

Historical Landmarks & Records Advisory Commission

The regular meeting of the Historic Landmarks & Records Commission was held at the Sunnyside Library on November 9, 2006.

Members present: Don Shantz, Nancy Enloe, Karen Garrett, Virgil Ahlberg, Roger Taylor, Cathy Rehart, Aileen Bos, Penny Raven, Peg Bos

Members absent: Steve Barile, Bud Olson, Jim Kus

Others present: Elida Mendoza, Karen Bosch Cobb, Consuelo Velasco, Susan Pappas, Duane Garrett

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Chairman Randy McFarland called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome and Introductions: Introductions were held, and Mr. McFarland welcomed everyone.
3. Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was approved without change.
4. Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Comments from the Public

No comments.

6. Records

None.

7. Landmarks

- a) Dawn Lumber Company Mill - Sierra National Forest

Notice was received that an application for National Register historic status was denied because the mill did not fit the National Register's criteria. Chairman McFarland thinks the mill is worthy of consideration for placement on the local register since the local criteria is not as strict. Mrs. Bosch Cobb offered to contact the applicants to make them aware of the local register. Mrs. Enloe will provide Mrs. Bosch Cobb the name of the individual who has been working on an oral history program about the Sierra National Forest area.

- b) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County

- 1) Pending Applications - Action Needed

- a) Velasco House, 20931 S. Kingston, Laton

On September 14, 2006 the Commission approved submission of this application to the Board of Supervisors pending receipt of additional information from the applicant. Mrs. Velasco provided a verbal update, and she said she has additional photos on a CD. Mrs. Bosch Cobb and Mrs. Velasco will get together to work on gathering some of the missing information, and the application will be brought back for review in January.

- 2) Applications Under Review

- a) Hall of Records

Mr. Taylor is in the process of making corrections and providing the additional photos and information requested by the State Historic Preservation Office.

- a) Update on Del Rey Historic Properties - Commissioner Taylor distributed a set of maps pinpointing the properties he is researching. He is also continuing to work on gathering information and completing the applications.
- b) Inventory
 - 1) Review Cities & Discuss sites which should be added

An updated version of the inventory will be distributed at the next meeting. Mr. Bill Secrest, Jr., researched the addresses where the information about the city had been left out.

Commissioners considered how to make corrections to the inventory. The Jensen Home in Selma is on the list twice--#131 and #140. Some properties on the list have burned; the Vincent house was moved. There are also some typographical errors.

There was also discussion about adding a historic preservation ordinance to the County's General Plan. Ms. Bos thinks it is crucial to approach the cities about adopting historic preservation plans, and she is personally planning on approaching the City of Clovis. Ms. Rehart suggested conducting workshops, inviting historical societies, and publicizing the workshops in local newspapers. Ms. Bos added that the City of Fresno has an excellent ordinance that could be duplicated rather than trying to recreate one. Next spring was suggested as a good time to hold the workshop.

- c) Update on historic element and County General Plan

Mrs. Bosch Cobb and Mr. Bill Secrest, Jr., worked on rewriting section 6.4 of the General Plan. Commissioners reviewed the section and some Corrections were suggested.

- c) Centennial Farms - No discussion.

- 1) Farms currently on the List of Centennial Farms
 - a) Harlan Ranch, Riverdale (Approved by Board of Supervisors 2/15/94)
 - b) Schultz Ranch, Inc., Burrel (Approved by Board of Supervisors 2/15/94)
 - c) Charles B. Drake Ranch, Squaw Valley (Approved by Board of Supervisors 5/24/94)
 - d) Richard W. and Barbara J. Milton Farm, Reedley (Approved by Board of Supervisors 1/10/95)
 - e) Missouri Hill Ranch, Fresno. (Approved by Board of Supervisors 11/14/95)
 - f) Reese Davis Ranch, Selma (Approved by Board of Supervisors 3/5/96)

