



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

**May 9, 2019**

**4:00 PM**

**Betty Rodriguez Regional Library**

**3040 N. Cedar**

**Fresno, CA 93703**



**MINUTES**

- Members Present:** Nick Yovino, Sue Loucks, Susan Pappas, Lou Catallo, Ken Zech, Sharon Darnell, Pat Hunter, Janice Stevens, Randy McFarland, John Houlihan, Allan Carden, David Rodriguez, John Baltierra and Raman Bath.
- Members Absent:** Dr. James Kus.
- Staff:** Karen Coletti
- Members of the Public:** None.

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:05 PM.**
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.** Commission introduced themselves. There was a correction from last month on Kenneth Zech he was the founder of the Reedley Historical Society; and volunteers for Donor Network West.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**  
**Agenda adopted as is and Passed Unanimously.**
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2018 – Approved and Passed Unanimously.**
- 5) **Public Comment. None.**
- 6) **Landmarks:**
  - A) **Inventory of Historic in Fresno County.**
    - i.) **Historic Places:** Discussion on the San Joaquin and how we can improve the application and continue to work on it. Commission really wants to see this get approved by the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Pappas is going to continue to work on gathering information and bring back in September.
  - B) **Centennial Businesses:** None.
  - C) **Centennial Communities:** None.
  - D) **Centennial Farms:** None.
  - E) **Centennial Schools:** None.

**F) Discussion of Threatened Landmarks in the County of Fresno:**

- i.) Commissioner Stevens reported on the Merci Box Train. It is currently at the 509 Legion Hall in Fresno, but there is talk about moving it to the Palm Springs Air Museum. Lorenzo Rios of the Veterans Memorial District would like to be involved in keeping it here in Fresno County. One of the concerns is how weathered it is becoming outside. It needs to be preserved and covered. One suggestion of where to have it covered was at the Fresno Air National Guard Museum. Commissioner Stevens will be attending a City Council meeting and speak to the council members on the preservation. Commissioner McFarland will be helping her draft a letter. Motion: Commissioner McFarland; Second: Commissioner Loucks made a sense of this Commission that the Merci Box Car remain in Fresno Co. which served in WWI-II. Janice Stevens will take letter to the Historic Preservation Committee and Laura Van Onna.

**G) Discussion of Potential Landmarks in the County of Fresno.**

**H) Signage Committee.**

J) **Media Releases.** None

K) **Website.** None.

**7) Reports and Administrative Items.**

**A) Chairman’s Report**

- i) Discussion and Necessary Action (*Yovino*)
  - (1) Discussed vacancies.

**B) Secretary’s Report**

- i) Discussion and Necessary Action (*Bath*)
  - (1) No attendance issues.
  - (2) Roster will be updated to reflect renewal dates.

C) **New Business – None.**

**8) Commission Reports – None.**

**9) Adjournment: 5:10 Motion to Adjourn.**

<b>Future Meetings</b>		
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Regional Library
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	TBD

<b>Reoccurring Agenda Items</b>	
Building at 8695 Main St., San Joaquin	Chairman Yovino and Commissioner Pappas
Website	Commissioner Pappas
Merci Box Car	Commissioner Stevens.

