



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

**January 11th, 2018
Tour 2:30 PM
Meeting 4:00 PM
Warnor's Theatre
1400 Fulton St.
Fresno, CA 93721**



MINUTES

Members Present: Lou Catallo, Nancy Enloe, Pat Hunter, Randy McFarland, Penny Raven, Donald Shantz, Janice Stevens, Allen Carden, Rose Caglia, Sharon Darnell, David Rodriguez, Dr. Susan Pappas, Sue Loucks, Elizabeth Laval, Nick Yovino, and Kelley Landano.

Members Absent: Dr. James Kus.

Staff: Karen Coletti

Members of the Public: Raman Bath, Jean Rousseau, Samantha Buck, Denise Carden.

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:00 PM.**
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.** Kelley Landano, County Librarian introduced the New Associate County Librarian, Raman Bath.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
Commissioner Pappas moved to adopt with correction to remove items 7)B,(1) and 7)D, (1) also to correct # on page 2 : second **Commissioner Shantz**. Passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: November 9, 2017 –Commissioner Pappas** moved to approve with correction to Rose Caglia absent being removed; second **Commissioner Loucks**. Passed unanimously.
- 5) **Public Comment.**
Raman Bath has been with Fresno County for 13 years. He started at the Fresno County Jail Library then moved to the Fresno County Library Tech Support. Raman has been in many different positions. He was the Facilities Manager before moving into the Associate County Librarian position. Raman has a Master's Degree in Library Information Science from San Jose State and also a degree in Humanities and History.
- 6) **Election of Officers – Commissioner Catallo** made motion to nominate Penny Raven as Chairman; second **Commissioner Pappas**. Passed Unanimously. **Commissioner Pappas** made motion to nominate Nick Yovino as Vice Chairman; second **Commissioner Laval**. Passed Unanimously.

David Rodriguez arrived at 4:14 PM

7) **Landmarks:**

A) **Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County.**

- i) Commissioner Pappas gave update information regarding the Inventory of Historic Sites. Fresno has 344 Fresno County Landmarks approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisor. Many of Fresno County Landmarks are also designated by others: 77 for Fresno City, 22 E Clampus Vitus, 26 in California and 23 National. Commissioner Pappas will send Electronic copy of listed informational handout to the Commission.

B) **Historic Places:**

i) **Discussion and Necessary Action**

- (1) Sugar Pine Lumber Mill Water Tower - No update: update will be presented by Commissioner Rodriguez at March meeting.
- (2) Chairman Raven reported on building at 8605 Main St., San Joaquin is now the Stockton Gurdwara Sikh Temple. The building had been a grocery store and the owner would like to get it designated for its historical value. Mr. Tejpalw Bainwal is working on the research and has over 100 pages gathered. The application will be ready to present at our March meeting. Commissioner McFarland noted this will be the 1st designation in San Joaquin.

C) **Centennial Businesses:**

i) **Discussion and Necessary Action**

- (1) Ararat Cemetery and Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery. (*Raven*)
Chairman Raven reported that the APN # has been given however not recorded and that may take up to 6 months. The application will then be completed and brought forward. Commissioner Pappas ask for clarification as to what was being designated and Chairman Raven confirmed the Cemeteries.
- (2) Commissioner Loucks informed Commission that Orange Cove Printing is working on an application and should be coming into the library soon.

D) **Centennial Communities:**

i) **Discussion and Necessary Action**

- (1) Commissioner Laval will bring update back on Orange Cove in May.

E) **Centennial Farms:** None.

F) **Centennial Schools.**

- (1) Commissioner Pappas reported that at least 30 schools are still eligible from the original list. Commissioner Pappas will send the list to Karen and she will distribute to Commission so if anyone would like to help with the schools that are in their area. Commissioner Pappas will report when to add back to agenda.

