



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

March 10, 2022
Betty Rodriguez Regional Library
3040 N. Cedar
Fresno, CA 93703
Zoom also provided



MINUTES

Members Present: David Rodriguez, Dr. Allen Carden, Sue Loucks, Dr. Susan Pappas, Dr. James Kus, Nick Yovino, Lou Catallo, Kenneth Zech, Randy McFarland, Pat Hunter, Sharon Darnell, John Houlihan and James Sponsler.

Members Absent: Paula Lloyd, Blake Zante, and John Baltierra.

Staff: Karen Coletti, Secretary

Members of the Public: None

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:02 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman**
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions – None.**
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - a) Adopted draft agenda; **Loucks, Second: Zech.** Passed Unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes.**
 - a) Motion to adopt Minutes of January 13th, 2022, **Loucks, Second: Carden.** Passed Unanimously.
- 5) **Public Comment. None.**
- 6) **Landmarks.**
 - A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County.
 - i) Commissioner Pappas will report on sites next in person meeting after the Records Retention meeting in May.
 - B) Historic Places:
 - i) Discussion on the California Hotel, Commissioner Hunter discussed it, it is in the city and has changed business over time.
 - C) Centennial Business:
 - i) Commissioner Sponsler brought forward an application for Edison Social Club. Will be brought in September after the Commission has time to review and discuss in person.
 - ii) Several businesses were brought up and discussed, such as Fancher Creek Nursery who was owned by the Roeding Family.

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- Gazebo Gardens who has changed owners but still in original location.
 - iii) Commissioner Yovino will follow up with past Commissioner Caglia on where the San Francisco Floral application ended up.
 - D) Centennial Communities:
 - i) Chairman Rodriguez is working with Pinedale on their Centennial Celebration coming up.
 - E) Centennial Farms: None.
 - F) Centennial Schools:
 - i) Commissioner Darnell is working on information for Sierra High School. She is reaching out to long time resident Wes Qualls and will be reaching out to Commissioner Pappas for assistance on the application.
 - G) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno.
 - i) Commissioner Hunter shared a magazine her and Janice had an article on China Town and Commission discussed how neglected this area has become. Commissioner Yovino brought up possible having the City of Fresno Historical Preservation person at our meeting in September.
 - ii) Commissioner Hunter, spoke on Armenian town and the deterioration of the area. The Vartnian Home is still threatened. This has become a City/County thing. Commissioner Sponsler will share some photos he has. There has been some conversation with Tom Richards who owns the property where the 3 homes that were burnt set.
 - H) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno – No Report.
 - I) Media Releases – no report.
 - J) Website – Commissioner Pappas has updated the website, and all the landmarks list is current and also some pictures added as well.

7) Reports and Administrative Items.

- A) Chairman's Report
 - i) Chairman Rodriguez Commissioner McFarland, County Librarian and Secretary met with the new County Administrative Officer. It was a very receptive meeting, and the CAO would love to preserve as much history as possible. Chairman Rodriguez gave a description of what we do. Secretary will share the website link with him to look at also.
- B) Secretary's Report
 - i) Received letter of resignation from Janice Stevens and it has been processed.
 - ii) Roster is updated and current.

8) Commission Reports.

- a. Commissioner Yovino gave information about Exhibit at the Fresno Fairgrounds, on April 30th, from 10-4 at the Historic Museum.

9) Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 5:19 PM **Catallo**; **Second: Carden.**

Agenda Items for Next Meeting		
5/12/2022	Record Retention	Elections/County Clerk
9/8/2022	Edison Social Club	Commissioner Sponsler
9/8/2022	San Francisco Floral	Commissioner Yovino
9/8/2022	Sierra High School	Commissioner Darnell

Future Meetings		
5/12/2022	4:00 PM	Fresno County Elections Warehouse
9/8/2022	4:00 PM	TBD
11/10/2022	4:00 PM	TBD

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