain the City Clerk. Motion carried, 5-0.

ORAL REPORTS

3. Brief reports on activities and other brief announcements and/or directives to staff.

Secretary Maria E. Ayala advised that a presentation on the City's various agencies is forthcoming and will be presented during a Council meeting,

With no further business, at 11:03 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

William J. Davis
President

ATTEST:

Maria E. Ayala
Secretary



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CITY ADMINISTRATION

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STAFF REPORT
CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

DATE: December 6, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Vernon Historical Preservation Society

FROM: Maria E. Ayala, City Clerk
Originator: Matthew Ceballos, Deputy City Clerk *MC*

RE: California Historical Landmark No. 167 – La Mesa Battlefield Site

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Background

The City Clerk Department is recommending that the City place a historical plaque at Vernon City Hall to replace California Historical Landmark No. 167 which designates the La Mesa Battlefield as a California Historical Site. The original plaque, located at Downey and Exchange, went missing in 2012.

The plaque will commemorate the La Mesa Battlefield and the historical significance of the Mexican-American War. During the United States occupation of California in the Mexican-American War, La Mesa served as a campsite for the Californio forces under General Castro in the summer of 1846. The last military encounter on the California front was fought here on January 9, 1847, also known as the Battle of Los Angeles.

The City proposes that the historical plaque be flush mounted on a small concrete pedestal upon approval of the California State Office of Historic Preservation. The City will contribute to the

cost of procuring the historical plaque and pedestal. The plaque will include the City of Vernon as a sponsor.

A public ceremony and dedication is tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2017.

Fiscal Impact

Not to exceed \$3000.00

Attachment(s)

None.