



**FRESNO COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS  
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**May 11, 2017, Tour 3:30 PM and Meeting at 4:00 PM  
Reedley Opera House  
1720 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Reedley, CA 93654**



**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Lou Catallo, Nancy Enloe, Pat Hunter, Sue Loucks, Randy McFarland, Susan Pappas, Penny Raven, Donald Shantz, Elizabeth Laval, David Rodriguez and Nick Yovino

**Members Absent:** John Baltierra, Janice Stevens, James Kus, and Rose Caglia.

**Staff:** Karen Coletti, Secretary

**Members of the Public:** Denise and Allen Carden

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:00 PM** by Chairman Raven.
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
  - A) Thanked Steve Jones for tour of Reedley Opera House.
  - B) Welcomed Allen and Denise Carden as guests. Introduced David Rodriguez as newly appointed commissioner.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
  - A) **McFarland** move to approve as amended; with correction to proper name of Ararat Armenian Cemetery and Masis Ararat Cemetery; **Catallo** second. Passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: March 9, 2017 Loucks** move to approve as amended; **Shantz** second. Passed unanimously.
- 5) **Public Comment.**
  - A) None.
- 6) **Landmarks:**
  - A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County
  - B) Historic Places:
    - i) Discussion and Necessary Action
      - (1) Ararat Armenian Cemetery & Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery (*Raven*)
        - (a) Commissioner Raven has been in contact with Midge and Chuck Barret. We need, aerial picture, plot plan and signature from the cemetery. Midge Barret has been in contact with Philip Tavlian, cemetery board member.
      - (2) Sugar Pine Lumber Mill Water Tower, Pinedale. (*Rodriguez*)
        - (a) Presentation on the Sugar Pine Lumber Mill and Water Tower. Commissioner Rodriguez made a trip to Eugene Oregon and viewed the Chief Engineer Thomas O. Russell Collection. Commissioner Rodriguez shared numerous pictures of the different stages in the building of the mill and

water tower along with the infrastructure picture. There are still two of the original businesses in Pinedale, Creative Tile and Cocola TV Station.

- (b) Commissioner Rodriguez will be working on application for the Sugar Pine Lumber Mill Water Tower to bring back in November.

(3) Posa Chan`e. (*McFarland and Kus*)

- (a) Commissioner McFarland had no update and thought Kus was taking the lead. This will be brought back in November.

C) Centennial Businesses:

i) Discussion

(1) San Francisco Floral, Fresno. (*Laval & Caglia*)

- (a) Commissioner Caglia is working on completing the application and will bring back in November.

D) Centennial Communities:

i) Discussion.

(1) City of Orange Cove. (*Laval and McFarland*)

- (a) Commissioner Laval has left a message at the City of Orange Cove and will bring application back in November.

E) Centennial Farms:

i) Necessary Action

(1) Metcalf Ranch. (*Loucks*)

- (a) Certificate was given to Commissioner Loucks. Original will go back to the Library and be kept in the Heritage Room.

F) Centennial Schools:

i) Discussion.

(1) Kingsburg Joint High School. (*Shantz*)

- (a) Commissioner Shantz thanked Susan Loucks for all of her assistance. Commission reviewed application. Motion to approve **Shantz**; Second **McFarland**.

(2) Kings Elementary Charter School. (*Shantz*).

- (a) School is now known as Washington Elementary. Commission reviewed application. Motion to approve **Shantz**; Second **McFarland**.

G) Discussion of threatened landmarks in the City of Clovis. (*All*)

i) Discussion.

(1) Clovis Ovid Ingmire Home at 900 Pollasky Ave. (*Catallo*)

- (a) Commissioner Catallo researched the Ingmire Family Home shared several pictures of the home. It was built in 1893 and the home had a livery stable business. Commissioner Catallo reported that the home had no real historical value. The original home had been moved and the new home is in good shape.

2) Clovis Masonic Temple in Clovis. (*Enloe*)

- (a) Commissioner Enloe reported it is not a threatened building. The Temple has been sold to a Non-Denomination Church. The last owners had let it go due to back taxes. Commissioner Catallo is going to check with Peg Bos to get more information and will report back.

H) Discussion of threatened landmarks in the City of Fresno. *(All)*

i) Discussion.

1) Armenian Town *(Hunter)*

- (a) Commissioner Hunter reported nothing has happened to the houses in Armenian town. Commissioner Yovino will be doing some research.

**7) Reports and Administrative Items.**

A) Bylaws Committee.

i) Discussion and Necessary Action. *(Raven)*

- (1) Final Draft (approved by County Counsel, *Jane Smith* and *Commissioners, McFarland, Raven* and *Enloe*). Commissioner Loucks requested one correction be made; "To amend the Bylaws with the deletion of the words, in 1. Membership, representing historical organizations and regions of Fresno County, and" and to approve the Bylaws as amended, subject to approval of County Counsel and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. Yovino move to approve as amended; Catallo second.

