

Here are the hot topics for September 2018 (July Minutes)

1. Hunt Library Branch Update: A community meeting was held to discuss the future disposition and/or use of the Hunt Library; about 60 people attended the meeting, held at the Orangethorpe United Methodist Church in southwest Fullerton. Watch for a lot of action around the Hunt Library over the next months (see below).

The City Council appointed five people to a Ad-hoc Committee that's being established to make recommendations on the future disposition and/or use of the Hunt Library. Those five people have selected four more residents to be on the Ad-Hoc Committee. The 9-member Ad-hoc Committee will meet and hold community meetings in the near future.

2. Hunt Library Local Landmark application: The city is proceeding with its review of the application to have the Hunt Library designated a Local Landmark; the public hearing before the Landmarks Commission will likely be in September.

The initial Hunt Library National Register application was reviewed by staff at the State's Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) in May; the OHP staff requested various changes to the document/application. The second draft of the document to address the requested changes is has been resubmitted to the California State OHP.

3. Preserve Orange County Meeting: Fullerton Heritage Board members with several members of a new county preservation advocacy group called Preserve Orange County (POC). The meeting was held at the Amerige Brothers' Real Estate Office as a get-together to introduce each organization to the other. The meeting lasted a couple of hours and was productive.

4. Fullerton College Houses: The NOCCC District has yet to contact Peter Beard to provide an update to the District's request for a waiver from the state of California, which would allow the District to proceed with the proposed development plan offered by Pete Beard through a public bid last April.

5. Beckman Administration Building Update: The Beckman Instruments building will be sold to A.J. Kirkwood & Associates, a large electrical contractor based in Tustin. This company is very happy to have this historic building as it new headquarters. More will be known in the near future.

6. The First Methodist Episcopal Church at 117 N. Pomona Avenue has a new owner: A church called Holy City Bethesda Full Gospel Church.

7. Zoning Code Changes: Fullerton's Community Development Department is planning on having public hearings in on its proposed changes to the zoning code which will revise how new development in the preservation zones will be reviewed and approved. Stay tuned for more information.