



**FRESNO COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS
ADVISORY COMMISSION**
September 8, 2016, 4:00 PM
The Discovery Center
1944 N Winery
Fresno, CA 93703



MINUTES

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

Members Absent: John Baltierra, James Kus, Elizabeth Laval, and Linda Pollack

Staff: Cindy Freeland, Secretary

Members of the Public: Deborah Janzen

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:00 PM:** Chairman Barile
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) Introduce Deborah Janzen, Principal Librarian, Fresno County Public Library.
- 3) **Thank you to hosts at Discovery Center;** Debbie Milla, guide for group tour prior to meeting
- 4) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) Move item 8) D) Election of Officers to after item 5.
 - B) Item 7) I) i): "Discussion of Website and Centennial Forms" delete "Centennial Forms" and replace with "Landmarks".
 - C) Motion to approve as amended, McFarland; second, Pappas. Passed unanimously

Yovino arrive 4:02 PM

- 5) **Approval of Minutes: May 12, 2016**
 - A) Correction: Item 9) D): correct disaster plan meeting in Clovis presented "by the State Archives" to "by the California Heritage Preservation Project funded by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services through Homeland Security grant program."
 - B) Motion to approve as amended: McFarland; second, Catallo. Passed unanimously.
- 6) **Election of Officers.**
 - A) Chair:
 - i) Barile thanked the group and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have served as chairman.
 - ii) Barile nominated Penny Raven as new Chair.
 - iii) Motion to close nominations and unanimous ballot be cast: McFarland. Pappas second. Passed unanimously.
 - iv) Vote unanimous – Raven elected as new Chair
 - B) Vice Chair:
 - i) Pappas nominates Nick Yovino as new Vice-Chair. Barile Second.
 - ii) Motion to close nominations and unanimous ballot be cast: McFarland. Pappas second. Passed unanimously.

- iii) Vote unanimous – Yovino elected as new Vice-Chair

7) Public Comment.

- A) None

8) Landmarks:

A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County

- i) Pappas reported on an Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County she has compiled.

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) Regarding plans for “restoration” and future use mentioned in application: the owner intends to restore the site in the next two years and make it available to the public.

(b) Continued to next meeting.

3. **Knapp's Cabin** (*Loucks*)

(a) Location is currently on the National Registry.

(b) Move to approve application as submitted, McFarland; second, Shantz.

Approved: unanimously.

C) Centennial Businesses:

i) Discussion

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

(a) Application not completed. Continued to next meeting.

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

(a) Application not completed. Continued to next meeting.

D) Centennial Communities:

i) Discussion.

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

(a) Application not completed. Continued to next meeting.

2. Pappas reported on additional communities that currently are or will soon become eligible for Centennial status: 2016, Balch Camp; 2017 Alder Springs and Camp Sierra (McFarland); and asked that Prather be added

E) Centennial Farms:

- i) *No items*

F) Centennial Schools

i) Discussion.

1. Burrell School, Reedley High School, Riverdale Elementary School, and Riverdale High School – Certificates received by Loucks and will be distributed.

2. Pappas has a list of additional schools that are or soon will be eligible for Centennial consideration.

ii) Discussion and Necessary Action (*Loucks*)

1. Navelencia School

- (a) Discussion of application.
 - (b) Move to approve, Pappas; second, Catallo. Approved: unanimously.
2. Loucks working on list of schools from 1910 forward.

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

- i) Restoration project involving homes in Armenia Town area seems to have stalled. Hunter will research.

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

- i) Selma Cemetery has undergone research; records that have been found are insufficient to move forward with an application. Shantz will contact George Otis for information

I) Discussion of website and Landmarks

- i) Report from Pappas
 - 1. Currently working on inventory of Archives.
 - (a) Trying to improve descriptions and photo display to provide more distinct information of historical significance.
 - (b) Committee to look at forms and potential web updates. A date to meet will be discussed at the November meeting for possible meeting in January.

9) Reports and Administrative Items.

A) Bylaws Committee (Barilie)

- i) Changes have been forwarded to County Counsel, Jane Smith, for review.
- ii) Commission to vote on proposed revisions in November meeting.

B) Former Chairman's Report. (Barilie)

- i) Discussion of 50-year milestone of commission and Spectrum Gallery photography exhibit. Barile working on funding.

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

- i) No report
- ii) Next meeting – Pappas proposes meeting at the Fig Garden Women's Club.
- iii) Future meetings -- Pappas proposes booking a library meeting room as back up.

D) Secretary's Report

- i) Thank you to member Loucks for summaries provided. These proved very helpful in preparing the Agenda Items for the Board of Supervisors.
- ii) Delilah Lookout pulled from the Board of Supervisor's Agenda 8/9/16.
 - 1. This occurred due to a last-minute question from a Board member (regarding giving County historic designating to Federal Property and whether the appropriate level of administrative approval had been given) just prior to the meeting that could not be satisfactorily answered in the time available.
 - 2. The Agenda Item will be re-submitted as soon as research is completed and the Board can be assured designation is appropriate.
 - 3. Yovino suggested talking to Supervisors.

E) Member Profile: Shantz gave presentation. Next: Hunter (back-up: Stevens)

10) Commission Reports

- A) Barile – Proposed a Board Resolution be submitted to recognize of Bud Olson.

- B) McFarland
 - i) Kingsburg Southern Pacific Depot has been restored. Ceremony set for 9/24/16.
 - ii) Camp Sierra – working on book for 100th Anniversary. Ceremony tentatively set for Memorial Day 2017.
- C) Pappas
 - i) Attended memorial for Bud Olson on 5/22/16.
 - ii) Just completed 3-year project for a digital recording of close to 4000 graves including a survey map. Includes Liberty Cemetery which contains graves of Civil War veterans.
- D) Yovino – happy to serve as new Vice-Chair
- E) Hunter and Stevens
 - i) New book, Breaking Bread with William Saroyan, an Armenian cookbook, to be published soon and is now available for pre-order.
 - ii) Book on Highway 1 – South will be out in the spring.
- F) Enloe – has contacted a friend of the late Commissioner Olson about applying for his seat on the commission but he declined. Enloe inspired Dr. Allen Coates to apply.
- G) Catallo
 - i) Let's Talk Clovis
 - 1. Norma Meek & Jim Glass will present "Widow Waite of Pine Ridge"
 - 2. John Donaldson
 - 3. Seferina Herrera Franco's 100th Birthday 8/26/16
 - ii) New concert series at the Clovis Botanical Gardens starting 9/15/16 to 10/6/16 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.
 - iii) Sons of Italy – October dinner 10/17/16 at Notre Dame Hall in Clovis
- H) Loucks
 - i) Westerners
 - 1. 9/21/16 – Karana Hattersly-Drayton – Building in Adobe in the San Joaquin Valley
 - 2. 10/19/16 – Tom Phillips – History of Hornitos
 - 3. Meetings are at Toledo's restaurant on Shaw.

Future Meetings		
11/10/16	4:00 PM	TBD

11) Adjournment 6:15 PM