



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

**January 14, 2021
Zoom Meeting**



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Members Present: Dr. Allen Carden, Dr. James Kus, Sue Loucks, Randy McFarland, Dr. Susan Pappas, Janice Stevens, John Houlihan, John Baltierra, Kenneth Zech, James Sponsler, Paula Lloyd, Nick Yovino, and Blake Zante

Members Absent: David Rodriguez, Sharon Darnell, Pat Hunter and Lou Catallo.

Staff: Karen Coletti, Secretary

Members of the Public: None

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:04 PM.** Commissioner McFarland.
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) Welcome and Introductions.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) Adopted.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: November 12th, 2020** –Move to approve as is Kus; Second: Stevens
Passed unanimously.

5) Election of Officers. Motion to re-elect Chairman Rodriguez, Kus; Second: Baltiera. Motion to re-elect Commissioner Carden as Vice Chairman, Kus; Second: Loucks.

6) Public Comment. None.

7) Landmarks:

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

B) Historic Places: Discussion and Necessary Action:

i) Discussion

Discussion on the Armenian homes that burnt down in downtown Fresno.

Commissioner Yovino has tried to find information out through the City, but due to Covid-19 and changes in staff this has been stalled. He was finally able to speak with Dan Zack of Planning and Development with the City of Fresno. Alicia Gonzalez is the new Historic Preservation person at the city replacing Lora Van Orna. There has been some interest to put some City of Fresno offices in there. Tom Richards of Penstar is also looking at taking over the project. Commissioner Yovino is going to meet with him. There has been some discussion of moving the Vartanian home to the site as well. The site where the Vartanian home is next to the Rescue Mission and it has sold and is relocating. Commissioner Yovino will bring back an update at next meeting.

C) Centennial Businesses

i) Commissioner Yovino gave an update on application for Sunnyside Country Club.

He has given them two applications; they are interested but they are reviewing the application with their Board of Directors. Commissioner Yovino stated that they may be a little hesitant as they would not want any restrictions due to it being on our list. Commissioner Yovino shared the current list of what is on our list with them and will be following up after they have reviewed with their board.

ii) Commissioner Kus gave a follow up on Sunmaid Market. It will turn 100 in 2022. He will take them an application.

iii) Commissioner McFarland spoke on Consolidated Irrigation and that they have a 100-year coming up in September 2021. He will work on getting an application from them.

D) Centennial Communities

Update from Commissioner McFarland, on Orange Cove. He will follow up for next meeting.

E) Centennial Farms - None.

F) Centennial Schools

Sierra High School will have their 100 year in 1922 reported by Commissioner Darnell. Commissioner Pappas reported that we have about 40 that have been in existence since 1920. Commissioner Zech reported on Great Western and that they had their Centennial in 2020, they have an application.

- G) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno. None.
- H) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno. None.
- I) Media Releases – Commissioner McFarland will work on a Press Release for the Board of Supervisors approval of the Fresno Irrigation District.
- J) Commission Zech requested that the wording be changed on the website under churches. Commissioner Pappas requested he send the wording and she will change it.

8) Reports and Administrative Items.

- A) Chairman's Report – No Report.
- B) Secretary's Report
 - 1) Reappointments were covered.
 - 2) Everyone is in good attendance.
 - 3) Roster will be updated after this meeting to reflect the reappointments.
- C) New Business – None.

9) Commission Reports

Commissioner Kus reported that he received his first Moderna vaccination at Sierra Pacific Orthopedic it is located at 1630 Herndon, Fresno.

Commissioner Stevens brought up the Tower Theatre and the pending situation of the sale of the property and how it could be used. Some of the theatre venues are being bought and being used as Worship sites. Commissioner Yovino clarified that he sits on the Warnor's and it will remain as is.

10) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 4:40 PM. Lloyd; Second: Pappas

Agenda Items for Next Meeting	
Armenian Homes	Yovino (March)
Sunnyside Country Club (Business)	Yovino (March)
SunMaid Market	Kus (March)
Orange Cove (Centennial Community)	McFarland (March)

Future Meetings		
March 18, 2021	4:00 PM	Zoom

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