



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

**November 9, 2017**

**4:00 PM**

**Betty Rodriguez Regional Library  
3040 N. Cedar Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93703**



**MINUTES**

- Members Present:** Lou Catallo, Nancy Enloe, Pat Hunter, Dr. James Kus, Randy McFarland, Penny Raven, Donald Shantz, Janice Stevens, Allen Carden, Rose Caglia and Sharon Darnell.
- Members Absent:** David Rodriguez, Dr. Susan Pappas, Sue Loucks, Elizabeth Laval, and Nick Yovino.
- Staff:** Kelley Landano, County Librarian, Karen Coletti, Secretary.
- Members of the Public:** Denise Carden and John Houlihan.
- 1) **Call to Order at 4:02 PM.** Commissioner Randy McFarland filled in until Chairman Raven arrived.
  - 2) **Welcome & Introductions.** Introduction of John Holihaun who has an application awaiting the BOS approval.
  - 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
    - A) **Commissioner Stevens** moved to approve with removal of the Agenda Item for David Rodriguez, Item 6)B) i : second **Commissioner Kus** second. Passed unanimously.
  - 4) **Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2017 – Commissioner Stevens** moved to approve; second **Commissioner Kus**. Passed unanimously.
  - 5) **Public Comment.**
    - A) None.
  - 6) **Landmarks:**
    - A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County
      - i) Commissioner Hunter mentioned Armenian Town. The Commissioner discussed the worry of the restored homes sitting for so long. Karen will pass information on to Commissioner Hunter from Jane Bedrosian about the contact information of teacher at Fresno State.
    - B) **Historic Places:**
      - i) Discussion and Necessary Action
        - (1) Sugar Pine Lumber Mill Water Tower was removed from Agenda. Commissioner Rodriguez was unable to attend meeting to give report.

**4:10 PM Chairman Ravan and Commissioner Shantz arrive.**

**C) Centennial Businesses:**

i) Discussion and Necessary Action

(1) Ararat Cemetery and Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery. (*Raven*)

a) Chairman Raven received an email from Sheri Manning-Cartwright. They are still waiting for new deeds from the County Assessor Office. Cemeteries in the past have not been required to have parcel numbers. Chairman will bring update back next meeting.

**D) Centennial Communities:** None.

**E) Centennial Farms:** None.

**F) Centennial Schools:** None.

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

i) Pat Hunter mentioned Armenian Town. The Commissioner had discussion and worry about the restored homes sitting open for so long. Karen will pass information on to Janice Stevens from Jane Bedrosian that she received about a contact at Fresno State.

ii) Commissioner Stevens gave update on the Water Tower and the issues that they have been having. It is under the Fresno Arts Council and they have the problems resolved. Commissioner Caglia reported that an electrician had fixed lights and that the City of Fresno took care of the costs.

iii) Commissioner Stevens also brought up the Veterans Museum and the Children's Theatre being shut down for disrepair. Commissioner Caglia reported that the issues were resolved and it will not be shut down.

iv) Commissioner Caglia will obtain further info on William Saroyan Home.

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

i) Commissioner Enloe is working on the Masonic Lodge in Selma it was originally a church.

ii) Commissioner Catalo will check with current owners of building that was once Clovis Masonic Lodge to see if they would like historical designation.

**7) Reports and Administrative Items.**

**I) Bylaws Committee**

Discussion and Necessary Action (*Raven*)

**1)** Kelley gave update and passed a new print out of By- Laws. Commission reviewed and agreed with revision by County Counsel. **Commissioner McFarland** move to approve By-Laws as drafted and presented on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017; second **Commissioner Catalo**.

**4:43PM Commissioner Carden departs.**

**J) Chairman's Report – Discussion and Necessary Action (*Raven*)**

1) Currently 1 vacancy which is in District 1 under Chairman Pacheco. Chairman Raven has called the Clerk to the Boards office to follow up.

- 2) Commissioner Shantz discussed historical signage with the commission. Kelley stated this would have to come out of the General Fund and would need to be brought to CAO for approval. Some of the things discussed were consistency, design and material it would be made out of. A committee was formed to work on this project; it includes Commissioner Shantz, Commissioner Hunter, Commissioner Stevens and Chairman Raven. Suggestion was made that when final design determined historic sites would be offered. Opportunity to purchase signage. Perhaps additional type of sign for Centennial Cities, Farms, Schools and Business.
  - 3) Media Releases were discussed. The Community Calendar with the Fresno Bee was mentioned and it is a free calendar. Kelley is going to send Chairman Raven the new Public Information Officers information with the County. Commissioner McFarland inquired if there were any county policies the commission should be aware of? Kelley said to refer the question to County PIO when you contact them. Speaking to Service Clubs and different groups was mentioned.
  - 4) Commissioner Darnell will prepare reports for Mtn. Press and send to Chairman for review before releasing it.
- K) **Vice-Chair's Report** – Discussion and Necessary Action (*Yovino*)
- 1) Location of January 11, 2018 will be at the Warnor's Theatre located at 1044 Fulton St. Tour will be at 2:30 and meeting at 4:00 PM.
  - 2) Commission reported on the Fulton St. opening and how well it was attended. Several commissioners attended.
- L) **Secretary's Report** – Discussion and Necessary Action. (*Landano*)
- 1) New membership roster provided.
  - 2) Attendance report provided.
  - 3) Report on staff time will be provided at a later date after we have done a complete study.
- M) **New Business.** Move the Election of Officers to the January 2018 meeting
- N) **Member Profile:** None.
- 8) **Commission Reports.**
- Commissioner Caglia** saw documentary Tapped Out and it was wonderful.
- Commissioner Shantz** took certificates to schools, and also would like to take a tour of the Kingsburg Museum the cost is \$2.00 and does have a meeting room there. Commissioner Shantz also has been selected for the Honor Flight as a Veteran.
- Commissioner McFarland** reported the Kingsburg railroad station is now restored and a meeting room suitable for a future HLRC meeting and tour.
- Commissioner Caglia** reported she had met John Contadine, grandson of the founder of the Pantages Theaters and will try to get further info from him – Warnor's Theatre is a former Pantages Theater.
- Commissioner Darnell** will email flyer re: Christmas events at the Tollhouse Museum.
- Commissioner Hunter** in Caruthers tonight with Commissioner Stevens. They will give a lecture and also have one at Veteran's Memorial on Saturday.

**Commissioner Stevens** teaching writing class on Fresno architectural history. The class is through Fresno State global continuing education. There will be another in February at Bitwise. The cost is \$100.00 for 4 weeks. Commissioner Enloe spoke on this benefiting OSHA.

**Commissioner Enloe** started her church having Christmas Bazar it is Clovis Methodist on Pollasky right off Shaw.

**Commissioner Kus** went over his itinerary on his trips. He gives lectures on Cruise ships.

<b>Future Meetings</b>		
January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	2:30 PM Tour 4:00 PM Meeting	Warnor's Theatre

<b>Reoccurring Agenda Items</b>	
Sugar Pine Lumber Mill Water Tower	January (Rodriguez)
Ararat Cemetery and Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery	January (Raven)
San Francisco Floral	January (Caglia)
Orange Cove	January (Laval)
Signage Committee	January (Shantz)

9) **Adjournment: 5:36 PM by Chair Raven.**