

## **HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

The Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission meeting was held on June 6, 2002.

Members present: Virgil Ahlberg, Steve Barile, Aileen Bos, Valerie Comegys,  
Judy Ganulin, Steve McDonald, Randy McFarland, Margaret Murphy,  
Mabelle Selland, Roger Taylor, Robert Wash  
Members absent: Ben Amirkhanian, Anna Herrera, Adrian Threlkeld  
Members excused: Bud Olson, Prudence Zalewski  
Others present: John Kallenberg, Jeannette Jurkovich, Sue Williams

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- (1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy McFarland.
- (2) Chairman McFarland called for introductions, welcomed everyone, and explained that this meeting could not be formally conducted due to a lack of quorum at the May meeting. The items on the agenda at the May meeting were discussed by the Commission functioning as a "committee of the whole in the absence of a quorum."
- (3) It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the agenda as distributed.
- (4) The minutes of March 14, 2002 were adopted without change.

It was moved, seconded and carried to correct the notes of the May 9, 2002 meeting to reflect the action taken by the Commission to approve the Manning Avenue designation. Under "Naming of Facilities" the notes were amended to include the following: "It was the consensus of the Commission that there was no historic impact in designating Manning Avenue between Lac Jac Avenue and Ash Avenue as a memorial to honor Deputy Sheriff Jeff Isaac."

(5) **Comments from the Public**

None.

(6) **Election of Officers**

Secretary Kallenberg conducted elections for Chairman, and upon unanimous ballot, Mr. Randall McFarland was re-elected. Chairman McFarland called for nominations for Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Taylor was re-elected as Vice-Chairman upon unanimous ballot.

(7) **Records**

None

(8) **Landmarks**

- (a) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County

- (1) Properties recommended to the Board of Supervisors since the last meeting:
  - (a) Butler Avenue with Palm and American Elm Trees (Butler between Clovis & Sunnyside Avenue)
  - (b) Butler and Minnewawa Avenues with Olive and Palm Trees (Butler between Peach and Clovis as well as between California & Kings Canyon Road)

In April Mr. Kallenberg met with Public Works and County Counsel staff to discuss the application. During that meeting a decision was made to revise the application to include information about the CEQA and the other applicable County ordinances. County Counsel also said that the Commission should clarify what action it wished the Board to take. If the primary concern is the landscaping then the agenda item needs to be restated.

Commissioners discussed the trees and the fact that some are in the public right of way and some are not. Both segments of the road are covered under the Scenic Roadway. According to the Public Works Director projects near roadways near that involve trees over 100 years old would require review similar to a CEQA.

Sue Williams, who attended the meeting on behalf of the SPOA and who was one of the persons who researched and filed the application, commented about her disappointment in how long it has taken this application to go through the County's review process. Commissioners concurred that it has taken too long.

Commissioners considered whether they wanted to change the wording to reflect that the historic aspect of this application is related specifically to the trees. Commissioners agreed that the historical significance is the ornamental planting of the trees, not the road.

At the end of the discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Barile, seconded by Commissioner Bos to add some language to describe the types of trees and geographic segments of the road and to bestow a historic designation on the ornamental plantings. Some additional verbiage will also be added related to CEQA and other requirements. Motion carried. Mr. Wash abstained.

Ms. Williams thanked everyone for supporting the application.

It is unknown at this time when this item will be reconsidered by the Board of Supervisors.

- (2) Pending Applications – Action Needed  
None.
- (3) Applications Under Review - None.

- (4) Role of the Commission in handling requests from CDBG including issues related to demolition.

At the May meeting Commissioners agreed to assist staff whenever possible in reviewing applications. One of the reasons there have been more applications to review is due to projects involving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds which involve federal funds for housing rehabilitation and CDBG's stipulation that Historic Reviews be conducted for structures estimated or known to be over 50 years old.

- (b) Centennial Farms  
None.

- (c) Centennial Businesses

- (1) Fresno Ag Hardware – After hearing comments about the revised application, it was moved, seconded and carried to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Fresno Ag Hardware be placed on the County's List of Centennial Businesses.

- (d) Properties on the Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County

None.

- (e) Naming of County Facilities – Revised/New County Policy

- (1) See discussion under item (4) Approval of Minutes.

(9) **Reports**

- (a) Chairman's Report

No report.

- (b) Vice-Chairman's Report

Mr. Taylor reported on the Historic Preservation Week activities held May 12-18. There were about 400 people who attended an event at Fresno City College on May 18.

Mrs. Comegys said she thought the attendance at the La Paloma Guild Home Tour was not very good this year due to competition from other events.

- (c) Secretary's Report

Mr. Kallenberg will provide a two year attendance report for the Commission.

He also announced that Mr. Wash was designated honorary Poet

Laureate for 2002-03 for Fresno County by the Board of Supervisors on June 4.

(d) Commission Member Comments

There were a few announcements about various programs and activities. There were also comments about how events put on by local organizations do not get enough coverage in the Fresno Bee.

There was a suggestion to publicize "Shades of Fresno" and having members of the Commission to pose for a photo. There was also a suggestion to do more publicity about the Commission and making the public aware they are invited to the meetings.

Mr. McDonald mentioned work is continuing on the Central Sierra Historical Society museum.

Mabelle Selland is a member of the Downtown Fresno Coalition and reported that the group was successful in having the Fresno City Council keep cars of the Fulton Mall.

(10) **Adjournment**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2002.