



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

September 14, 2017
Tour 3:30 and Meeting at 4:00 PM
Valley PBS
1544 Van Ness Ave.
Fresno, CA 93721



MINUTES

- Members Present:** Lou Catallo, Nancy Enloe, Pat Hunter, Sue Loucks, Rose Caglia, Susan Pappas, Penny Raven, Donald Shantz, Elizabeth Laval, David Rodriguez, James Kus, Janice Stevens and Nick Yovino.
- Members Absent:** Randy McFarland.
- Staff:** Karen Coletti, Secretary.
- Staff Absent:** Kelley Landano, County Librarian.
- Members of the Public:** Jean Rousseau, Brandi Orth, Judith Pereira, Frank Roberts, Allen Carden, Ray and Sharon Darnell.

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:03 PM by** Chairman Raven.
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) Thanked Elizabeth Laval for tour of Valley PBS, use of conference room and refreshments.
 - B) Welcomed Jean Rousseau, Fresno County Administrator. Ray and Sharon Darnell and Allen Carden. Brandi Orth, Frank Roberts Judy Pereira all from the County Clerk's Office. The Commission also introduced themselves.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) **Kus** moved to approve; **Pappas** second. Passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: May 11, 2017 Loucks** moved to approve as amended; **Shantz** second. Passed unanimously by removing "and" in 6.2 to become Sugar Pine Lumber Mill Water Tank.
- 5) **Public Comment.** County Administrator Jean Rousseau gave a brief background on himself. Lifelong Fresno resident and attended Fresno schools. His father was employed as a Police Officer and mother worked at Pac Bell. Spoke on his career and how he came to the County of Fresno. The CAO opened up discussion with the Commission on questions regarding the \$13,000 budget to be used on staff support. These monies are from a General Fund account and reimbursed to the library.

CAO led a discussion of a microphone and tape recorder that could be used to record minutes. This would help with clear minutes and less review. Research into this will be done by Coletti.

Commissioner Pappas requested an accounting for staff time on HLRC and CAO said he would get it. He will also talk to Co. Counsel re: hiring of separate person as staff for HLRC.

Vice Chairman Yovino brought up hiring someone on a day to day basis. CAO was open to listening to ideas. CAO requested a written a proposal from Commission and schedule a meeting with Chairman Raven and Vice Chairman Yovino with Natalie Ortiz his secretary or Yazmin Toquillas who is the assistant.

- 6) **Records Retention. Catallo** made Motion to approve Record Retention Schedule number S-1275-01 as presented by County Clerk Brandi Orth; **Loucks** second. Passed Unanimously.

Brandi Orth explained the process of the records. They do not destroy any records with historical value inadvertently. There will be more records brought to HLRC. Paper reports are to be filed with the clerk. They now can scan and get rid of old records. Commissioner Catallo inquired about a backup computer that would store all of this. The G drive is what backs things up. Brandi explained that they destroy originals as they go along and scan. Commission inquired what happened to old paper copies, Brandi will be getting back to them with that information.

7) **Landmarks:**

A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County

- 1) Discussion on old records and updating the website, and records. Commissioner Caglia followed up on the old records that Commissioner McFarland had asked about at a previous meeting. Coletti has found nothing, but mentioned the Central Library basement. Commissioner Pappas said there is nothing down there, and all the applications are in binders in the Heritage Room. Coletti stated the Parks and Recreation Department have nothing. Commissioner Loucks discussed the list of sites and how it needs to be updated.

B) Historic Places:

i) Discussion and Necessary Action

(1) Liberty Cemetery. (*Pappas*)

- (a) Commissioner Pappas ask that this be removed until she has an update.

(2) Building in San Joaquin now Sikh Temple. (*Raven*)

- (a) Commissioner Raven received phone call from Tejpal Baniwal, he is in Stockton working. He is working with the current owner and will have more of an update at next meeting.

(3) Old Armenian Town. (*Yovino*)

- (a) Commissioner Yovino reported that the houses have been relocated and partially restored. The City is working with Tom Richards, developing a new master plan for part of the New Armenian town. 3 houses could be sold separately; they would like to keep them together. They would like to use those three for an office complex as it can be more problematic if they are split up. It is important to keep the integrity of the houses. Commissioner Yovino reassured the Commission that they are being protected.

C) Centennial Businesses:

i) Discussion and Necessary Action

- (1) Ararat Cemetery and Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery. (*Raven*)
 - (a) Commissioner Raven met with their board in August, Mark Toopozian, Meher Chekerdemian, Houry Sanderson, and the secretary Sheri Manning-Cartwright. They were in favor of turning in the application. The original application by Midge and Chuck Barrett, was given to Manning-Cartwright and she is going to do the additional work. Will work on a Historical Business application, Commissioner Raven has already sent it.

