



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

November 13, 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 and William Bertolani Jr.

Members Absent: none

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

Members of the Public: None

1) Call to Order at 4:01 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman

2) Welcome and Introductions.

3) Adoption of Agenda.

a) Motion to adopted draft agenda by: **Nehring, Seconded: Pappas. Passed Unanimously.**

4) Approval of Minutes

a) Motion to approve minutes of March 13th, 2025, as amended, by; **Pappas, Seconded: Loucks. Passed Unanimously.**

5) Public Comment: None

6) Landmarks

a) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County: **No Update**

b) Historic Places: **No Update**

c) Centennial Businesses: **No Update**

d) Centennial Communities: **No Update**

e) Centennial Farms: **No Update**

f) Centennial Schools: **Sierra High School-** Motion to approve Sierra High School as a Centennial School. **By: Clason, Seconded: Nehring. Passed Unanimously.**

g) Historic District: **No Update**

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- h) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno: None**
- i) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno: None**
- j) Website: No Update**

7) Reports and Administrative Items

a) Chairman's Report:

- i)** Chairman Rodriguez – proposed a Historic Video program to reach out to Historical Societies or schools to make a short 5-10 minute video on a historic place, site, community to put on HLRC Youtube channel and link to from our website. These could be presented to Board of Supervisors during May-Historic Preservation month. This will be added to the directives of Exploratory AD-HOC committee.

b) Secretary's Report

- i)** Commissioner's all in good attendance.
- ii)** Roster updates let secretary know.

8) New Business:

- a)** Mapping our Landmarks- Motion to Reach out to the Board of Supervisors to ask to use a county GIS system to map our Historic Places, Centennial: Schools, Businesses, Farms/Ranches, and Communities to make them more accessible to the public.

Sponsler, Seconded: Clason. Passed Unanimously.

b) Ad-hoc Exploratory Committee formed – members: Nehring, Rodriguez, Sponsler, Nelson and Clason-

- To work on helping county historical societies
 - by writing a letter to them -who we are, what we do and why.
 - ask for their help identifying sites in their communities
 - be a facilitator to get them together to help each other
 - possible meetings, email groups/newsletters
- Propose video idea- work on parameters.
- work on Historic Preservation month ideas including a presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
- They will meet Dec 4th

9) Old Business:

- a)** Commissioner-Specialties-areas both geographically and interest. Please fill these out and return them to the Secretary by the next meeting.

b) Ad-hoc Committee Appointed to look at Interwar Period Sites in Fresno County.

-Committee Members- Clason, Nelson, Secrest

2 places to check-

1. <https://livingnewdeal.org/>
2. WPA cards on Microfilm at Heritage Center.

- c)** Exploratory AD-HOC Committee to also work on Historic Preservation Month activities in May 2026.

d) Historical Marker Program- Pappas/Zech

Report- Since last priced in 2023, Prices for bronze markers have become prohibitive. Looking at a cast iron/aluminum option. Suggestion made for a sign done by county sign dept. Suggestion made to check with CA Dept of Historic Preservation

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to see what standards they may have. Would like to have a vendor available for those who qualify to work with to get marker. Commissioner Pappas will bring an updated list of prices and hopefully a sample to next meeting.

10) Commissioner Reports:

a) Nehring- Kerman Historical Society received the run of the Kerman Newspaper back to 1908 in paper looking to get it digitized. Also the microfilm for 1902-1908.

He also shared a map of Easterby Rancho 4 sections of 250,000 acres- with the original street names for between Willow and Clovis and need N/S Streets

11) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 5:48 PM by **Pappas, Seconded: Nehring. Passed Unanimously.**

Follow Up Actions		
Sierra High App to BOS	Melissa	
Motion RE: Mapping our Landmarks	MS/JT	
Set up Meeting for Rodriguez, Nehring, Sponsler and Sup. Mendes re: Butterfield stage	Melissa	

Agenda Items for Next Meeting		
1/8/2026	Ad-hoc-Exploratory Committee reports	Committee
1/8/2026	Elect Chair and Vice Chair for year	
1/8/2026	Interwar Period Committee Report	Committee
1/8/2026	Report follow up on Historical Markers	Pappas/Zech
1/8/2026	Centennial Schools 34 still eligible	Pappas

Future Meetings 2026		
1/8/2026	4:00 PM	FIG Garden Library
3/12/2026	4:00 PM	TBD
5/14/2026	4:00 PM	TBD
9/10/2026	4:00 PM	TBD
11/12/2026	4:00 PM	TBD