



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

January 11, 2024

4:00 PM

Fig Garden Regional Library

3071 W Bullard

Fresno, CA 93711



MINUTES

Members Present: David Rodriguez, Pat Hunter, Sue Loucks, Dr. Susan Pappas, Randy McFarland, Lou Catallo, Kenneth Zech, James Sponsler, Kevin Nehring, William Bertolani, and John Mendoza

Members Absent: Paula Lloyd, Nick Yovino, Sharon Darnell, and James Kus

Staff: Sally Gomez, Interim County Librarian and Karen Coletti, Executive Assistant

Members of the Public: Wes Qualls, Eastern Fresno County Historical Society

1) Call to Order at 4:01 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman

2) Welcome and Introductions

- a) Introduction of Wes Qualls, attending for Sharon Darnell, Commissioner. Wes is a long-time resident of the Sierra Mountain community. He is one of the founding members of the Eastern Fresno County Historical Society. Discussed the Historical Museum located next to Sierra High School.
- b) Commission continued with introduction of new member William Secret Jr.

3) Adoption of Agenda.

- a) Adopted draft agenda that was amended **Zech; Second: Nehring. Passed Unanimously.**

4) Approval of Minutes

- a) Motion to approve minutes of November 9, 2023, with corrections, **Loucks; Second: Nehring. Passed Unanimously.**

5) Election of Officers

- a) Chairman Rodriguez and Vice Chairman were elected to stay in their present positions. Commissioner Pappas made motion to have David Rodriguez and Randy McFarland stay in their present positions **Pappas; Second: Nehring. Passed Unanimously.**

6) Public Comment – None.

7) Landmarks: Update

- a) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County:

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- i) Commissioner Pappas went over the category and county of landmarks attachment #2. Fresno County Historic Landmarks total is 352. Historical places 222, Centennial Business 11, Centennial Communities 65, Centennial Farm/Ranch, and Centennial Schools. We have 9 duplicate applications.
- ii) Commissioner Pappas ask all commissioners to review the City Landmarks list. She will update and correct anything that is not correct. Commissioner Pappas has worked on about 48 applications so far.
- iii) Commissioner Pappas working on sparse applications before the year 1993. Presented handout on inventory by number.

b) Historic Places: Update

- i) Commissioner Loucks gave update on Whitmore Ferry, and just waiting for sign off from Parks and Recreation Department. Once that happens within the next week or so, Karen will send on for agenda item to BOS.
- ii) There was discussion on a courthouse in Yokuts Valley since 1966.

c) Centennial Businesses: None

d) Centennial Communities: None

e) Centennial Farms: None

g) Historic District: None

h) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno: **None**

- i) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno
 - i) Commissioner Hunter is working with Kathy Omachi on cleaning up China Town, will keep commission updated.

j) Website: Update

- i) Commissioner Pappas gave update on inquires since 2018 there have been 33.
- ii) Commissioner Pappas said the website gets views every month, one from Poland.
- lii) Commissioner Pappas requested members to stay after meeting to have picture taken for the website. Commissioner has only 7 so far.

8) Reports and Administrative Items.

a) Chairman's Report – No Report

b) Secretary's Report

- i) Attendance is a clean slate for 2024.
- ii) Roster is up to date with new member added.

9) New Business – None

10) Old Business

a) New Historical Marker Program

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- i) Commission reviewed the application, for the Historical Marker Program and it was approved as is.
- ii) Commission reviewed all the marker designs and motion made to approve the one brought forward by Commissioner Zech **Sponsler; Second: Catallo. Passed Unanimously.**
- iii) Commissioner Pappas ask for someone to help on researching vendors. Commissioner Nehring will follow up with Public Works and Chairman Rodriguez will follow up with Supervisor Brandau.

b) Bylaws Revision

- i) Bylaws were approved by HLRC on 9/14/23, Raman Bath sent to County Counsel.
- ii) Gomez will follow up with Raman and County Counsel.

11) Commissioner Reports

- i) Commissioner Zech did a presentation on Smith's Ferry at the Reedley City Council.
- ii) Commissioner Hunter ask for help on some information about the Roeding House, she is writing a book.
- iii) Chairman Rodriguez is working on the Pinedale Museum; he received approval to double it in size. It is located at Blackstone and Herndon in the National Hardware Store.
- vi) Commissioner Pappas will assist Commissioner Darnell and Wes Qualls on the application for Sierra High School 100 years.
- v) Hunter passed around her new calendar for 2024.

11) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 5:19 PM by Zech; Second: Nehring.