



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

November 14, 2024

4:00 PM

Fig Garden Regional Library

3071 W. Bullard

Fresno, CA 93711



MINUTES

Members Present: David Rodriguez, William Secrest Jr., Pat Hunter, Sue Loucks, Dr. Susan Pappas, Nick Yovino, Sharon Darnell, Lou Catallo, Kenneth Zech, James Sponsler, Kevin Nehring, and William Bertolani

Members Absent: Dr. James Kus and John Mendoza

Staff: Sally Gomez, County Librarian, James Tyner, Support Services Manager, and Fine Nai, Principal Administrative Analyst

Members of the Public: Diane Tjerrild and Vicki Clason

1) Call to Order at 4:00 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman

2) Welcome and Introductions

- a) Chairman Rodriguez welcomed everyone and introduced Diane Tjerrild, an applicant to commission and Vicki Clason an applicant to commission. Fine Nai, from the County Administrative Office was introduced to speak on the Whitmore Ferry and Liberty Veterans Cemetery.

3) Adoption of Agenda.

- a) Adopted amended draft agenda moved 10)a and b to follow 5).

4) Approval of Minutes

- a) Motion to approve minutes of September 12, 2024, with amendment.

5) Public Comment

- a) Chairman Rodriguez went over following procedures, and if not on the agenda, then no action will be taken, that the commission is under the Brown Act and needs comply.

6) Landmarks

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

b) Historic Places:

- i) Commissioner Sponsler and Commissioner Nehring gave presentation on the Butterfield Overland Trail.

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c) Centennial Businesses

- i) Commissioner Hunter reported on Lavash Bakery, has not been able to get in touch with them, will continue to try and connect and get application to them.

d) Centennial Communities

- i) Chairman Rodriguez continues his work on Pinedale Community.

e) Centennial Farms: No Update

f) Centennial Schools

- i) Commissioner Darnell is continuing to try and get signature on application for Sierra Unified, hopefully by June 2025.

g) Historic District: No Update

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

- i) Commissioner Hunter reported the Warnors Theatre has a new owner. There has been water damage, and the ceilings need to be redone. The downstairs leading to the dressing rooms, someone painted over the original painting. The building is need of a lot of work. The Caglia Family is no longer involved. Commissioner Yovino is on the Board and said that Covid held things up, but a lot of work is being done. There have been a lot of staff changes, there now is a fulltime Executive Director, and a new Capital Campaign going on.

i) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno: No Update

j) Website: No Update

7) Reports and Administrative Items

a) Chairman's Report

- i) Reported under Public Comment
- ii) Application process was discussed. It was decided to have them attend and review the application, then they may leave for the commission to review and decide to move it forward or now. Commissioner Pappas will write up process it should be in writing. Applications will not be a part of the agenda or minutes from now on they will be redacted.
- iii) Chairman Rodriguez reported on presentation for Commissioner McFarland at the Board of Supervisors, and that it was very nice.

b) Secretary's Report

- i) Commissioner's all in good attendance.
- ii) Roster up to date

8) New Business

- i) Diane Tjerrild introduced herself, she is a 4th generation Fresnan. She is active on many boards, such as Sierra Sky Park, and Corvette Club. Diane works in marketing. Vickki Clason has a passion for history, she resides in the mountain community of Auberry. She belongs to the Eastern Fresno Historical Society and active on the Sierra High School Board. She has held many leadership roles. Motion made to approve both applications **Nehring; Seconded by Catallo. Passed Unanimously**

9) Old Business

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- i) Fine Nai explained the crossing at Whitmore Ferry and how that held up the Application. Commissioner Loucks discussed this is already on the State list.
- ii) Liberty Veterans Cemetery will be held until the CEQUA review has been completed.
- iii) There was nothing to report on General Pao Memorial. It will be removed from agenda.

10) Commissioner Reports: No Update

11) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 5:45 PM by Catallo; Second: Nehring.

Agenda items for next meeting		
1/9/2025	LaVash Bakery	Commissioner Hunter
1/9/2025	Website Presentation	Commissioner Pappas
1/9/2025	Commissioner Picture	Commission

Future Meetings		
1/9/2025	4:00 PM	Fig Garden Regional Library
3/13/2025	4:00 PM	TBD
5/8/2025	4:00 PM	TBD
9/11/2025	4:00 PM	TBD
11/13/2025	4:00 PM	TBD