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- g) Levis Ranch, Selma (Approved by Board of Supervisors 5/17/96)
 - h) John G. Goode Ranch (Approved by Board of Supervisors 1/13/98)
 - i) Kreyenhagen Ranch, Coalinga (Approved by Board of Supervisors 6/29/99)
 - d) Centennial Businesses - No discussion.
 - 1) Businesses currently on the List of Centennial Businesses
 - a) Fresno Ag (Approved by Board of Supervisors 7/30/02)
 - b) Baker, Manock & Jensen (Approved by Board of Supervisors 3/2/04)
 - c) Shepard, Shepard & Janian, Attorneys (Approved by Board of Supervisors 7/27/04)
 - d) Gottschalk's Inc. (Approved by Board of Supervisors 4/25/06)
 - 2) 100 year old businesses that received an application and have not yet responded
 - a) The Business Journal
 - b) Pacific Tent & Awning
 - c) Maxwell Studio
 - d) Simonian Farms (Clovis & Jensen, Fresno)
 - e) Electric Lab
 - f) Selma, Reedley, Sanger & Kingsburg papers
 - g) J. P. Jensen & Son
 - e) Courthouse Park grounds markers/memorials and sculptures
 - a) Update on Brochure of Courthouse Park

The layout for the brochure has been completed, and it is ready to go to print.
 - d) Discussion of threatened buildings in downtown Fresno - No discussion.
 - e) Discussion of threatened buildings in the County of Fresno - Commissioners discussed the Kingsburg Railroad depot. Chairman McFarland said he thinks the City of Kingsburg has funds to restore the building.
8. Sesquicentennial Activities - Update
- a) Book - Ms. Rehart reported that the committee working on the book will meet at the Woodward Park Library on Monday at 10:30. It has to go to the publisher on no later than January 31.
 - b) Other - Commissioners had good comments about the parade, and they said it appeared every community was represented. There were also positive comments about the film and Mr. Victor Hansen's contributions. Commissioners expressed disappointment about the Fresno Bee's negative review of Mr. Hansen's contributions to the film.
9. Reports and Administrative Action Items
- a) Chairman's Report
 - 1) October 19 Tour of Clovis Big Dry Creek Museum & Clovis Walking Tour -

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Commissioners enjoyed a tour of the museum and a walking tour of Old Town

Clovis followed by dinner at the Victorian Rose Cottage. They thanked Commissioners Bos and Raven for coordinating this event.

- 2) Westside Tour - Commissioners discussed a tour of the Westside of the County in the spring to include visits to the Baker Museum and the Richfield Station in Coalinga.

- b) Vice-Chairman's Report - No report.
- c) Secretary's Report

- 1) Updated Attendance Policy - Second Hearing 10/31/06 - The Board of Supervisors adopted a revised policy that gives commissioners an opportunity to appeal termination of office. There are no excused absences. When a member misses three meetings he/she will be deemed to have resigned; under the revised policy a member can appeal once a calendar year. Mrs. Bosch Cobb said the Commission will still appreciate knowing if members are going to attend a meeting because if not enough members attend, the meeting can be postponed due to lack of a quorum. An attendance report will be provided to Commissioners at every meeting so they can be aware of their status.

- 2) Status of Vacancies

- a) Three Commission-appointed vacancies remain unfilled. An application will be sent to Ms. Susan Pappas.

Mr. Shantz will be sending an application to a contact in Sanger who is interested in joining the Commission.

Mr. Ahlberg's term of office will be expiring in January, and he has decided not to seek reappointment. Mr. McFarland and his fellow Commissioners thanked him for his fine service on the Commission over the years.

- 3) County Archives - No report. Activities have been temporarily on hold due to the Sesquicentennial and the elections.
- 4) State Form and our supplemental form as the new application form - Deferred until the meeting with the City.
- 5) Joint Meeting - No discussion.

- d) Commissioners' Reports - There were no further reports.

10. Announcements

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 11, 2007, at the Sunnyside Library.

11. Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.