Historical Committee

AGENDA
August 25, 2026
6:00 PM

Library History Room
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Historical Committee
Regular Meeting Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL
Chairperson Frazee
Vice Chair Elliott
Members Adger, Carren, Chavez, Deweese, and Walcek

1. AGENDA

1.A APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 23, 2026

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Committee: Receive and file.

2. CORRESPONDENCE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. HISTORICAL COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS

a. Operating Funds:	$3,150.33	(Account No. XXX-XXXXX-2024)
b. Program Funds:	$615.21	(Account No. XXX-XXXXX-2025)

4. NEW BUSINESS
a. Heritage Days / Historical Committee Booth
b. Historical Plaque Program
c. Centennial / Heritage Days History Activity

5. OLD BUSINESS/ ONGOING PROJECTS
a. City of Placentia Centennial
b. Oral History Project
    i. Readers Theater
    ii. Valencia High School Coordination
c. Historical Preservation Plan & Ad Hoc Committee
    i. Ad Hoc Committee Update
    ii. Mills Act Ordinance Update

6. UPDATES
a. City Updates - Upcoming Events and Programs

ADJOURNMENT
The Historical Committee will adjourn to the Regular Historical Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING
I, Andrew A. Gonzales, City Liaison to the Placentia Historical Committee of the City of

Placentia, hereby certify the agenda for the Tuesday, August 25, 2026 , regular meeting for the Placentia Historical Committee of the City of Placentia was posted on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

/s/ *Andrew A. Gonzales*
Historical Committee Liaison

PLACENTIA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

On July 28, 2026

DRAFT - Prepared from meeting transcript

Committee Members Present: Kathy Frazee, John Adger, Bonnie Carren, Kevin Chavez, Kim Deweese, John Walcek
Committee Members Absent: Wendy Elliott
City Staff Present: Andrew Gonzales
Meeting Start: 6:06 PM

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	- A motion was made and seconded to approve the prior meeting minutes as presented. - The motion carried.	- Record the prior minutes as approved.
Correspondence / Announcements	- John Walcek reported attending a Valencia High School reunion for classes from the 1960s at the Phoenix Club in Brea. Approximately 100 people attended, and he noted a strong sense of community among the alumni. He took photographs to share with attendees. - Members discussed the upcoming Taste of Placentia. Bill Zavala had invited committee participation at a booth, including the display or sale of historical materials. - The committee discussed the City plaque program, including possible plaques for Taco Sabroso at 214 W. Santa Fe Avenue and the building at 109 W. Santa Fe Avenue. Discussion addressed the 2001-2002 historic resources survey, local designation, architectural integrity, owner participation, and possible removal of a plaque after incompatible alterations. - A library scavenger hunt based on an earlier downtown walking tour was announced. Members discussed developing a separate centennial or Heritage Days history activity.	- Locate prior plaque-program files, criteria, and any application or nomination form. - Research the historic status and backgrounds of the buildings at 109 W. Santa Fe and 214 W. Santa Fe Avenues. - Place a potential centennial/Heritage Days scavenger hunt or history game on a future agenda.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Accounts Report	- The previously missing $348.75 was located in a third City account and returned to the committee operating account. - The operating-funds balance was reported as $3,150.33. - Program funds increased by $200 from Arcadia Publishing. The payment was described as compensation connected with the use of committee-created book content in Arcadia Publishing's artificial-intelligence research process. - Staff explained that the accounting issue resulted from the City's treatment of the funds as a pass-through or liability account rather than City revenue.	- Accounts have been corrected; continue monitoring future statements for consistency.
New Business	- Members discussed using available committee funds to improve the Heritage Days booth and displays. - Ideas included a pull-up banner or backdrop, sturdier easels, enlarged historic photographs, the existing committee tablecloth, City Hall display panels, and the orange-crate-label digital picture frame and generator. - Members also discussed preparing an inventory of committee-owned display materials and purchasing new merchandise or inventory for sale.	- John Walcek will provide approximately three photographs of prior committee booths before the next meeting. - Confirm the number and condition of committee-owned easels, panels, canopy materials, digital display, and generator. - Develop concepts and pricing for a professional pull-up display or backdrop using Placentia historical images. - Obtain a vendor catalog or product options for possible new merchandise.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Ongoing Project / Old Business	- The "Notable Women of Placentia" local-history lecture was reported as highly successful. Approximately 50 people attended, additional chairs were needed, and members received positive feedback on the presenters' alternating format and natural delivery. - The Centennial Steering Committee and Historical Subcommittee were described as inactive for July. Members discussed connecting the City's centennial with the nation's 250th anniversary and developing an activity for Heritage Days. - For the proposed Readers Theater project, members identified potential source material, including the Placentia Round Table Women's Club history covering its first 35 years, George Key's historical work, and Virginia Carpenter's "As I Look Back." The intent is to coordinate with a Valencia High School drama teacher so students may research, write, and perform the script as part of their curriculum. - The Historical Preservation Plan ad hoc committee had not met. - Andrew Gonzales reported following up with the Deputy City Attorney regarding the pending Mills Act ordinance. - Members discussed the Centennial coffee-table book. Approximately 200-300 copies were described as remaining boxed and unavailable for sale. The committee supported releasing and selling the first edition with an errata sheet while any revised second edition is developed.	- Contact the Valencia High School drama teacher regarding the Readers Theater project and provide suggested historical source materials. - Continue follow-up with the Deputy City Attorney on the Mills Act ordinance. - Raise the release and sale of the Centennial coffee-table books at the next Centennial Committee meeting and seek the necessary City authorization.
City / Library Updates	- Members discussed the new pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Father Martin Vu, and his efforts to increase community engagement and attendance. - The library's August historical scavenger hunt was noted as an opportunity to observe participation and inform future committee programming.	- No formal action recorded.
Adjourn	- Adjourn at 7:20 PM until the next meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 6:00 PM..	