



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

November 10, 2022
Betty Rodriguez
3040 N. Cedar
Fresno, CA 93703



MINUTES

Members Present: David Rodriguez, Dr. Allen Carden, Sue Loucks, Nick Yovino, Kenneth Zech, Randy McFarland, Sharon Darnell, Lou Catallo, Dr. Susan Pappas, Paula Lloyd, and James Sponsler.

Members Absent: Pat Hunter, John Houlihan, Blake Zante, Dr. James Kus, Nick Yovino, and John Baltierra.

Staff: Raman Bath, (County Librarian) and Karen Coletti, (Secretary).

Members of the Public: Bill Secrest Jr.

1) Call to Order at 4:02 PM Rodriguez, Chairman.

2) Welcome & Introductions – No introductions.

3) Adoption of Agenda.

- a) Adopted draft agenda with changes to move item 7) 3 and 4 moved to Historic Places
McFarland; Second: Catallo.
Passed Unanimously

4) Approval of Minutes.

- a) Motion to approve minutes of September 8, 2022,**Pappas; Second: Sponsler.**
Passed Unanimously

5) Election of Officers.

- a) Motion made to elect David Rodrigues for Chairman **Pappas; Second: Sponsler.**
Passed Unanimously
b) Motion made to elect Randy McFarland for Vice Chairman **Pappas; Second: Catallo**
Passed Unanimously

6) Public Comment: None.

7) Landmarks.

- a) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County.
- i) Commissioner Pappas has 345 applications scanned. Commissioner Zech is working on the Reedley applications and has added depth with extensive narratives, which many applications had none. We have 75 centennial communities with no application. Dr. Pappas is working on narratives and images, to add she has completed 10 of them so far.

b) Historic Places – Discussion.

- i) Kenneth Zech gave a brief background on the Smiths Ferry Park application. Motion to recommend approval for Historic Places by the Board of Supervisors **Pappas**;
Second: Loucks.

Passed Unanimously

- ii) Commissioner Loucks presented a draft application on Whitmore/Kingston Ferry application. Commission discussed, what more would be needed Commissioner McFarland will do some research on County lines as this was once in Kings County and now in Fresno County. Commissioner Zech has good picture that he will share. It is on the State Landmark list. Commissioner Loucks will work on more research and add additional information to the application and bring it back to the commission in January.

c) Centennial Business – Discussion.

- i) Commissioner Sponsler presented application for Edison Social Club. Commissioner Pappas had many questions on the application and spoke to the information that would be needed to make it complete. Discussion on the articles from the Fresno Bee, the pictures, and narratives. Commissioner Sponsler will continue to search for accurate information and try to get clarification on some of the questions brought up by the commission. This application will be brought back later. Commissioner Pappas stated how important it is to have a complete and accurate application when taking it to the Board of Supervisor's for approval.

d) Centennial Communities – Discussion

- i) Commissioner Pappas met with Bill Secret Jr. to discuss the Centennial Communities. We have none at this time to bring forward but many that we could start working on. There are many 100-year-old communities, some are nothing more than a ghost town. There was mention of name changing a community and Commissioner Pappas suggested a notation in application if the name has changed.

e) Centennial Farms – None.

f) Centennial Schools – Discussion.

- i) Commissioner Darnell will bring the Sierra High School Application and Wes Qualls for a presentation in January.

g) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno.

- i) Commissioner Sponsler discussed Fig Garden HOA. Researching Sponsler update on Fig Garden, looking for about attempting, Association, looking of housing laws, being protected from new laws, splitting lots, mother-in-law set ups. Minimum lot requirement. There are some exemptions, went to a discussion with City of South Pasadena, they have set guidelines in their historic districts. They want the designation but don't want the rules. They are going to need to look more towards actual planning program. Commissioner McFarland, stated that this needs to go to

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the Planning Commission not us. Catallo spoke on HOA restrictions. State laws written, HOA has no say over land split, Fresno State house, Poet Laurete house, Sponselr will write up a formal recommendation from HLRC Commission and this out of the range. Concensus of the group, will write it and adopt in January. Ask Jeffers, andh HOA to attend. Pappas said small amount of people in HOA and does not represent most . Raman and James work.

h) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno – None.

i) Media Releases None.

j) Website.

i) Commissioner Pappas reported that the website has had 33 inquires. Most of the inquiries were about places not on our list. We have had 4 graphic designers reach out. If you google Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission, we come up first. The cost for us to have this website is \$192.00 per year and \$14.95 for the domain. Commissioner Pappas keeps it updated.

8) Reports and Administrative items.

a) Chairman's Report

i) Chairman Rodriguez reached out to Commissioner Baltierra he is still in lockdown due to regulations with Covid. Discussion about doing Zoom for him.

b) Secretary's Report.

i) Discussion on some who have attendance issues, Karen will be following up with the proper paperwork to the Clerk to the Board.

ii) Roster is up to date.

iii) Karen will work with Clerk to the Board and Commissioner fir those who need to reapply.

c) **New Business - None**

9) Commission Reports - None

10) Adjournment. Motion to adjourn Catallo; Second: Pappas at 5:33 PM.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting		
1/12/2023	Edison Social Club	Commissioner Sponsler
1/12/2023	San Francisco Floral	Commissioner Yovino
1/12/2023	Sierra High School	Commissioner Darnell
1/12/2023	Whitmore/Kingston Ferry	Commissioner Loucks

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Future Meetings		
1/12/2023	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Library
3/9/2023	4:00 PM	Fowler Improvement Association
5/11/2023	4:00 PM	Fig Garde Regional Library
9/14/2023	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Library
11/9/2023	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Library

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