



**FRESNO COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS
ADVISORY COMMISSION**
March 9, 2017, 4:00 PM
Sunnyside Library
5566 E Kings Canyon Rd.
Fresno, CA 93727



MINUTES

- Members Present:** Rose Caglia, Lou Catallo, Nancy Enloe, Pat Hunter, James Kus, Sue Loucks, Randy McFarland, Susan Pappas, Penny Raven, Donald Shantz, Janice Stevens and Nick Yovino
- Members Absent:** John Baltierra, Stephen Barile, Elizabeth Laval and Linda Pollack
- Staff:** Kelley Landano, Interim County Librarian, Karen Coletti, Secretary
- Members of the Public:** Allen and Denise Carden

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:02 PM.** Chairman Raven
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) Welcome Allen and Denise Carden, and Interim County Librarian, Kelley Landano.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) McFarland moved to approve. Pappas; second. Passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2017 –** Shantz moved to approve. Catallo; second. Passed unanimously.
- 5) **Public Comment.**
 - A) None.
- 6) **Landmarks:**
 - A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County
 - i) Pappas passed out 2017 Inventory of Historic Sites of Fresno County. There are a total of 341 applications that have been Board of Supervisor approved. 218 Landmarks, 9 Centennial Businesses, 64 Centennial Communities, 15 Centennial Farms, and 35 Centennial Schools. Pappas stated she has created 125 photos with descriptions for the library and corrected many of the old descriptions.

4:12 PM Commissioners Hunter & Stevens arrive.
 - ii) Pappas, Kus and McFarland discussed the Posa Chane', Indian Village along the Camino Real near Coalinga. McFarland and Kus will bring further information to next meeting on this.

- iii) Pappas reported that the house now at 900 Pollasky Ave., Clovis, was originally at 336 Pollasky is now Sequoia Home Health Services. Catallo said original home of Ovid Ingmire and that he may have a book on the Ingmire Family and will report on this.

4:30 Commissioner Caglia arrives

- iv) McFarland said the records of the earlier HLRC meetings when it was directed by the Parks and Recreation Department should be requested by the Secretary and they should be archived at the Main Library.
- v) McFarland questioned that if a listed historic landmark is demolished, should it be deleted from the list? Pappas replied that on the list it is noted if the item has been burned, demolished, etc. She also said that on the list that Spectrum Gallery was to photograph, 47 could not be found at the listed address.

B) Historic Places:

i) Discussion and Necessary Action

(1) Ararat Cemetery (*Barile*)

- (a) A folder from Barile was passed around that included the original deed to the property on Dec. 2, 1885. No update due to Barile resignation. It will be brought back on next agenda.

(2) Liberty Cemetery (*Pappas*)

- (a) Pappas bringing 3 gentlemen with information to May meeting. Pappas has been working with John Thompson Deputy Director of Resource and Administration in Public Works and Planning, Fresno County and two other gentleman from the Public Works Department. Application will be ready for review by Commission at May meeting.

C) Centennial Businesses:

i) Discussion

(1) San Francisco Floral, Fresno. (*Laval & Caglia*)

- (a) Caglia went to meet with owners but unavailable. Owner Andy Azzaro previously told her he had information and old pictures. Will revisit and bring progress back to May meeting.

(2) Kogetsu Do Confectionery, Fresno. (*Barile*)

- (a) Nothing to report due to Barile absence.
- (b) Continued to next meeting.

D) Centennial Communities:

i) Discussion.

(1) City of Orange Cove. (*Laval*)

- (a) McFarland is helping Laval on Application. Laval not present at meeting.

Pappas reported that the City had a Resolution back in 2014 for being a Centennial City. McFarland will follow up and needs Board of Supervisors Resolution.

(b) Continued to next meeting.

E) Centennial Farms:

i) Discussion and Necessary Action

(1) Metcalf Ranch

(a) Agenda item presented on consent at Board of Supervisors on March 28th, 2017. Loucks to request to have it moved from consent. Will notify family and also let them know that the item is on consent and what that insures.

F) Centennial Schools

i) On March 15, 2011 the Fresno County Board of Supervisors established a register for Centennial Schools. The Fresno County Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission Centennial Schools Committee established 60 potential schools that met the criteria. Currently, 31 schools from the original list have been placed on the Centennial School Register.

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

i) Discussed the Armenian Town and how it is at standstill.

ii) Catallo also mentioned the Basketball Courts being put in Eaton Plaza. Caglia stated that when the Eaton family gave the property to the City they specified that it would remain an open space.

