



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

May 12, 2016

**4:00 PM, 2420 Mariposa, Central Library, Sarah McCardle Room
2:30 Brix Mansion, 2844 Fresno St., Building Tour**



MINUTES

Members Present: John Baltierra, Stephen Barile, Rose Caglia, Lou Catallo, Pat Hunter, James Kus, Sue Loucks, Elizabeth Laval, Randy McFarland, Susan Pappas, Linda Pollack, Penny Raven, Donald Shantz, and Nick Yovino

Members Absent: Nancy Enloe, Bud Olson, Janice Stevens

Staff: Cindy Freeland, Secretary

Members of the Public: Roger Taylor

- 1) Call to Order at 4:00 PM:** Chairman Barile
 - A) Chair reports on the passing that day of Commission Member, Bud Olson. Commission observed moment of silence.
- 2) Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) Introduce Roger Taylor.
- 3) Thank you to hosts at Brix Mansion**
- 4) Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) Addition: include mention of discussion regarding agenda format – “Discussion” vs. “Discussion and Necessary Action”.
 - B) Corrections:
 - i) Item 7, A: “Historic Sites” move items to 7, B
 - ii) Item 7, B: keep “Historic Places” and delete word “register”
 - iii) Item 7, C, II “Discussion and Consideration of Approval”: move to 7, B
 - C) Motion to approve as amended: Kus; second, Catallo. Passed unanimously with one abstention: McFarland abstaining.
- 5) Approval of Minutes: March 10, 2016**
 - A) Correction: Item 6, F, iii: correct “Rehart” to “Rehorn”
 - B) Addition/clarification: deadlines for Agenda added.
 - C) Motion to approve as amended: McFarland; second, Shantz. Passed unanimously.
- 6) Public Comment.**
 - A) Roger Taylor reports that the plaque on the Fresno Water Tower is inaccurate and will soon be replaced.
 - i) The Commission is invited to attend will be notified of the exact date the new plaque will be mounted and revealed.
 - ii) Donations have been received and half of the needed \$2,200 needed has been raised to date.
 - iii) Pamphlets were provided with information on the Water Tower.

Roger Taylor left 4:20 PM

7) Landmarks:

A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County

- i) Pappas reports that she is working on the existing inventory list. Assistance is needed in updating, coordinating, and maintaining the lists.
- ii) Barile states that he has intended to create a committee to handle the project.
- iii) Pappas proposes a workshop session held for members to discuss the list and how each can contribute to its maintenance.
- iv) Barile will work with Pappas to schedule workshop before September.

Yovino arrived 4:30 PM

B) Historic Places

i) Discussion.

(1) **Lone Star Train Depot**

- (a) McFarland has knowledge of railroads and was able to elaborate on history and building type.
- (b) Application appears to be accurate and complete.
- (c) Questions remain regarding plans for "restoration" and future use mentioned.
- (d) Barile and McFarland will follow up with applicant. Will report next meeting.

ii) Discussion and Necessary Action.

(1) **Delilah fire lookout** (*Loucks*)

- (a) Confirm origination in Lemoore
- (b) Addition of aerial view to application approved.
- (c) Move to approve, McFarland; second, Pollack. Approved: unanimously.

(2) **Ararat Cemetery** (*Barile*)

- (a) Needs signature of owner.
- (b) Deed has been provided.
- (c) Question regarding area to be covered by application and designation. Need applicant to define more clearly. Barile will draft letter.
- (d) Continued to next meeting.

C) Centennial Businesses:

i) Discussion

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

- (a) Application not completed. Continued to next meeting.

(2) **Kogetsu Do Confectionery**, Fresno. (*Barile*)

- (a) Application not completed. Continued to next meeting.

D) Centennial Communities:

i) Discussion.

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

- (a) Application not completed. Continued to next meeting.

E) Centennial Farms:

i) Discussion

(1) **Metcalf Ranch** (*Loucks*)

- (2) Metcalf Ranch: Holding for January 2017 meeting
 - (a) Report on Celebration. Family held a "100 Year Celebration" and open house on Saturday, April 2, 2016 (2:00 to 5:00). Loucks and Pappas attended.
 - (b) Family has been informed that consideration for Centennial designation must be held until after the centenary.

