



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

**November 4, 2021**  
**Betty Rodriguez Regional Library**  
**3040 N. Cedar**  
**Fresno, CA 93703**



**MINUTES**

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

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

**Staff:** Karen Coletti, Secretary

**Members of the Public:** None

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:05 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman**
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions – None.**
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
  - a) Adopted draft agenda. **Loucks, Second: Pappas.** Passed Unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to adopt minutes of September 23, 2021. **Catallo Second: Pappas.** Passed Unanimously.
- 5) **Public Comment. None.**
- 6) **Election of Officers.**
  - A) Motion made to nominate David Rodriguez as Chairman. **Carden, Second: Houlihan.** Passed Unanimously.
  - B) Motion made to nominate Randy McFarland as Vice Chairman. **Carden, Second: Catallo.** Passed Unanimously.
- 7) **Landmarks.**
  - A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County.
    - i) Commissioner Pappas reported that we have 349 on the list as of now. We have two waiting to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval, the Orange Cove Community and the Micka Residence.
  - B) Historic Places: Discussion and Necessary Action:
    - i) Commissioner Pappas is working on archives; she has added minutes and agendas.

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We have nothing before 2005, the earlier applications are so sparse of information and narratives. Commissioner Pappas and Commissioner Loucks have been visiting sites, so they can work on narratives and add information. Commissioner Lloyd offered to help writing them as well. It was decided that a subcommittee will be formed to work on these issues. Chairman Rodriguez will be reaching out and organizing a meeting. Keeping accurate records of what is on the list is very important.

C) Centennial Business – None.

D) Centennial Communities

i) Commissioner Pappas will bring list of the Communities to the next meeting.

E) Centennial Farms – None.

F) Centennial Schools

i) Commissioner Zech mentioned Great Western Elementary School in Reedley is due.

ii) Commissioner Darnell reported on the Sierra High School celebration on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Virginia Akers the oldest living alumni was present at the celebration. Commissioner Pappas offered Commissioner Darnell with putting together an application.

G) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno.

i) Armenian homes were brought up and Commissioner Yovino is staying in contact with Ron Richards for updates. As of now they are boarded up and vacant.

ii) No update on the Vartanian Home. Commissioner Sponsler has pictures that he will share as the home is next door to his.

iii) Fresno Water Tower is completely shut down, there is supposed to be a coffee shop going in and the Visitors Center has moved to the Convention Center.

iv) Discussion on the Hardy theatre and the sign.

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

I) Media Releases- None.

J) Website update given by Commissioner Pappas reported that the site is being looked at. It was discussed that the Chairman and Vice Chair should have the login information for the account.

**8) Reports and Administrative Items.**

a) Chairman's Report - Thanked everyone for sticking together through pandemic.

b) Secretary's Report

(1) The Commission discussed accommodations for Commissioner Baltierra. Karen will reach out to his to discuss some options.

(2) Everyone is in good attendance.

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(2) Roster is up to date.

**9) Commission Reports** – None.

**10) Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 5:13 PM. **McFarland; Second: Catallo.**

Agenda Items for Next Meeting
No items listed

Future Meetings		
1/13/2022	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Regional Library
3/10/2022	4:00 PM	TBD
5/12/2022	4:00 PM	TBD
9/8/2022	4:00 PM	TBD
11/10/2022	4:00 PM	TBD

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