



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

**September 10th, 2020
Zoom Meeting**



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Members Present: James Sponsler, Lou Catallo, Dr. James Kus, Sue Loucks, Dr. Susan Pappas, Dr. Allen Carden, David Rodriguez, John Houlihan, Kenneth Zech, Paula Lloyd, John Baltierra, Janice Steven, Randy McFarland, and Blake Zante and Pat Hunter.

Members Absent: Sharon Darnel and Nick Yovino.

Staff: Karen Coletti, Secretary

Members of the Public: Kassy Chauhan, (Fresno Irrigation District) and Sarye Miller, (Save the Carnegie Library Committee).

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:01PM.** Chairman Rodriguez.
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) Welcome and Introductions.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) Move to approve as Amended Agenda. **McFarland**, second: **Zante**. Passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: Next Meeting.**

5) Public Comment – None.

6) Landmarks:

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

B) Historic Places – None.

C) Centennial Businesses:

i) Discussion

(1) Commissioner McFarland presented the Fresno Irrigation District Application. The application was quite extensive and comprehensive. Kassy Chauhan from the Fresno Irrigation District was also present and stressed the importance of this application and how unique it was with the partners and customers they have. Maps have been provided as well as a flash drive of the Centennial video. Karen will share with the commission as neither of these were included in the packet she sent. districts. Motion made by **Commissioner McFarland** to accept the application and send to the Board of Supervisors to add the Fresno Irrigation District to the Centennial Business List, Second: **Commissioner Baltierra**.

D) Centennial Communities – None.

E) Centennial Farms – None.

F) Centennial Schools – None.

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

(1) Sarye Miller with the Save the 1914 Carnegie Library Committee presented a letter to the HLRC. They are looking for some support in the attempt to save the Carnegie Library in Old Town Clovis. The commission discussed some options and ideas. They need to try and get a no demolition permit and file a EIR. It was discussed that it is one of the 3 last Carnegie Libraries in the Valley. The Clovis Chamber of Commerce is now the owner. They are possible looking to sell it to a developer. It was discussed how they could keep at least the façade and upgrade the interior. **Commissioner Kus** made a motion the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission to support effort by concerned Clovis citizens to preserve the Carnegie Library in downtown Clovis, Second: **Commissioner Stevens**.

(2) Commissioner McFarland discussed the Creek Fire that has burnt a big chunk of our forest. The Southern California Edison District has been deeply affected and is on our 100-year-old district list. Cressman's at the top of the 4 lanes was also destroyed. The owner has said they will rebuild. That is over a 100-year-old business and we need to follow up with them, due to it not being on our Centennial Business. The Big Creek, Shaver and Huntington area has been hit hard.

(3) Commissioner Sponsler spoke on the Boy Scout application and that he will bring it to the November meeting. During the pandemic they had to lay off staff and it stalled. He will follow up and finish application.

(4) Commissioner Loucks questioned on the Sunnyside Country Club. Karen will follow up with Nick Yovino.

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

I) Media Releases – None.

J) Website – None.

7) Reports and Administrative Items.

A) Chairman's Report. (Rodriguez) None.

B) Secretary's Report

i) Reported who was coming up for expiration. Karen will be sending out letter and link for online application.

ii) Motion made by **Commissioner Houlihan** to excuse Dr. Susan Pappas, Sue Loucks, and Lou Catallo, Second: **Commissioner Loucks**. Passed Unanimously.

C) New Business: None.

8) Commission Reports.

i) Commissioner Baltierra spoke on a book he had found on Amazon, by Bill Secret Jr.

ii) Commissioner Zech gave praise to Janice Stevens and Pat Hunter on their Central Valley Book.

9) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 5:20 PM Commissioner Pappas; Second: Commissioner Loucks.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting	
Sunnyside Country Club	Commissioner Yovino
Boy Scouts Council	Commissioner Sponsler

Future Meetings		
November 12 th , 2020	4:00 PM	Zoom

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