Historical Committee

AGENDA
October 27, 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 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

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

2. CORRESPONDENCE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. HISTORICAL COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS
a. Operating Funds: $3,225.33 (Account No. XXX-XXXXX-2024)
b. Program Funds: $615.21 (Account No. XXX-XXXXX-2025)

4. NEW BUSINESS
a. Recruitment Points to Promote
b. November & December Meeting Rescheduling

5. OLD BUSINESS/ ONGOING PROJECTS
a. Heritage Days/Historical Committee Booth
b. Historical Plaque Program
c. Placentia Centennial
    i. Centennial Staff Meeting Update
    ii. November 5th Sign Up
d. Oral History
    i. Readers Theater
    ii. Valencia High School Coordination
e. Historical Preservation Plan & Ad-Hoc Committee
f. Mills Act Ordinance

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

ADJOURNMENT
The Historical Committee will adjourn to the Regular Historical Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 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, October 27, 2026, regular meeting for the Placentia Historical Committee of the City of Placentia was posted on Thursday, October 22, 2026.

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

PLACENTIA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

On September 22, 2026

DRAFT - Prepared from meeting transcript

Committee Members Present: Kathy Frazee, Wendy Elliott, John Adger, Bonnie Carren, Kim Deweese, John Walcek
Committee Members Absent: Kevin Chavez
City Staff Present: Andrew Gonzales
Other Attendees: Councilmember Jeremy Yamaguchi
Meeting Start: 6:05 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	- Staff reported that no correspondence had been received for presentation to the Committee. - No additional Committee announcements were reported.	- No formal action recorded.
Historical Committee Accounts	- The operating-funds balance was reported as $3,150.33. - The program-funds balance was reported as $615.21.	- Receive and file.
New Business - Placentia Round Table Women's Club - Confirmation of Donations	- Members discussed supporting the Placentia Round Table Women's Club's 40th annual Festival of Trees fundraiser in November through two Placentia-themed silent-auction baskets. - The baskets will include donated items from several community organizations and historical groups. - The Committee was asked to contribute two historic-home brochures, two Placentia license-plate frames, and four orange-crate labels. - A motion was made and seconded to authorize the requested donations. The motion carried unanimously.	- Provide two historic-home brochures, two Placentia license-plate frames, and four orange-crate labels for the Festival of Trees silent-auction baskets.
Old Business / Ongoing Projects - Heritage Days / Historical Committee Booth	- The Committee confirmed that it will again share booth space and a canopy with the Bradford House at Heritage Days. - Members discussed setup and breakdown responsibilities and the need to coordinate transportation of booth materials before the event. - Members discussed using the Committee tablecloth, historic display materials, a freestanding display/poster, chairs, and small giveaway items at the booth. - John Adger presented concepts and pricing for a retractable pull-up banner approximately 33 inches wide by 70 inches tall. Members discussed possible historical photographs, wording, placement, storage, and wind considerations. - Members favored the phrase "Preserving Placentia's Past for Future Generations" and discussed replacing a generic landscape image with a historic Placentia image depicting the community's oil and citrus history. - Following discussion, the original concept of purchasing two banners was revised to one banner. A motion was made and seconded to purchase one retractable banner based on the concept presented by John Adger, at a cost not to exceed $200. The motion carried unanimously.	- Coordinate Heritage Days booth setup, staffing, materials, and breakdown with the Bradford House. - John Adger will finalize the pull-up banner design using Committee-selected wording and historical imagery and arrange for its purchase at a cost not to exceed $200.
Historical Plaque Program	- Members continued discussion of potential historical plaques for properties on West Santa Fe Avenue, including the property at 214 W. Santa Fe Avenue. - A Committee member reported that the property owner had previously expressed interest in participating in the plaque program and agreed to reestablish contact. - Members discussed prior plaque specifications, costs, vendors, installation, and anti-theft hardware. The Committee expressed interest in determining whether a local vendor could produce plaques consistent with the existing program. - Members also discussed identifying additional eligible historic properties for future participation in the program.	- Follow up with the property owner regarding continued interest in the historical plaque program. - Locate prior plaque-program records and specifications, including plaque size, design, cost, and installation information. - Research local vendor options and current pricing for comparable historical plaques.
Placentia Centennial	- Staff reported that a planned internal Centennial meeting had	- Continue monitoring

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Updates	been canceled/postponed and that no significant new update was available from that meeting. - Members noted upcoming Centennial activities, including participation at Heritage Days and the Centennial Birthday Bash scheduled for December 5 at Champions Sports Complex. - Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Yamaguchi discussed plans associated with opening the existing time capsule and the possibility of assembling a new time capsule for the next 50 years. Members discussed the importance of documenting, cataloging, and appropriately preserving materials placed into a future capsule.	Centennial activities and opportunities for Historical Committee participation. - Obtain additional information regarding plans for the existing and proposed new time capsules as details become available.
Oral History - Readers Theater / Valencia High School Coordination	- Chair Frazee reported contacting theater directors at Valencia and El Dorado high schools regarding student participation in the proposed Readers Theater project. - Valencia High School responded that its production schedule would make participation in a larger production difficult during the proposed timeframe. No response had yet been received from El Dorado High School. - As an alternative, Chair Frazee proposed a smaller scripted historical reading using newspaper accounts and stories concerning Placentia holiday and Christmas activities. Such a presentation could potentially be incorporated into the Placentia Founders Society holiday program and would not require students to memorize a full production. - The revised concept was forwarded to both schools for consideration.	- Continue coordination with Valencia and El Dorado high schools regarding the scaled-down scripted Readers Theater concept. - Identify appropriate historical newspaper stories or other source material for a potential holiday-themed reading.
Historical Preservation Plan & Ad Hoc Committee	- Staff reported that the Historical Preservation Plan Ad Hoc Committee had not yet met.	- Continue the item to a future meeting.
Mills Act Ordinance	- Andrew Gonzales reported that the Mills Act ordinance draft remains under staff review. Several inconsistencies regarding program oversight and the respective roles of the Historical Committee and Planning Commission need to be resolved with legal counsel before the ordinance is presented to the Committee. - Staff explained that the City previously approved participation in the Mills Act program by resolution in 2001, but an implementing ordinance was never incorporated into the City's code. - Members discussed the general purpose of Mills Act contracts, including property-tax incentives for qualifying historic properties in exchange for a long-term preservation and maintenance program. Staff described the City's anticipated role in reviewing proposed improvements and periodically verifying compliance with an approved preservation program. - Mayor Pro Tem Yamaguchi indicated that historical preservation matters generally reach the City Council through staff and advisory groups such as the Historical Committee and expressed support for bringing forward preservation initiatives for Council consideration.	- Staff will continue refining the draft Mills Act ordinance and coordinate with legal counsel regarding program administration and oversight. - Return the draft ordinance to the Historical Committee for review before proceeding to the City Council.
City Updates - Upcoming Events and Programs	- Staff reported no additional major City updates beyond the Mills Act ordinance discussion. - In response to a Committee question, staff provided an update regarding the historic property on Angelina Drive, noting that the property is currently being offered for sale. Staff reported that the property owner had previously submitted an SB 330 preliminary application related to potential residential development, but no formal development application had been submitted as of the meeting. - Members briefly discussed other potentially significant historic residential properties that could be considered in connection with the Committee's plaque and preservation efforts.	- No formal action recorded.
Adjourn	- Members briefly discussed the upcoming October meeting and the scheduling implications of the November and December holidays.	- Adjournment of meeting at 7:16 PM to the next regular Historical Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2026.