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

- (1) Commissioner Hunter reported on Armenian homes. She visited the Hye Quality Bakery to acquire information and she also spoke to Midge and Chuck Barret. Commissioner Yovino has followed up with the City also. There are 5 homes and they are for sale at \$50,000 each, however Tom Richards the owner would like them sold together. The City would like the developer to use them as office space. Commission discussed what the homes could be used for and what a shame they are sitting empty for so long. The danger of them being vandalized is very high. Commissioner Yovino has spoken to Marlene Murphy, RDA with the City about this project and will ask her and Tom Richards to come speak on this project and

other things at the March 8th meeting. CAO meets with Wilma next week and will discuss with her.

- (2) Commissioner McFarland spoke of the final demolition of the hotel across from the train station that burnt down last year in Kingsburg. Commissioner McFarland would like to have our May meeting in Kingsburg and tour the Train Depot in Kingsburg, with alternative of September. Commissioner Pappas reported that we have 10 Board Approved landmarks in Kingsburg on our list.

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

- (1) None to Report.

8) Reports and Administrative Items.

I) Signage Committee.

Discussion and Necessary Action (Shantz)

- (1) Commissioner Shantz reported that he will meet with Commissioner Hunter and Commission Stevens on January 25th at Pat's place. Commission discussed what type of sign and examples. Commissioner Shantz stated that some of the landmarks would be hard to have signage. It was discussed how far back they would go also on the list of sites. Commission decided that they would look at designs and examples and settle on what they would like to get first. Commissioners will send examples of what some of them have seen in other counties. CAO stated that they should use the County Graphics and also have the County logo on signage as well. Discussion on if the Board of Supervisors would need to approve anything and CAO did not think so. Commissioner Shantz requested that this be a standing agenda items for updates.

J) ByLaws Committee.

- (1) By Laws were approved by Board of Supervisors on December 12th on consent. Commission requested a copy be sent and also added to their website.

K) Chairman's Report

Discussion and Necessary Action (Raven)

- (1) Chairman Raven spoke to District 1 office about the vacancy in their district. Commission spoke of applicant, John Houlihan and how highly qualified he is but resides in another district. Commissioner Raven spoke to Clerks Office, Kathy Burrow and Supervisor Pacheco. The CAO will speak to Supervisor Pacheco about the application of Mr. Houlihan.
- (2) Chairman Raven spoke with the County PIO, Jordan Scott. Chairman Raven read an email from Mr. Scott who will be happy to help us. There was discussion of what types of coverage commission would like and where to put information. Chairman Raven passed around the Fresno Bee and spoke on the two options that are free, The Board Room which comes out on Mondays in the business section and Around the Valley on Saturday entertainment section. They both have a Thursday noon deadline. The Board Room is for coverage on new people in positions, such as a new officer elected to a board or commission. The Around the Valley is for notification of a fundraiser or someone coming to speak. A subcommittee was formed to handle Media Committee, Commissioner McFarland will be chairman and Commissioner Laval will assist him. Commissioner McFarland will submit to the Fresno Bee Board Room the election of officers for 2018. Commissioner Laval requested a template to use and the CAO will have his office send that template to Commission. We will add Media Committee to agenda next time for update.

Janice Stevens left at 5:00 PM

Allen Carden left at 5:03 PM

- L) **Vice-Chair's Report** – Discussion and Necessary Action (*Yovino*)
- (1) Vice-Chairman Yovino discussed with the commission options to the Fulton Mall tour and said that Craig Scharton would be happy to provide the tour to the commission. The commission picked the option of the tour without lunch. Vice Chairman Yovino will work on scheduling the tour and also with a meeting room provided by the Office of Education for the next HLRC meeting on March 8th. The commission would meet for tour at 2:00 PM then have the scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM. Vice Chairman Yovino will speak to Marlene Murphy with the City and invite her and whomever she thinks would be able to provide a good update on the Armenian homes and also other City projects to which the HLRC would be interested in. Chairman Raven spoke of a book that lists all the art on mall and ask if the Library could find the book that it would nice to know the history of the art to go along with Fulton Mall tour.
 - (2) Had a good meeting on November 21st with the CAO and spoke on Meetings, Agendas and cost breakdowns. Kelley to cover the Library updates on this below.
- M) **Secretary's Report** – Discussion and Necessary Action. (*Landano*)
- (1) Membership lists. Roster reviewed and everything is correct.
 - (2) Everyone is in good attendance. Commissioner Pappas ask for clarification on absence of two in a row or two in a year. It is two in a year and this is Board of Supervisor policy.
 - (3) Went over process changes for agenda items and minutes. Kelley passed out a schedule and discussed the process for clarity. Karen will send out a notice for agenda items a week before the agenda is to be posted. The commission can add or delete items at that time. Then it will be finished and posted 72 hours before meeting but still in draft form. It will be posted to website, at the location of the meeting, and Karen will email as well to commission. The agenda will then be adopted at the meeting. The minutes will be posted in draft form 1 week after the meeting, corrections to minutes will be made at the meeting but this will give all of you plenty time to review the minutes.