- F) Centennial Schools
 - i) Discussion and Necessary Action (Loucks)
 - (1) Burrell School**
 - (a) Additional page for application, Aerial Map, approved
 - (b) Move to approve as amended, Shantz; second, Laval. Approved: unanimously.
 - (2) Reedley High School**
 - (a) Additional page for application, Aerial Map, approved
 - (b) Move to approve as amended, Caglia; second, Laval. Approved: unanimously
 - (3) Riverdale Elementary School**
 - (a) Additional page for application, Aerial Map, approved
 - (b) Move to approve as amended, Laval; second, McFarland. Approved: unanimously
 - (4) Riverdale High School**
 - (a) Additional page for application, Aerial Map, approved
 - (b) Move to approve as amended, Loucks; second, Laval. Approved: unanimously

- G) **Discussion of threatened landmarks in the City of Fresno.** (All).
 - i) No Report.
 - ii) Caglia enquired if the City had guidelines in place for landmark designation; Yovino confirmed that the City of Fresno does have guidelines in place.

- H) **Discussion of threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno.** (All).
 - i) No Report.
 - ii) Members expressed concern that the Commission has no authority to act in cases of threat to landmarks however the Chair stated that members are able to mobilize and encourage action on the part of citizens and organizations to preserve threatened landmarks.

- I) **Discussion of website and Centennial Forms**
 - i) Report from Pappas
 - (1) Discussion of different lists and criteria.
 - (2) Proposed workshop session to review criteria, forms, website needs.
 - (3) Proposed Library web tech meet with Commission.

Laval left 5:45 PM

- J) **Discussion of May field trip to Big Creek Hydroelectric Project** (Pollack).
 - i) Scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2016.
 - ii) Logistics reminder to be provided Monday via email to members.

8) Reports and Administrative Items.

- A) Chairman's Report. (Barile)

- i) By-Laws Committee Bylaws – drafting
 - (1) Committee has met 3 times.
 - (2) Commission to hold special meeting for review in mid-summer.
- ii) Discussion of 50-year milestone of commission and Spectrum Gallery photography exhibit and what form of recognition or event to be held.
 - (1) Barile to meet with County CAO regarding use of County Plaza lobby for display and framing of Spectrum photos.
- iii) Spectrum Gallery Exhibition report from meeting.
 - (1) Meeting has been postponed and will be rescheduled. Barile, Pappas, Loucks to attend.
- iv) Deadline for Agenda items is three weeks prior to meeting date
 - (1) Meeting Agenda and Minutes of prior meeting to be sent via email 2 weeks prior to meeting; Agenda attachments to be attached as feasible.
 - (2) Meeting Agenda, Minutes, and all attachments to be sent via US Post.

B) Vice-Chair's Report. (Raven)

- (1) Discussion regarding location and date (9/8/16) for next meeting
 - (a) Discovery Center proposed with tour at 3:00
- (2) Discussion regarding Special Meetings for Bylaws and proposed Workshop
 - (a) Dates: July and/or August
 - (b) Locations proposed – library branches with meeting rooms: Woodward Park, Fig Garden, Betty Rodriguez, or Sunnyside.
 - (c) Barile will check options and availability and present to members.

C) Secretary's Report

- i) Report on updates to application forms and infill format and review
 - (1) Secretary will work with technician when updates finalized by members.

D) **Member Profile:** Catallo gave presentation. Next: Shantz

9) Announcements.

- A) McFarland and Pappas report details of Bud Olson earlier today.
- B) Shantz – Proposed members recognize Olson's loss with a letter of condolence to the family.
- C) Loucks
 - i) The next meeting of the Westerners will discuss the Antelope Valley Indian Museum
- D) Pappas – attended disaster plan meeting in Clovis presented by the State Archives.
- E) Catallo
 - i) June 3, 4, 5 – Clovis High all-class reunion
 - ii) Let's Talk Clovis – June 14 – Ken Melchor

Future Meetings		
Special Meeting on Bylaws TBD	TBD	TBD
Special Meeting – Workshop	TBD	TBD
9/8/16 or TBD	4:00 PM or TBD	TBD

10) Adjournment 6:45 PM