

HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission was held on January 9, 2003.

Members present: Virgil Ahlberg, Ben Amirkhanian, Steve Barile, Aileen Bos, Steve McDonald, Randy McFarland, Margaret Murphy, Mabelle Selland, Robert Wash, Prudence Zalewski
Members excused: Anna Herrera, Judy Ganulin
Members absent: Bud Olson, Roger Taylor
Others present: John Kallenberg, Joan Boyd, Linda Helm

AGENDA ITEMS

- (1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy McFarland.
- (2) Introductions were held and Mr. McFarland welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- (3) Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted with the addition an item to discuss setting an adjourned meeting date under the Chairman's report.
- (4) Approval of Minutes – The minutes of November 14, 2002 were approved.
- (5) Comments from the Public – Ms. Joan Boyd from Kerman spoke about the Kerman Cultural Arts Council, an organization she founded to preserve the history of Kerman and the surrounding communities. The group is working on a project of interviewing people and collecting their photographs.

Ms. Linda Helm, whose appointment to the Commission is pending, spoke about her interests in local history.

- (6) **Records**
 - a) Update on the records management training program for County staff - Mr. Kallenberg is working with the County Clerk's office to set a schedule and a course outline. Further information will be provided at the next meeting. The initial focus will be to work with County departments and then training can be expanded to other government entities. Commission members will be invited.
 - b) Report from County Clerk regarding new records storage facility and services for storage of archival records – No discussion. Continued to next meeting.
- (7) **Landmarks**
 - a) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County
 - 1) Properties recommended to the Board of Supervisors since the last meeting – None.
 - 2) Pending Applications – Action Needed – None.
 - 3) Applications Under Review – None.

The Library's Public Information Officer produced a press release to inform the public of the HLRC's Inventory of Historic Sites program. Chairman McFarland suggested that it

might be a good idea to have copies of the news release widely available in library branches for the public.

Mr. Barile is serving on a cultural subcommittee in Big Creek, and he stated there is interest in establishing a historical district in that area. There was some discussion about whether to nominate a series of historical landmarks or a historic district. Commissioners encouraged Mr. Barile to move forward with this application. Commissioner Olson may also be interested in working on this project.

During this discussion, the Chairman was reminded that at the last meeting Mr. Taylor offered to submit an application for the Hall of Records.

- b) Centennial Farm Applications – None.
- c) Centennial Businesses – None.
- d) Update on request to review markers/memorials and sculptures on the historic Courthouse Park grounds – Mr. Kallenberg is preparing a draft document to go to the Board of Supervisors to officially place the review of markers/memorials and sculptures on the Commission's list of duties. The draft will be presented to the Commission for review at the next meeting.
- e) Hall of Records project – Mr. Kallenberg updated the Commission on the restoration project.
- f) Discussion of threatened buildings in Downtown Fresno – The Armenian church that is in danger of demolition because of the State Court of Appeals project was discussed at the last meeting, and this matter is now in court. Mrs. Selland said there are several houses on the City's list of historic places in the vicinity of this project that may be affected by this development.

(8) Reports

- a) Chairman's Report
 - 1) Terms of Office: There have been no new appointments. Members were reminded that they continue serving until they are reappointed. District 1 and District 4 vacancies are Board of Supervisors appointed positions.
 - 2) Draft Meeting Schedule: It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the schedule with the addition of a meeting on February 27 and the deletion of the December 11 meeting.
- b) Vice-Chairman's – No report.
- c) Secretary's Report – Mr. Kallenberg will find out if the Board of Supervisors approved the revised attendance policy for boards and commissions.

Mr. Kallenberg's will be retiring on March 14. There will be a national recruitment for his position, and the County Administrative Officer is expected to appoint an Interim County Librarian.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Kallenberg presented an update of the Central Library project and the Library's master plan for facilities.

- d) Commission Member Comments – There were a few announcements and comments from Commissioners.

(9) **Announcements**

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2003, at 3 p.m. The meeting is expected to be held at the Hall of Records and it will include a walking tour of Courthouse Park.

(10) **Adjournment**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.