B) Special Reports.

i) Recognition of Bud Olson by Board of Supervisors. *(Enloe)*

- (1) Chairman Raven called and spoke to Mrs. Olson; the family will be unable to attend the Board of Supervisor presentation of the Resolution on 5/16/2017. Kelley Landano the Interim County Librarian will be there for presentation. The Resolution will then be mailed to Mrs. Bud Olson.

ii) Spectrum Gallery photography exhibit and anniversary event. *(Baltierra, Hunter and Laval)*

- (1) Chairman Raven spoke with Commissioner Baltierra and he is in and out of the hospital. This will be removed from the agenda with no more action.

C) Chairman's Report. *(Raven)*

- i) Reappointments to Commission have been made of Susan Loucks, Janice Stevens, Lou Catallo, and Nancy Enloe.
- ii) We have 2 Vacancies and 2 applications at the Board of Supervisors.
- iii) We have 1 new appointee David Rodriguez. Commissioner Rodriguez brings knowledge of the Pinedale area and the history in that district.
- iv) Discussed recognition for Stephen Barile for his 22 years of service to the Commission. Chairman Raven will contact Mr. Barile and ask permission before moving forward. Commission recommended approval by the Board of Supervisors. Motion to approve McFarland and Second Laval. McFarland will write the Resolution.
- v) Discussed limits on the agenda. Karen will add a table at the end of the Agenda to add floating long standing agenda items.

D) Vice-Chair's Report. *(Yovino)*

- i) Next meeting will be at Sunnyside Regional Library.
- ii) We will have Record Retention Clean up so we need to keep agenda light. Commissioner McFarland gave explanation to the Commission that they will be looking for anything in the records of historic value.

- E) Secretary's Report. (*Coletti*)
  - i) Went over membership roster and noted changes.
  - ii) Waiting to hear back on Parks and Recreation for old records.
  
- F) Member Profile: Commissioner McFarland was a native of So Cal, and moved to Fresno County at the age of 10 in 1957. Fowler was his hometown in Fresno County. He attended Fresno State where he received a degree in Broadcasting. Commissioner McFarland worked mostly for newspapers such as the Fresno Bee. He became hooked on local history after taking a course at Fresno State and writing about it on a major term paper. Commissioner McFarland has written books on history and our valley water resources. Currently he is working with PBS on their "Tapped Out" series. In Commissioner McFarland's spare time he runs Camp Sierra which will be celebrating their 100 years this month. Commissioner McFarland has served on the Historical Records and Landmarks Commission for over 20 years.
  
- G) Member profile for next meeting will be Commissioner Laval with alternate Commissioner Rodriguez.

**8) Commission Reports.**

- A) Commissioner Rodriguez is retiring with 18 years of service with Fresno County Library System. David also has a 20 year Military career. He is working on a history collaboration display at National Hardware in Pinedale.
- B) Commissioner Laval spoke on the PBS series, "Tapped Out" which is airing tonight. They also have a show, "Silent Sacrifice" she recommended you watch the trailer for it. It is on internment camps in the Central Valley. Her son is graduating from West Point; he will be stationed in South Korea. Her daughter is graduating from high school and will be attending San Francisco State.
- C) Commissioner Hunter discussed new book on Highway One that she and Janice are working on. It is the 9<sup>th</sup> book in a California History series.
- D) Commissioner Loucks shared that the Westerners meet next week and Janice Stevens will be speaking about the Veterans.
- E) Commissioner Enloe reminded everyone about the PBS series "Tapped Out".
- F) Commissioner Catallo shared that on June 3<sup>rd</sup> the Clovis Son's of Italy will have their 90 year celebration dinner @ 6:30 for \$20.00 per person. June 13<sup>th</sup> is Let's Talk.
- G) Commissioner Yovino really enjoyed watching the "Tapped Out" series on PBS.
- H) Commissioner Shantz discussed Centennial Farm and possible sign or plaque.
- I) Chairman Raven thanked everyone who came to support her as the City of Fresno District 5 Woman of the Year Ceremony.

<b>Future Meetings</b>		
9/14/17	Tour 3:30 meeting at 4:00	PBS
11/9/17	Tour 3:30, meeting at 4:00	Warnors Theatre

- 9) **Adjournment: 6:16 PM** by Chairman Raven.

**10) Future Agenda Items.**

<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	
<b>Sugar Pine Lumber Mill Water Tower</b>	<b>Rodriguez (November)</b>
<b>Posa Chan'e</b>	<b>Kus (November)</b>
<b>San Francisco Floral</b>	<b>Caglia (November)</b>
<b>City of Orange Cove</b>	<b>Laval (November)</b>