

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

March 8, 2018

Fulton Street Tour 2:00 PM

(Meeting at Kids Café 2019 Mariposa St.)

Meeting 4:00 PM

Fresno County Office of Education

1111 Van Ness Ave. (Between Fresno and Mariposa St.)

Fresno, CA 93721

Parking instructions and map included in packet

MINUTES

- Members Present:** Lou Catallo, Nancy Enloe, Pat Hunter, John Houlihan, Donald Shantz, Janice Stevens, Dr. Allen Carden, Rose Caglia, David Rodriguez, Dr. Susan Pappas, Sue Loucks, and Nick Yovino.
- Members Absent:** Randy McFarland, Dr. James Kus, Elizabeth Laval and Sharon Darnell.
- Staff:** Karen Coletti and Raman Bath.
- Members of the Public:** Jean Rousseau, Fresno County CAO, Denise Carden, Gurbinder S Dhaliwal, Amarpreet S. Dhaliwal, Naindeep Singh, Tejpaal S. Bainiwal and John Baltierra.

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:12 PM.**
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.** Commission introduced themselves as well as guests.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
Commissioner Pappas moved to adopt: second **Commissioner Loucks. Passed unanimously.**
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: January 11, 2018 –** Discussion of procedures on the minutes and corrections will be made and will be brought back to May 17th, 2018 meeting for approval.
- 5) **Public Comment.** Commissioner Houlihan the newly appointed Commissioner gave a brief introduction of himself. He has served on the HLRC before and lived in Fresno since 1942. He enjoys working on preservation of history in Fresno County.
- 6) **Discussion of Officers –** Chairman Yovino visited Penny Raven, past Chairman to HLRC and let the Commission know that she is doing well she just had too much going on and had to cut back. There will be no Vice Chair at this point, we will check with County Counsel to see if we need to fill position. Chairman Yovino spoke on recognizing Penny Raven for her dedication and time on the Commission.

7) **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 passed out the application and went through it with Commission. The Sugar Pine Lumber Mill was established in 1921. It is located in Pinedale. The goal was to create jobs and industry in the Fresno Area. Commissioner Pappas requested a significant narrative be added to clarify the history of it and also the building of it. Commissioner Rodriguez has travelled as far as Eugene, Oregon to gather information on this. **ACTION** Commissioner Rodriguez will work on the requests of the Commission and bring it back for approval to submit application to Board of Supervisors at the May meeting.

(2) Tejpaal S. Bain introduced the application at 8605 Main St. in San Joaquin. This is the first Sikh Temple in Fresno County; the name of it is San Joaquin Gurdwara. It was started in Yuba City and moved to the Central Valley. Gurbinder S Dhaliwal spoke on the importance of the Gurdwara and how it has helped the Sikh Community come together in the farming communities in the area. Amarpreet S. Dhaliwal, San Joaquin Mayor Pro Tem spoke on how important this site is to the Community to become designated as it would be the first for San Joaquin. Naindeep Singh also spoke of the importance of the temple to Sikh Community and how growing up he travelled to attend service on Sundays. Commissioner Loucks inquired about newspaper articles on it and Commissioner Pappas offered to help them find information. They thought the Fresno Bee would have something. Commission would like to see some pictures as well. Commission would be happy to offer assistance to get application prepared and submit for approval by the Board of Supervisors. Karen will send Tejpaal a new application and will send Commissioner Pappas his information and the original application. **ACTION** This will be brought back for approval to submit application to Board of Supervisors at the May meeting.

Gurbinder S Dhaliwal, Amarpreet S. Dhaliwal, Naindeep Singh, and Tejpaal S. Bainiwal left 4:58 PM.

C) **Centennial Businesses:**

i) **Discussion and Necessary Action**

(1) Chairman Yovino has taken over following up with Ararat Cemetery and Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery. We are still waiting on APN #'s to finish up application. **ACTION** will bring back for discussion and necessary action to May meeting.

(2) Commissioner Caglia is still working on getting an application from San Francisco Floral. Commissioner is working with the son Andy and she will continue to follow up. **ACTION** Commissioner Caglia will update at May meeting.

