



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

**November 10, 2016, 4:00 PM  
Fig Garden Women's Club  
4550 N Van Ness Blvd.  
Fresno, CA 93704**



**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Stephen Barile, John Baltierra, Rose Caglia, Lou Catallo, Pat Hunter, Elizabeth Laval, Sue Loucks, Randy McFarland, Nancy Enloe, Susan Pappas, Penny Raven, Donald Shantz, Janice Stevens and Nick Yovino

**Members Absent:** James Kus and Linda Pollack

**Staff:** Cindy Freeland, Secretary

**Members of the Public:** Kelley Landano, Associate County Librarian, and Jane Smith, Deputy County Counsel

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:02 PM.** Chairman Raven
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
  - A) Welcome Kelley Landano and Jane Smith
- 3) **Thank you to hosts at Fig Garden Women's Club:** for group tour by President Suzanne Swanson, prior to meeting.
- 4) **Adoption of Agenda.** Motion to approve as written, Shantz; second, Barile. Passed unanimously.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2016.** Motion to approve as written, Baltierra; second, Loucks. Passed unanimously.
- 6) **Public Comment.** None
- 7) **Landmarks:**
  - A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County
    - i) Raven presented article for review from the *Kingsburg Enterprise and Recorder* regarding a fire at the Kingsburg Hotel Stone. Members confirmed the Hotel is on the County Register.
    - ii) Raven presented article for review regarding contests at the grand opening of the historic Kingsburg Train Depot. McFarland suggested it be on the County Register.
  - B) Historic Places:
    - i) Discussion and Necessary Action
      - (1) Ararat Cemetery (*Barile*)
        - (a) Working with Heritage Fresno (C. Barrett) on completing application and getting approval from their Board.
        - (b) Still need the deed and a map clearly defining the area.
        - (c) Application not completed. Continued to next meeting.
      - (2) Lone Star Train Depot (*Barile and McFarland*)
        - (a) Move to approve application as submitted, McFarland; Barile second. Pappas

voted No; Loucks abstained; Majority Approved.

- (3) Mount Tom Fire Lookout (*Loucks*)
  - (a) Discussion regarding signature. Jane Smith recommended additional language for future applications to allow for "Owner or Authorized representative"
  - (b) Move to approve application as submitted with use conditions for property access stipulated by property owner to be included in final Agenda Item for the Board of Supervisors, Laval; Catallo second; Unanimously Approved.

C) Centennial Businesses:

- i) Discussion
  - (1) San Francisco Floral, Fresno. (*Laval*)
    - (a) Application not completed. Caglia will assist. Continued to next meeting.
  - (2) Kogetsu Do Confectionery, Fresno. (*Barile*)
    - (a) Application drafted. Continued to next meeting.

D) Centennial Communities:

- i) Discussion.
  - (1) City of Orange Cove. (*Laval*)
    - (a) Application not completed. Continued to next meeting.
  - (2) Shantz reported that Roger Taylor has researched Del Rey.
    - (a) Community was previously put forward as an Historic District but there were errors regarding notification of property owners and the application was not followed up.
    - (b) Shantz will work on application as Centennial Community to be discussed at future meeting.

E) Centennial Farms: *No items*

F) Centennial Schools

- i) Discussion and Necessary Action (*Loucks and Shantz*)
  - (1) Garfield Elementary, Terry Elementary, Washington Elementary, Selma High School
    - (a) Discussion of applications.
      - (i) Discuss destruction of Selma High School Science Hall and ceiling collapse. Shantz will provide supplemental information for long-term historic record after designation.
      - (ii) Signature date missing on applications. Will add submission date by signature line to all four applications upon advice of Smith.
    - (b) Catallo Move to approve; McFarland second, Approved: unanimously.

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

- i) None

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

- i) Enloe enquired about Pinedale Water tower and it was discussed. Yovino knows property owner Mehmet Noyan and will contact regarding interest. Commission may also invite David Rodriguez, who has a good deal of area knowledge, to discuss information at the January meeting.

**8) Reports and Administrative Items.**

- A) Bylaws Committee

- i) Discussion and Necessary Action (*Barile*)
  - (1) Recommendations for revisions reviewed. Tabled pending further revision by bylaws committee.
  - (2) Discussion on Commission members and how appointed.
  - (3) Updated draft will be forwarded to Jane Smith, County Counsel for research and comment.
  
- B) Special Reports – Discussion and Necessary Action
  - i) Recognition of Bud Olson by Board of Supervisors (*Barile*)
    - (1) Barile unable to follow up. Enloe will take over project.
  - ii) Discussion of 50-year milestone of commission and Spectrum Gallery photography exhibit (*Barile*)
    - (1) Stalled due to lack of funds.
    - (2) Baltierra will contact Firebaugh Rotary regarding possible sponsorship.
    - (3) Laval, Baltierra, and Hunter will determine and outline specifications of needs for proposed event.
  
- C) Chairman's Report. (*Raven*)
  - i) Alta Main Canal Bridge
    - (1) Letter received from JRP Historical Consulting regarding the bridge at Frankwood Ave. A reply was sent. Upon further consideration, the company has decided not to remove the bridge and will build a new access bridge further along the canal.
  - ii) Delivery Schedule for Minutes and Agenda – Discussion and Necessary Action
    - (1) No changes proposed.
    - (2) Allowances to be made for small delays to the two-week advance mailing of Agenda and Attachments due to the Secretary's primary responsibilities taking precedence.
    - (3) Landano discussed possibility of late additions to the Agenda that are allowable provided they can be added and distributed prior to the 72-hour posting requirement.

5:32 Caglia departs

5:33 McFarland reports on new plaque on Fresno Water Tower, and shows photo of it provided by former Commissioner Roger Taylor, then departs

5:40 Laval departs

- D) Vice-Chair's Report. (*Yovino*)
    - i) Discussion regarding location and date for next meeting. Suggested City Hall. Will check into possibility and parking availability.
  
  - E) Secretary's Report
    - i) Knapp Cabin, Navelencia School on Board of Supervisors Agenda for 12/6/16.
    - ii) Delilah Fire Lookout on Board Agenda for 12/6/16
  
  - F) Member Profile: Hunter. Stevens will report in January (Yovino to follow).
- 9) **Commission Reports.**
- A) Stevens
    - i) Recently did story on Fig Garden Women's Club for "Central Valley Magazine".
    - ii) Next story on Madera County Courthouse. Gala will be held December 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - B) Loucks – Westerners – San Francisco Earthquake

- C) Yovino – visited Veterans Hospital in San Francisco and saw “best view of bay”.
- D) Hunter – will be speaking about new book, “Breaking Bread”, at Fig Garden Library November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- E) Catallo – Let’s Talk Clovis - Nov. 8 - Veterans

**10) Adjournment: 6:08 PM**

<b>Future Meetings</b>		
1/12/17 or TBD	4:00 PM or TBD	Sunnyside Library or TBD