



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

**May 13, 2021
Zoom Meeting**



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Members Present: Dr. Allen Carden, Janice Stevens, Pat Hunter, Sue Loucks, Dr. Susan Pappas, Dr. James Kus, Nick Yovino, Sharon Darnell, Lou Catallo, Blake Zante, Kenneth Zech, James Sponsler, John Houlihan, and Paula Lloyd.

Members Absent: David Rodriguez, Randy McFarland, and John Baltierra

Staff: Jean Rousseau, County Administrator, Raman Bath, County Librarian, and Karen Coletti, Secretary

Members of the Public: Mike Counts

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:05 PM.** Raman Bath, County Librarian
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) Welcome and Introductions. Raman introduced Jean Rousseau County Administrative Officer and Mike Counts who is presenting application
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) Adopted with correction to 7B additions. Pappas; Second: Catallo. Passed Unanimously.

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4) Approval of Minutes: Motion to adopt minutes of March 18, 2021. Pappas; Second: Zech. Passed Unanimously.

5) Public Comment. Jean Rousseau thanked Commissioner Zech for his presentation this last week on the Reed Ranch in Reedley. The CAO has discussed with the Board of Supervisors that he would like to see the HLRC presented at the Board annually. This would allow the Board to recognize the work that the Commission does for the County. He left it up to the Commission to decide when they thought it would be best. The Commission decided that the first week in May is National Preservation Week and that would be a good week to coincide. There will be a resolution for the Commission. Raman and Karen will work with the Commission to discuss plans for upcoming year.

6) Landmarks:

A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County.

i) Commissioner Pappas went over the list that was inside the commissions packet of all 347 sites. Commissioner Pappas will provide the full list of individual sites at the next meeting and it also on the website. There was a request to change Church, to Place of Worship.

B) Historic Places: Discussion and Necessary Action:

i) The application for the William Micka Residence was presented by Mike Counts and reviewed by the commission. It was presented on the value and quality of the architecture and design of the 1950's. Mike Counts who presented it gave a background on the international style and explained the importance of the recognition in the County. It is considered Modernism Architecture and the Commission have none on their list. The Selland Arena as well as the Old Guarantee building at Blackstone and Ashlan are both of this style, Mike has no idea on how many homes are in Fresno of this style. Mike included how important it would be for the architects themselves to have recognition. The home on the application has not been altered. Commissioner Pappas explained that she would like to see more depth of the application when presenting it to the Board of Supervisors as well as how important it is for archive purpose and research. The commission requested more pictures of different perspectives and more background on that type of architecture and why it is significant to the County of Fresno. The home has only had 3 owners, with Mike being the present. He does have a full set of plans to the home. Commissioner Lloyd, spoke of a list to include other buildings of this type of architecture. Commissioner Zech thought more biographical on William Micka the first owner would be helpful as well. The commission offered help with the requests they had ask for. Commissioner Pappas and Mike Counts will be working on revising the application and bring it back for review.

C) Centennial Business.

i) Discussion

(1) Commissioner Yovino gave update on Sunnyside Country Club and their Board has reviewed our application process. At this time, they are not interested in pursuing an application, possibly due to restrictions they felt might be put on the club. The CAO offered to follow up as well on this, as it is just a recognition and nothing more.

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- (2) Commissioner Kus did not have an update on Sunmaid Grocery this time but is staying in contact with them as the business is up for Centennial recognition in 2022.
- D) Centennial Communities
 - i) Discussion
 - (1) Commissioner Zech is meeting with people from Orange Cove tomorrow, he will provide update at September meeting. Commissioner Pappas, spoke on more communities turning 100, and she will provide a list for Karen to add to next time to agenda.
- E) Centennial Farms - None.
- F) Centennial Schools – Commissioner Pappas will provide the list of upcoming Centennial schools for next meeting. Commissioner Sponsler offered to help with this project.
- G) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno.
 - (1) Commissioner Sponsler spoke of working on the Pop Laval home and barn. He will follow up and provide update next meeting.
- H) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno – None.
- I) Media Releases – No Update as Commissioner McFarland was not present. Fresno Irrigation District was brought up.
- J) Website – Everything updated, have had two inquires asking about properties that are already identified. Pappas would like to give information on properties, and where they are. 340 actual properties, just providing picture and a line or two. 25 or 30 are up already. It is very nice to look at. Little map narrative, it is a slow process. Susan has spoke to Paula about helping on this. CAO is hiring a new PIO in next month and will hook her up with this group. We will reach out and need to tell our story. Getting more active in social media.

7) Reports and Administrative Items.

- A) Chairman's Report - No Report.
- B) Secretary's Report
 - (1) Reappointments still have not been made for Chairman Rodriguez or Commissioner Catallo, but the Clerk to the Board does have both applications.
 - (2) Discussion on having to follow up on some attendance. Karen will discuss with Chairman Rodriguez.
 - (3) Roster will be updated after this meeting to reflect changes provided by Commissioner Pappas.
 - (4) Karen will follow up with Elections once we get back to normal.
 - (5) Karen followed up with Will Kettler at Public Works on the maps that

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Commissioner Sponsler mentioned last meeting. Mr. Kettler needs more specific information as to where the maps were located.

C) New Business

- (1) Commissioner Carden spoke on his recent interest in the Japanese Internment Camps of Fresno County. Commissioner Carden spoke of the PBS program, Silence Sacrifice. There was discussion on the Fresno Fairgrounds Museum is a very good display.

8) Commission Reports – No Reports.

9) Adjournment.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting	
William Micka Residence Updated Application	Mike Counts
Orange Cove Update	Kenneth Zech

Future Meetings		
September 9, 2021	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Regional Library
November 11, 2021	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Regional Library

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