



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

May 8, 2025

4:00 PM

Fig Garden Regional Library

3071 W. Bullard

Fresno, CA 93711



MINUTES

Members Present: David Rodriguez, William Secrest Jr., Pat Hunter, Dr. Susan Pappas, Sue Loucks, Dr. James Kus, Nick Yovino, Kenneth Zech, James Sponsler, Kevin Nehring, John Mendoza, Vicki Clason, Diane Tjerrild

Members Absent: William Bertolani

Staff: James Tyner, Support Services Manager, and Melissa Scroggins, Librarian

Members of the Public: Janet Nelson, Melinda Brewer, Anada Aspen

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:06 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman**
- 2) **Welcome and Introductions:** Introductions guests: Melinda Brewer, Anada Aspen and Janet Nelson
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - a) Adopted draft agenda motion made by: **Nehring, Seconded: Pappas. Passed Unanimously.**
- 4) **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) Attendance discrepancies to amend from official attendance sheet Bertolani was marked present and was absent. On the minutes- Sponsler was late and was present.
 - b) Motion to approve minutes of March 13th, 2025 as amended, by; **Loucks, Seconded: Nehring. Passed Unanimously.**
- 5) **Public Comment:**
- 6) **Landmarks**
 - a) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County:
 - b) **Historic Places:**
 - c) **Centennial Businesses: No Update**
 - d) **Centennial Communities: No Update**
 - e) **Centennial Farms: No Update**

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f) **Centennial Schools: No Update**

g) **Historic District: No Update**

h) **Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno:**

i) **Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno:**

- a. Green Bush Springs was the first name of Fresno it was brought up at the board of Supervisors Meeting. There is a plaque by E Clampus Vitas on Mariposa and Fulton. It is not on the FC list of Historic places – Commissioner Pappas will work on application.
- b. Commissioner Zech- Reedley Clock- on G street (main street of Reedley), originally in front of Jewelers (Furlong family), Seth Thomas Clock, 102 years old, was seen in Roadhouse movie with Patrick Swayze
- c. Commissioner Clason- New Auberry- had the roundhouse for the SJERR, supervisors housing. She will work on the application.

j) **Website: No Update**

7) Reports and Administrative Items

a) **Chairman's Report:** Chairman Rodriguez reported proclamation at Board of Supervisors went well. Supervisor Mendes mentioned a stage line-that ran from San Jose over Pacheco trail on way to Visalia ½ mile N of Harland Ave on Fruit Ave back in Pastures the wagon marks were still there until the late 1960s.

b) Secretary's Report

- i) Commissioner's all in good attendance.
 - Commissioner Lou Catallo has passed away.
 - Commissioner Tjerrild appointment was backdated to Jan 2025.
 - Commissioner Clason- year term check (says 27 should it be 29?)

ii) Roster – need to add Commissioner Tjerrild's phone number

iii) Applications for review-

Motion to Approve Janet Nelson as commissioner.: **M Kus 2nd Nehring Passed- 12**

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8) New Business:

- i) Discussion on recruiting new commissioners, including talking to individual Supervisors about appointments.
- ii) Survey current commissioners on their expertise areas in the county, will do at next meeting.
- iii) Commissioner Mendoza queried why HLRC couldn't have a GIS map with Historic Landmarks on it

9) Old Business: No Update

10) Commissioner Reports:

i) Commissioner Hunter- reported on Heritage Fresno's work and invited all to come by Gallery II to see her and Janice Stevens work on Historic Landmarks around the county.

ii) Commissioner Pappas- shared 12 new books she has compiled from ledgers of churches and schools around the Easton area.

iii) Commissioner Rodriguez shared he was looking for historic football film from Clovis High and found some that will need to be digitized.

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iv) Commissioner Nehring shared another map, Trans-Continental Stage Lines out of California in 1858 that shows Fresno City, and other county stops on it.

v) Commissioner Sponsler shared on the same map there is a Stockton to Albuquerque Line that was only around for less than a year, with only 3 letters making it.

He will also be leading a Saroyan Bike tour from Tioga Sequoia Brewing through Armenian town.

11) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 5:15 by; Nehring, Second: Tjerrild Passed Unanimously.

Agenda items for next meeting		
9/11/2025	Talk about recruiting new commissioners	Commission
9/11/2025	Areas of Interest/Specialties of Current Commissioners	Commission
Future Meetings		
9/11/2025	4:00 PM	TBD
11/13/2025	4:00 PM	TBD