



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

**March 12th
Zoom meeting**



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Members Present: David Rodriguez, Allen Carden, Lou Catallo, Pat Hunter, James Kus, Susan Loucks, Randy McFarland, Susan Pappas, Janice Stevens, John Houlihan, John Baltierra, Kenneth Zech, James Sponsler, Paula Lloyd, and Blake Zante

Members Absent: Nick Yovino and Sharon Darnell.

Staff: Karen Coletti, Secretary

Members of the Public: Kassy Chauhan, (Fresno Irrigation District) and Sarye Miller, (Save the Carnegie Library Committee).

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:01 PM.** Chairman Rodriguez
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) Welcome and Introductions.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) Move to approve as Amended Agenda. **Baltierra**, second: **McFarland**. Passed unanimously.

4) **Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2020** –Move to approve as is **Carden** second: **Sponsler**.
Passed unanimously.

5) Public Comment- None.

6) Landmarks:

A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County. None.

B) Historic Places: Discussion and Necessary Action:

i) Discussion

(1) James Sponsler reported on the Vartanian that resides on the Fresno Rescue Mission property. The Rescue Mission requested a demolition permit about 2 years ago to make room for their new campus, after losing land to the High-Speed Rail Project. There was discussion on what to do with the home, at that time the Armenian Cultural Conservancy had attempted contact with Penstar Group who owns the property, however were unable to move forward with the relocation both for lack of funding and lack of willingness on the property owner to relocate the building. The Rescue Mission has requested to move forward with the environmental impact report (EIR) and the demolition of the Vartanian home. The City of Fresno has also reached out to Stephen Walter who has in the past purchased and restored historical homes within the Lowell Neighborhood. He has submitted plans to the city and is in the process of acquiring funding to relocate the Vartanian Home to a vacant parcel adjacent to the Waltler Home. The cost to relocate the home, barn and water tank is estimated at \$150,000. As extended to the Armenian Cultural Conservancy, the Fresno Rescue Mission has offered to pay a portion of the move for Mr. Walter equal to the cost of the EIR and the demolition. Discussion among the Commission of how important these buildings were to preserve. This property is listed on County and City it is an overlay. There are no funds from the Historical Landmarks Records Commission, however a Motion to support saving the historical buildings including moving them to separate site **Houlihan**, Second: **Lloyd**.

C) Centennial Businesses - one.

D) Centennial Communities - None.

E) Centennial Farms - None.

F) Centennial Schools - None.

G) Discussion of threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno - None.

H) Discussion of potential landmarks in the County of Fresno - None.

I) Media Releases - None.

J) Website - None.

7) Reports and Administrative Items.

A) Chairman's Report - None.

B) Secretary's Report - None.

C) New Business - None.

8) Commission Reports - None.

9) Adjournment. Adjourned.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting	
Sunnyside Country Club	Yovino (November)
Boy Scouts Council	Sponsler (November)

Future Meetings		
January 9 th , 2020	4:00 PM	Sunnyside Regional Library
March 12 th , 2020	4:00 PM	Zoom
May 14 th , 2020	4:00 PM	Cancelled
September 10, 2020	4:00 PM	Zoom
November 10, 2020	4:00 PM	Zoom

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