D) **Centennial Communities:** None.

E) **Centennial Farms:** None.

F) **Centennial Schools:** Commissioner Pappas sent out list of possible Centennial Schools. Commissioner Pappas would like to take care of the getting the 1800's completed first before starting on 1900's. Commissioner Pappas and Commissioner Loucks have done a lot of work on the schools but would like to get some help. Karen has sent the list to the Commission. **ACTION** Commissioner Pappas will bring this back at the May meeting.

Jean Rousseau, Fresno County CAO left at 505 PM.

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

- (1) Commissioner Enloe discussed the Masonic Temple in Clovis. Commissioner Catalo has been in contact with the new Pastor and will get an application to him.
- (2) Commissioner Enloe spoke of the Selma Masonic Lodge. Commissioner Shantz and Commissioner Pappas have no information on it. Commissioner Shantz will follow up with Commissioner McFarland.

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

- (1) John Baltierra spoke on the Turnstiles at the Old Bridge in Firebaugh. Commissioner Houlihan stated that the water flow could ruin the foundation. John Baltierra will be working on an application.

I) **Signage Committee.**

Discussion and Necessary Action (Shantz)

- (1) Commissioner Shantz did meet with Commissioner Hunter and Commissioner Stevens. They feel they are ready to meet with a person to design something. Karen will work with CAO and find out who will help them with design and what the County would like on the sign. Commission will need to know the costs and what sources can be used to cover the costs. Raman Bath spoke of our internal signage department. Commission discussed where they would start and with what sites. Commissioner Pappas will provide Commissioner Shantz a list of potential sites to start with. **ACTION** invite the internal design person to our next meeting.

J) **Media Releases.** No Report.

K) **Website:** No Report.

L) **Chairman's Report**

Discussion and Necessary Action (Yovino)

- (1) Vacancies were discussed and applications of Don Elwood. **ACTION** Karen will check at the Clerk to the Boards office on it. Penny Raven left a vacancy. John Baltierra who was on the Commission and had to resign due to health issues will be sending in an application and will contact Supervisor Mendes office. Commissioner Shantz will not be renewing his appointment in January of 2019.

M) **Vice-Chair's Report** – Discussion and Necessary Action (Yovino)

- (1) Location and dates for 2018 meetings were discussed. Commission would like to try and do the Kingsburg Train Depot in May. Karen will check with Commissioner McFarland and discuss if May will work or September. As alternative locations Commission picked Woodard Park Regional and Betty Rodriguez Regional as second choice.

- N) **Secretary's Report** – Discussion and Necessary Action. (*Coletti*)
 - (1) New Membership roster provided and passed out at meeting.
 - (2) Attendance Report in packet was incorrect, Karen will make corrections and it will be in next packet.
 - (3) Copy of By Laws was passed out as well as the new Board of Supervisors meeting schedule.

- O) **New Business** – None.

- P) **Member Profile:** Commissioner Carden was born in suburban Chicago, in 1949. He is a professor and his father was a professor. He has lived in New York, Illinois, and LA, CA by the age of 16. He met his wife at 15 and has been married for 47 years. They have two daughters and 5 grandchildren. Commissioner Carden graduated from Biola University 1971, and there were no jobs anywhere. Commissioner went to back to school at Cal State Fullerton to get a Masters Degree in History. Commissioner Carden then went on for PHD in History from Irvine. He has worked in Administration as well as a Professor in Academics. Commissioner Carden has worked at Fresno Pacific as well as Fresno State. He is working at now at Fresno Pacific as well as Fresno State. He has written 3 books and is currently working on one that is on Abe Lincoln's Secretary.

- Q) Next member profile for May will be Commissioner Loucks.

9) Commission Reports.

Future Meetings		
5/17/2018	4:00 PM	Kingsburg Train Depot Tour and Museum, Woodward and Betty
9/13/2018	4:00 PM	TBD
11/8/2018	4:00 PM	TBD

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

- 10) **Adjournment: 5:47 PM by Chairman Yovino.**