D) Centennial Communities: NONE

E) Centennial Farms: NONE

F) Centennial Schools: (*Shantz*)

- i) Kingsburg Schools Certificates presented at the Board of Supervisors on September 12th. The certificates were given to Commissioner Shantz to distribute to the schools. Commissioner Shantz will give them a copy of the application and Agenda items. Commissioner Shantz also mentioned Terry School had celebrated 135 years and displays our Certificate. They had really good support from the Superintendent and school board.
- ii) Commissioner Shantz brought up signage and more media coverage. This will be added to agenda for next meeting. Sassano's Men's Store in Clovis erected their own plaque.

Commissioner Kus leaves at 5:30 PM.

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

i) Discussion and Necessary Action.

(1) Clovis Masonic Temple in Clovis. (*Enloe*)

- (a) Commissioner Catalo reported that Building was rebuilt at 5th and DeWitt in 1912. The Original burnt down in 1898 on Woodworth between 6th and 7th. It was purchased in 1931 by the Masons Clovis Lodge #417. There is no connection to the Lodge anymore. The building has been sold and nobody to follow up with.
- (b) Add Discussion of potential Fresno County Landmarks to next Agenda.

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

i) Discussion – None.

8) Reports and Administrative Items.

I) Bylaws Committee.

i) Discussion and Necessary Action. (*Raven*)

- (a) Final Draft (approved by County Counsel, *Jane Smith* and *Commissioners, McFarland, Raven* and *Enloe*). Jane Smith, said more research and waiting to hear back. By Laws 1 year term for Officers Jane said to hold off election till January 2018 Commission meeting.

J) Special Reports – Discussion and Necessary Action

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

- (1) Resignation of John Baltierra letter, Chairman Raven passed around letter for the Commission to sign and she will send it to him.
- (2) Application of Allen Carden was resubmitted to the Board of Supervisors and is on Agenda to be appointed on September 26th. Application for Sharon Darnell was reviewed by the Commission and a motion to approve member at large to send to Board Catallo; second Yovino. Passed Unanimously.
- (3) Vacancies were discussed and we have two at large and a District 1 Appointee. Commissioner Pappas mentioned that she knew of someone related to the Blackskill Farms that might be interested in the District 1 Appointment. Chairman Raven will be reaching out to Chairman Pacheco's office to discuss the vacancies.

Commissioner Caglia left at 6:01PM.

- (4) Change of meeting time was discussed by the Commission; it was decided to leave it at 4:00 PM for now.
- (5) HLRC Budget and Use. Motion to request the past year accounting of Secretary time and costs to library; Pappas second; Loucks. Passed Unanimously.
- (6) Agenda to be posted online at noon on Monday before meeting.

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

- (1) Vice Chair Yovino reported that we would be meeting at the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library in November at 4PM. Chairman Raven has made the reservation.

L) Secretary's Report. (*Coletti*)

- (1) New membership.
- (2) Attendance report.
- (3) Old Records update that we have found nothing. Commissioner Pappas said there is nothing in the basement of the Central Library.

- M) Member Profile: Commissioner Laval thanked everyone for coming to PBS. She is 5th generation Fresnan. She has worked overseas and worked in 42 countries. She worked out of the USA for 10 years and stated that travel was easy then. She came back to Fresno in 1993 when her father became ill; he passed away in 1995. Commissioner Laval then took over the Pop Laval Collection. The first presentation of the collection was at the 2004 Fresno Fair and it was a very popular attraction.

Commissioner Laval has two children; her son a West Point graduate is stationed in Kansas awaiting deployment to Korea. Her daughter is in her 1st year at San Francisco State College, she is a sophomore due to having enough AP credits. Commissioner Laval is now an empty nester.

Commissioner Laval came to PBS in 2012 and it keeps her very busy. Right now PBS is doing a Documentary on Vietnam, she passed out handouts to everyone and pins. They are also featuring the Silent Sacrifice a Hmong Documentary. PBS runs 80% on pledges and could not survive without it. Commissioner Laval has been on the Commission for about 12 years.

Vice Chair Yovino left at 6:17

- N) Member profile for next meeting will be Commissioner Rodriguez. Alternate will be Commissioner Carden.

9) Commission Reports.

Commissioner Shantz would like to take a tour of Downtown Fulton. Vice Chairman Yovino will work on this.

Future Meetings		
11/9/17	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Library
1/11/2018	4:00 PM	Warnor's Theatre

- 10) **Adjournment: 6:22 PM** by Chairman Raven.

11) Future Agenda Items.

Future Agenda Items	
Sugar Pine Lumber Mill and Water Tower	Rodriguez (November)
Posa Chan'e	Kus (November)
San Francisco Floral	Caglia (November)
City of Orange Cove	Laval (November)
Add New Business	All (November)
PA Systems	Karen (November)
Signage for Landmarks	Don (November)