

Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes January 20, 2011

The regular meeting of the Historic Landmarks & Records Commission was held at the
Gallery II, January 20, 2011

Members present: Randy McFarland, Laurel Prysiazny, Penny Raven, Elizabeth Laval, Bud Olson, Don Shantz, James Kus, Susan Pappas, Janice Stevens, Pat Hunter, John Baltierra, Lou Catallo, and Roger Taylor.

Members absent: Aileen Bos, David Berkey, Nancy Enloe, and Stephen Barille.

Members of the public: Karen Coletti

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Randy McFarland.
- 2) **Welcome to Commissioners and visitors:** Chairman McFarland.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.** The agenda was approved.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes,:**
 - *Moved:* Commissioner Kus; *Seconded:* Commissioner Shantz.
- 5) **Comments from the Public:** None.
- 6) **California History & Genealogy Room:** None
- 7) **Records:** None.
- 8) **Landmarks.**
 - a) Courthouse Park grounds markers/memorials and sculptures Courthouse Cupola: Commissioner Laval spoke that it is the only original piece from the Old Courthouse. Chairman McFarland gave an overview of what we would be trying to accomplish with this endeavor. Commissioner Laval spoke of no funding within County and Community and a 501 C 3. Community might be interested. Commissioner Raven needs to get a cost for the project. Maybe using the sheet metal union for work. Commissioner Baltierra mentioned Historical grants. Chairman McFarland and Commissioner Raven will speak to Supervisor Anderson. Commissioner Shantz discussed many different phases for the process. The Commission needs to assess the Cupola and decide what needs to be done. Chairman McFarland, Commissioner Laval, Commissar Raven, and Commissioner Shantz will be working on this.

b) Inventory of Historic sites in Fresno County:

- i) Went over the 100 year old Business List
 - ii) Miller House application being taken to the Board of Supervisors March 8, 2011. Chairman McFarland asks for Continuance on this.
 - iii) Suggestions for other applications: Chairman McFarland spoke of phases of Shaver Lake drainage it is at 12% at the first phase. Second phase will be completely drained by 2012. This will allow the original Shaver Lake dam would be seen. The last time it was drained was at least 30 years ago. This would be great to be put on the register. Commissioner Shantz asks about Clevengers in Caruthers. Commissioner Baltierra brought up the turnstile bridge in Firebaugh.
- c) Centennial Farms: None.
- d) Centennial Businesses: None
- e) Centennial Communities: Spoke of reviewing the list. Clovis and Big Creek are coming up.
- f) Centennial Schools:
- Commissioner Pappas Presenting application to Board on March 8, 2011. Commissioner Pappas will be meeting with Larry Powell Superintendent of Schools for Fresno County. Armen Bacon may do a celebration. Laurel Prysiazny spoke of the process that would take place at Board. Commissioner Olson would like to hurry and get applications to Auberry and Sierra Elementary on list as they both will be dissolving at the end of this school year.
- g) Threatened buildings in the City of Fresno: Commissioner Hunter spoke of Craycroft house on Palm Ave. Commissioner Laval was going to do some research on this. Chairman McFarland stated needed to check on who owns it and if it is in the City or County.
- h) Threatened buildings in the County of Fresno: Commissioner Baltierra stated the Miller and Lux office building corner of O and 11th street. It is now the Westside Drug in Firebaugh. Rebekki store in Firebaugh. El Zito Bar is well over 100 years old also in Firebaugh. No updates on Armenian towns Commissioner Taylor will report on them next meeting

9) Reports and Administrative Items.

- a) Chairman's Report: Chairman McFarland spoke of possibilities for field trip. The Kreyenhagen ranch on the Westside in Coalinga.

- b) Vice-Chairman's Report: Commissioner Taylor brought up the Geffert historic ranch 60 acres 4770 W. Whitesbridge. It has been on the National Register. A letter from the State office on the Belmont underpass pre-stressed concrete 1st one in the United States. Huge Administration building at Fresno City College was a great story. It received national recognition. 1719 L St. local register house being restored Fresno institute for Urban Leadership. Spoke of Del Rey District and went over the map that he presented. Vice Chairman spoke of Del Rey being put back on the agenda.
- c) Secretary's Report: Laurel Prysiazny
- i) Attendance Report: Everyone is acceptable.
 - ii) Status of Vacancies: There is one vacancy with the resignation of Aileen Bos. Chairman McFarland read her letter to the Commission. Motion to accept resignation letter. Moved to accept Commission Raven and Second Commissioner Taylor. Discussion of a party for Aileen and Chairman writing a Proclamation. Commissioner Stevens was to start the planning process for a dinner. Chairman McFarland will call her and discuss plans.
 - iii) Roster Update: Updated BOS appointments
 - iv) Library Update: Laurel reported on the budget situation the Library is facing at present. Laurel, also at the request of another Board member, discussed the letters the Library had received from Heritage Fresno and the actions taken to date by Library staff.

10) Meeting Schedule.

Meeting Schedule		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>
November 18, 2010	4:00 p.m.	<i>Pop Laval Gallery</i>
January 20, 2011	4:00 p.m.	<i>Gallery II</i>
March 17, 2011	4:00 p.m.	618 5 th Street Valley Writers
May 19, 2011	4:00 p.m.	
September 15, 2011	4:00 p.m.	
November 17, 2011	4:00 p.m.	

12) **Adjourn:** 5:54 pm