

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

September 13, 2018

Tour Railroad Depot 3:00 PM

Meeting 4:00 PM

Southern Pacific Railroad Depot

1465 California St.

Kingsburg, CA 93631

**The Depot is located in downtown Kingsburg on California St.
(along the east side of the railroad) just south of Draper St.,
Downtown's Main St.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Lou Catallo, Nancy Enloe, Pat Hunter, John Houlihan, Donald Shantz, Dr. Allen Carden, David Rodriguez, Dr. Susan Pappas, Sue Loucks, Randy McFarland, Dr. James Kus, Sharon Darnell, John Baltierra and Nick Yovino

Members Absent: Elizabeth Laval, Rose Caglia and Janice Stevens

Staff: Karen Coletti and Raman Bath

Members of the Public: Denise Carden

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:02 PM.**
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.** Commission introduced themselves.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
Commissioner Kus moved to adopt agenda: Second: **Commissioner Shantz.** Passed Unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: May 17, 2018 – Commissioner Catallo** made motion to approve with corrections to N) Member Profile. **Commsioner Louck** lives in Fresno her parents resided in Dunlap. Second: **Commissioner Rodriguez.** Passed Unanimously.
- 5) **Public Comment. None.**
- 6) **Landmarks:**
 - A) **Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County.**
 - (1) Discussed the inventory list and how it is on the website but needs to be updated.
 - B) **Historic Places:**
 - i) **Discussion and Necessary Action**
 - (1) Sugar Pine Lumber Mill Water Tower – **Commissioner Rodriguez** brought back with the required additions to narrative. **Commissioner Carden** made motion to pass on to Board of Supervisors after owner has signed off on application: Second **Commissioner McFarland.** Passed Unanimously.

(2) **Commissioner Yovino** reported for Tejpaal S. Bain. He is still working with Kerman Library gathering some information to add to the application. We will be looking for them to bring it back in November.

(3) **Commissioner Houlihan** passed out a picture of a Wig Wag and discussed with the commission how few are left. The discussion started with the safety factor and how they will become extinct in time. Commission discussed how to preserve them at local museums. They were implemented in the 1920's in low traffic areas and there are less than 100 left. There are quite a few in Fresno County. **Commissioner McFarland** is also aware of these and had some added input. **Commissioner Houlihan** is going to contact the railroad and inquire about them.

C) **Centennial Businesses:**

i) Discussion and Necessary Action

(1) **Commissioner Caglia** provided the completed San Francisco Floral application, however she was not able to make meeting to present. This will be brought back to November meeting.

D) **Centennial Communities:** None.

E) **Centennial Farms:** None.

F) **Centennial Schools:** None.

G) **Discussion of Threatened Landmarks in the County of Fresno. (All)**

(1) None.

H) **Discussion of Potential Landmarks in the County of Fresno. (All)**

(1) **Commissioner Baltierra** is working on an application for the Turnstile Bridge in Firebaugh. It was built in 1879 at a cost of \$20,000.00. This will be brought back at the November meeting.

I) **Signage Committee.**

Discussion and Necessary Action (Shantz)

(1) **Commissioner Shantz, Commissioner Hunter**, Kelley Landano, County Librarian and Karen Coletti, Secretary met with County Graphics. They provided us with several different options of material, and designs. They also broke down a cost list. It is better if we purchase in bulk and that helps to keep things consistent. Graphics supplied a mock up sign for the Commission.

Commissioner Shantz passed the sign around. The Commission discussed the options and also the prices of the different choices. The Commission discussed the wording and what would work best. The wording was decided on, *Honoring 100 years of excellent service*. Commission also would like the correct name, *Historical Records and Landmarks Advisory Commission*. **Commissioner Shantz** will follow up with County Graphics and Kelley to discuss final budget on this. The Commission also discussed how we would start the process from the inventory list. It will be the designee's responsibility to get the sign mounted. Consensus is to move forward and make changes and bring back to November meeting.

J) **Media Releases. None.**

K) **Website:**

- (1) **Commissioner Pappas** reported **Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Catallo**, and **Commissioner Loucks** met with the gentleman that **Commissioner Hunter** had recommended. They have decided on a self-building website, leaning toward building a prototype for the Commission to look up. **Commissioner Rodriguez** discussed that we need to get updated picture of Commission and maybe add single pics with bios of Commission after it is up. **Commissioner Baltierra** also offered to help with the website.

L) **Chairman’s Report**

Discussion and Necessary Action (Yovino)

- (1) At this time there are no vacancies.
- (2) Next meeting will be at the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library on November 8th.
- (3) Penny Raven Resolution revisited and Commission decided on December 11th. Karen will notify Chairman Quintero’s office.

M) **Secretary’s Report**

Discussion and Necessary Action. (Bath)

- (1) Attendance Report – Provided.
- (2) Roster – Provided.

N) **New Business: None.**

O) **Member Profile: Commissioner Darnell** really is enjoying being on the Commission. She was born in North Dakota where her mother was a one room school teacher. At the age of 10 they moved to Apply Valley in the desert of California. **Commissioner Darnell** graduated a Jackrabbit from Apple Valley High School. Commissioner Darnell attended many different colleges some included, Cal State LA, Berkley and Fresno State where she received her Master’s in teaching along with every other credential a teacher could get. **Commissioner Darnell** ended up at Sierra High School where she eventually was the Dean of Girls. She shared many stories from her time at Sierra. She now enjoys retirement and writing for the local Mountain Press. She has a doll collection, which her granddaughter informed her was worth nothing. She is also a member of Eastern Fresno County Historical Society, Tollhouse, CA.

P) Next member profile for November will be **Commissioner Kus.**

9) Commission Reports: None.

| Future Meetings | | |
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| 11/8/2018 | 4:00 PM | Betty Rodriguez Regional Library |
| Reoccurring Agenda Items | | |
| San Joaquin | November (Yovino) | |
| Ararat Cemetery and Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery | November (Yovino) | |
| San Francisco Floral | November (Caglia) | |

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| Orange Cove | November (Laval) |
| Signage Committee | November (Shantz) |
| Website Committee | November (Pappas) |
| Media Committee | May (McFarland) |

10) **Adjournment: 5:17 PM by Chairman Yovino.**