



**FRESNO COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS  
ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**January 9, 2020 4:00 PM**  
**Sunnyside Library**  
**5566 E Kings Canyon Rd.**  
**Fresno, CA 93727**



## MINUTES

- Members Present:** James Sponsler, Lou Catallo, Pat Hunter, Dr. James Kus, Sue Loucks, Dr. Susan Pappas, Dr. Allen Carden, Sharon Darnell, David Rodriguez, John Houlihan, Janice Steven, Randy McFarland, Blake Zante and Nick Yovino
- Members Absent:** Kenneth Zech, Paula Lloyd and John Baltierra
- Staff:** Karen Coletti, Secretary
- Members of the Public:** None

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:06 PM.** Chairman Yovino
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
  - A) Welcome and Introductions.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
  - A) Move to approve as Amended Agenda. McFarland, second: Rodriguez. Passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2019** –Move to approve as is Catallo second: Dr. Pappas. Passed unanimously.
- 5) Motion to elect David Rodriguez as Chairman – Stevens; second Dr. Pappas. Passed unanimously. Motion to elect Commissioner Kus as Vice Chairman Commissioner Carden; second McFarland. Passed unanimously.
- 6) Public Comment – None.
- 7) **Landmarks:**
  - A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County
    - i) Commissioner Pappas provided a handout for the 2020 inventory of the 345 landmarks listed as historic sites in Fresno County. Commissioner Pappas discussed how some sites are not still there, however should we keep on the list. Some of the applications have very little narrative and that would help with research so important to get good narratives. Commission felt as though they should leave things on the list if it had address. Commissioner Pappas brought up that there used to be a cover letter in place and that would be good to implement again.

B) Centennial Businesses:

i) Discussion

(1) Commissioner Yovino is working with Joe Sciarrone at Sunnyside Country Club on the application. They would like to get it designated. Commissioner Yovino will bring update to next meeting.

C) Centennial Businesses:

i) Discussion

(1) Commissioner Sponsler has given the Boy Scouts District Director an application to fill out. Commission discussed what it should be filed under. Centennial Business or just general application was discussed, it was decided general is what they would file under. The fire in 1990 destroyed many of their documents. Commissioner Sponsler will do some research at the Heritage Room at the Central Library. Chairman Rodriguez also has some original things.

D) Centennial Communities:

i) Discussion

(1) Commissioner Pappas provided a list of the Centennial Communities. Commission went through and decided which ones not to pursue. Commissioner McFarland stated having a post office is a good sign there is still a community in existence. There are 64 Centennial Communities and 15 are under Landmarks. We have some catching up to do on applications. It was decided not to pursue Oro Loma but to follow through with Prather and Navelencia. We need to make sure and get good narratives for these applications. Commissioner Pappas and McFarland are going to work on redefining this application. It will be brought back at May meeting.

E) Centennial Farms: None.

F) Centennial Schools: None.

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

(1) Commissioner Sponsler attended the January 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting. He pulled an item that was with Public Works on the removal of trees along Kearny Boulevard. He suggested they investigate some options for replacing the trees, there are grants that can be applied for. Tree Fresno was discussed as well as the Mills Grant. Commissioner Kus suggested speaking to Fresno State as well. They will be removing 7 dozen Washington Palms and many eucalyptuses. The replacement cost is \$40,000 per tree.

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

(1) Commission discussed the Craycroft home and not much update. It is owned by Assemi Real Estate, there has been talk of turning it into a restaurant.

I) Media Releases: None.

J) Website.

(1) Commissioner Pappas sent bill for website to Karen Coletti it should automatically deduct \$192.00.

**8) Reports and Administrative Items.**

A) Chairman's Report. (Rodriguez)

(1) Discussed some potential field trips and sites for meetings. Dates listed below.

B) Secretary's Report

- i) Everyone is in good attendance.
- ii) Roster is current.
- iii) Passed out the new agenda dates to commission as well as Board of Supervisors agenda dates.

C) New Business: None.

**9) Commission Reports.**

- i) Commissioner Darnell shared that the Auberry California Conservation Core had purchased Auberry Elementary School.
- ii) Commissioner Yovino spoke with Tom Richards and they are still hoping for the Vartanian home still could be part of homes on M St.
- iii) Commissioner Rodriguez walking tour in Pinedale.
- iv) Commissioner Hunter will be a part of Art Hop March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Clovis Library from 5-8. It will be on Clovis Landmarks.

**10) 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		
January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	4:00 PM	Sunnyside Regional Library
March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Regional Library
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	4:00 PM	TBD
September 10, 2020	4:00 PM	TBD

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