Testimony for Community Enhancement Grant Application



This testimony for the public record is presented by Tom Myers, President of the Alpine Historical & Conservation Society in support of our application for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Community Enhancement Grant Funding. The Alpine Historical Society owns and operates the John DeWitt museum located at 2116 Tavern Road. We are a 501-c(3) non-profit organization and admission to the museum is free. Please direct any questions to Tom Myers by phone at 619-885-8063 or by email to: info@alpinehistory.org

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Thank you for this opportunity to give testimony electronically, and a very enthusiastic thank you for your past support of the Alpine Historical Society. Previous Community Enhancement Grants have been used effectively to make critical repairs, maintain our century old facilities, and to scan documents to make them available for free on-line access to visitors from San Diego County and virtually anywhere in the world that has internet access.

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Priority 1: We are requesting funds to construct a small storage building on our property for the storage of artifacts and archival materials. Our current storage area in the attic of the Beaty House is inadequate. The attic has insufficient floor load capacity for a storage area and the sloped ceilings do not permit efficient shelf storage of materials.

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E ALPINE SUN Rainstorm pounds Alpine with torrential downpour Flooding, structural damage and landweek's sudden rainstorm that hit Alpine on Tuesday. Many described it is as an unbelievable weather anomaly that was not a pleasant surprise as Alpine roads and drainage could not handle the deluge. Summer weather in Alpine brings heat waves and dry high temperatures; however, this year our humidity has been unusually high, paralleling the sultry climes of the southeastern states. Last week's downpour brought in re-ports of five inches of water in the span of two hours. This amount of water turns Alpine Boulevard into a river, and allows lpine Creek to rise and spill over onto Arnold Way, washing debris down the streets. The drainage that is currently a San Diego County project is not and ha not been sufficient when these storms hit. A strange hail storm with hail the size of oing pong balls pummeled Alpine during 88 degree weather and the wind raged to break trees free to fall against buildings. Tree Services has been very busy clear ing branches and trees.

The following is an article from the His-



Priority 2: Towering eucalyptus trees very near our historic buildings are a safety hazard to visitors and a threat to our museum. Wind storms in the last three years caused tree limbs to fall on our buildings. We are requesting funds to remove these dangerous trees.

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Priority 3: The concrete floor in the carriage house is severely cracked and uneven. This tripping hazard makes it unusable as an exhibit area. Funds are requested to remove the existing floor and install a new concrete floor.