Jean Rousseau left 5:24 PM

- (4) Discussed Brown Act, and spoke about reviewing laws annually. The commission has to follow the Brown Act due to being a commission. Reviewed the posting of the agenda and what is appropriate. The website is considered a public place. It has to be posted 72 hours in advance. Discussion and thought best to post inside of window at the location of the meeting or bulletin board if it is available. The Central Library will also post on their bulletin board. You may not discuss things on the agenda prior to the meeting. Commissioner McFarland discussed any temporary committee does not have to follow the Brown Act. We need to follow under New Business and further discuss at next meeting after it is added to agenda. There was discussion on what you could discuss after a meeting and anything that is carried to next agenda you may not discuss. There can be no action taken on something not on the agenda. New Business needs to be added to the next agenda if it becomes something to vote on. Discussion on what you cannot have communication about after the meeting and anything that will be on agenda or voted on you may not discuss amongst the commission.
- (5) A handout was passed around with information on websites that would offer what commission is looking for; it also has staff recommendations on it. Kelley explained that the County cannot host a website for non-county. Commission

requested electronic copy and Kelley will send it. Commissioner Pappas discussed forming a committee to work on this. Commissioner Laval asked about someone underwriting, there is money enough for this per CAO office. Commissioner Pappas will chair the website committee. Commissioner Laval and Rodriguez will also be on the committee. This will be added to agenda in March.

- (6) Handout was discussed on the budget. Chairman Raven asked for some clarification, Kelley explained that this was generous on the hours being charged from the library. Chairmen ask for clarification of unused monies and Sam Buck explained that the monies are returned to the CAO. The commission is allotted \$27,601.00 per year.

N) **New Business** – None.

Sam Buck left at 6:06 PM

O) **Member Profile:** David Rodriguez was born and raised in Pinedale. He attended school there and Clovis. David was in the United States Marines for 20 years and worked for the Fresno County Library until retirement last year. David returned to Pinedale after the Military. He started working on history projects in Pinedale, some of them were the Lumber Mill and the Fresno County Archeology Center. David has a passion for history. Kelley spoke on his help in the Adult programming for the Pinedale Branch where she used to supervise. Pinedale has many 7 generational people. It was established 95 years ago and they are working on a celebration.

9) Commission Reports.

Commissioner Laval shared February 22, at 7:00 PM on PBS Silent Sacrifice will air. It will be released nationally as well.

Commissioner Shantz inquired about PA system, discussed and at this time not needed. There was discussion on bringing in someone from the Library Heritage Room to meetings with presentations. County Librarian, Kelley Landano will look into this.

Future Meetings		
January 11 th , 2018	2:30 PM Tour 4:00 PM Meeting	Warnor's Theatre

Reoccurring Agenda Items	
Sugar Pine Lumber Mill Water Tower	March (Rodriguez)
Ararat Cemetery and Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery	March (Raven)
San Francisco Floral	March (Caglia)
Orange Cove	May (Laval)
Signage Committee	March (Shantz)
Media Committee	March (McFarland)

10) **Adjournment: 6:23 PM by Chair Raven.**