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

i) Pappas spoke on the Forestiere Underground Gardens. 3 Archeological surveys going on right now regarding impact of new high speed rail under construction.

ii) Hunter asked for information of the Armenia Historic Homes at Van Ness and Santa Clara Aves. Pappas stated that the Fresno City Council had designated it the Armenian Historic Area.

iii) Enloe spoke of the Masonic Temple in Clovis. The building is in good condition, but not being used, and cannot be sold because taxes are a problem. It is not on historic list. She will get further information. .

7) Reports and Administrative Items.

A) Bylaws Committee

i) Discussion and Necessary Action *(Barile)*

(1) Recommendations for revisions to be submitted. Tabled to get clarification on wording under the membership procedure. Landano will speak to County Counsel for correct wording. McFarland moves and Catallo seconded Motion to continue to May meeting. Passed unanimously.

ii) Recognition of Bud Olson by Board of Supervisors *(Enloe)*

(1) Commission reviewed Resolution. Kus move to Approve Resolution. McFarland second. Passed unanimously.

iii) Spectrum Gallery photography exhibit and anniversary event *(Baltierra, Hunter and*

Laval)

- (1) Discussed how expensive this event would be. Pappas reminded everyone that we have recognized them at the Board. It was discussed to have the event at one of the libraries.
- (2) Continued to next meeting since Baltierra and Laval were absent.

B) Chairman's Report. (*Raven*)

- i) Raven explained how Yovino was appointed by District 5 at January BOS meeting.
- ii) Two resignations one Linda Pollack and 2nd Stephen Barile.
- iii) No new appointees.
- iv) Allen Carden gave a background on his career. He was raised in Michigan, but has lived in California for 20 years. Came to Fresno as President of Fresno Pacific University for 3 years. He is currently teaching history and the "Land and the Peoples of the Central Valley" course. He was commissioned by City of La Mirada, CA to write the history of that city and currently is working on completing.
- v) Application was reviewed by commission McFarland move to Approve, Caglia; second. Passed Unanimously.

4:35 PM. Hunter and Stevens depart to a speaking engagement at the Clovis Library.

C) Vice-Chair's Report. (*Yovino*)

- i) Reedley Opera House will be site for next meeting, tour at 3:30; meeting 4:00 PM, May 11, 2017.
- ii) Reported meeting on February 13, 2017, with the Fresno County CAO Jean Rousseau went very well. Rousseau requested that the HLRC Chair, Vice-Chair and McFarland meet with the Librarian to discuss HLRC issues and information and then report back to him.

D) Secretary's Report

- i) Librarian Laurel Prysiazny resigned on Feb. 14, 2017. Kelley Landano was appointed by CAO as Interim Librarian on Feb. 15, 2017.
- ii) Gave a brief background on herself, she was raised in Fresno so appreciated the history preservation Commission works on.
- iii) Welcomed Karen Coletti back as Assistant Secretary.
- iv) Landano advised Commissioners to send all info and Agenda items (both for HLRC and BOS) to Coletti and Coletti will route them properly.
- v) Baltierra contact information was verified and correct.
- vi) New membership roster was provided, but will be updated before next meeting.
- vii) HLRC website was discussed; Secretary explained that the Library domain had been overloaded with pictures and that all employees were ask to clear their pictures. She discussed the option of the Commission purchasing their own domain and the library providing the link. This information will be presented at the next HLRC meeting.

E) Member Profile: Yovino. McFarland will report in May.

Member Profile: Nick Yovino:

Commissioner Yovino was born and raised in Fresno, both sets of grandparents were from Italy. Attended all Fresno Schools, graduated from Fresno State and started to work for the City of Fresno the next week. Retired as Director of Planning for the City of Fresno in 2008 and been volunteering ever since.

5:48 PM Yovino departs.

8) Commission Reports.

- F) Lou Catallo update of Clovis events. Beer Crawl, Flume Talk.
- G) Rose Caglia gave information on her documentary about the Warnor's Theatre. The event will be premiered in October 20, 2017 on the 89th anniversary of the Theatre.
- H) Randy McFarland has the Camp Sierra Centennial Celebration on Saturday Memorial Day Weekend.
- I) Coletti reported that HLRC member photo should be taken when meeting is held at Library.

Future Meetings		
3/9/17	4:00 PM	Sunnyside Library
5/11/17 or TBD	Tour 3:30, meeting at 4:00 PM	Reedley Opera House
9/14/17 or TBD	4:00 PM or TBD	Sunnyside Library or TBD
11/9/17 or TBD	4:00 PM or TBD	Sunnyside Library or TBD

9) Adjournment: 6:19 PM by Chair Raven.