



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

March 9, 2023

4:00 PM

Fowler Improvement Association (Clubhouse)

110 S. Fifth St.

Fowler, CA 93625



MINUTES

Members Present: David Rodriguez, Sue Loucks, Lou Catallo, Randy McFarland, Dr. Alan Carden, Paula Lloyd, Kenneth Zech, Nick Yovino, and Kevin Nehring.

Members Absent: Pat Hunter, Dr. James Kus, Sharon Darnell, and Susan Pappas.

Staff: Raman Bath, County Librarian, Karen Coletti, Executive Secretary and Robert Jeffers, Supervisors Brandau's office.

Members of the Public: Jan Kenney, FIA

1) Call to Order at 4.00 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman.

2) Introduction of Fowler Improvement Association

a) Introduction of Jan Kenney, from the FIA. Jan gave a background on the home, and what the FIA does for the Community of Fowler. The Association has received a 1-million-dollar grant, for renovation. They want to preserve the building and not start with a new building. The Association hosts many events throughout the year. The building has served the community as a Library, Voting Center, Historical Society, and even housed Veterans. They have many different organizations use the building which they pay a very small fee. Fowler celebrated 150 years last year. The Post office was the first establishment in 1860 and then the railroad in 1883. Fowler continues to grow, today with the population over 7,000.

3) Welcome and Introductions.

4) Adoption of Agenda.

a) Adopted draft agenda, **Catallo; Second: Nehring. Passed Unanimously.**

5) Approval of Minutes Motion to approve minutes of January 12th, 2023, **Yovino; Second: Catallo. Passed Unanimously**

6) Public Comment

a) Robert Jeffers, Assistant to Supervisor Brandau reported back to the Commission on the Gladding Memorial being approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 28th, 2023. There will be a ceremony later in the summer and he will keep commission updated.

7) Landmarks

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

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B) Historic Places

- a) Whitmore/Kingston Ferry Application update given by Commissioner Louck, it is reported that this is State Property, Chris Bernal still has the application at Parks and Recreation Department. Commissioner Louck will continue to follow up for signature on the application for it to be moved forward to Board of Supervisor for approval.

C) Centennial Business

- a) Commissioner Yovino will continue to follow up with Nico Azzaro from San Francisco Floral, we were requesting more information on the pictures and narrative. Commissioner Yovino will follow up when to add back to agenda.

D) Centennial Communities

- a) Chairman Rodriguez is working on the Centennial Celebration for Pinedale. He has displays at Central and Woodward Library, please stop by and see them. There will be a parade and celebration on March 25th in the Pinedale community.

E) Centennial Farms – None.

F) Centennial Schools

- a) Commissioner Darnell was not in attendance but is working on Sierra High School application. It is scheduled to be presented at the May meeting.

G) Historic District.

- a) Commissioner Loucks is researching on Rancheria's; she would like to start adding them on the list of Historic Districts.

H) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno

- a) Commissioner Catallo reported that the Carnegie Library in Clovis is still there and has had no movement, he continues to follow up on it. .

I) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno

- a) Commissioner Nehring inquired if the commission worked with any other entities such as Historical Societies within their communities. He works closely with the Kerman Historical Society and will follow up with them to host the meeting in September. Commissioner Nehring suggested that this would be beneficial to gather information.

J) Media Releases

- a) Commissioner McFarland will speak to Commissioner Sponsler on the National Historic Preservation Week coming up in May.

K) Website

- a) The invoice for the website has been paid.

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8) Reports and Administrative Items.

A) Chairman's Report

- i) No report.

B) Secretary's Report

- i) Reported that all applications for reappoint are at the BOS and will be reappointed. Karen followed up with Clerk to the Board's office and Commissioner Kus and Commissioner Sponsler have yet to be reappointed. Reminder that you may continue to serve until reappointed.
- ii) Commissioner Baltierra has been notified, that he has been removed from the HLRC. This has left a vacancy. The Commission discussed attendance protocol and will review the bylaws at the May meeting. Karen will include a copy of the current bylaws in the May agenda packet.

C) New Business

- i) Discussion on taking Fieldtrips again, to visit sites.
- ii) Raman reiterated that for meetings the use of any library meeting room is free and has the appropriate means for the secretary to take minutes. They all have wi-fi access as well.
- ii) Discussion on duties of the Commission and what their duties are to serve Fresno County. This will also be in the bylaws that will be reviewed in May.

9) New Business

A) Applications Discussion

- i) Commission will review the two applications that were in the agenda packet for March and discuss at May meeting. They will also review the process, Commissioner Nehring requested clarification on the review process of applications. Commission will review this at the May meeting after reviewing the Bylaws.

B) Discussion on Tech Issues

- ii) Raman Bath, County Librarian offered for anyone who is experiencing technical issues to please reach out and he will be happy to have our Tech Department help. As far as offering Zoom at this point, the State has lifted the emergency order and all meetings will be in person.

10) Commissioner Reports.

- i) Commissioner Catallo reported that Clovis Historical Society will have a dinner hosted by Luna's at 7:00 PM on March 17th, 2023.

11) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 5:14 PM by Catallo; Second: Louck.

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Agenda Items for Next Meeting		
5/11/2023	San Francisco Floral	Commissioner Yovino
5/11/2023	Sierra High School	Commissioner Darnell
5/11/2023	Review Bylaws	Commission
5/11/2023	Discuss and Review Applications included in March packet	Commission

5/11/2023	4:00 PM	Fig Garden Regional Library
9/14/2023	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Regional Library
11/9/2023	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Regional Library

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