



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

**November 12th, 2020
Zoom meeting**



Topic: HLRC
Time: Nov 12, 2020 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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

Members Absent: None

Staff: Karen Coletti, Secretary

Members of the Public: None

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:05 PM.** Chairman Rodriguez
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) Welcome and Introductions.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) Move to approve Agenda as is **Kus**, Second: **Pappas**. Passed Unanimously.

4) **Approval of Minutes: September 10th, 2020** –Move to approve as is with change to Pat Hunter as present not absent **Pappas**, Second: **McFarland**. Passed unanimously.

5) Public Comment- None.

6) Landmarks:

A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County. None.

B) Historic Places: Discussion and Necessary Action:

i) Discussion

Discussion on the Armenian homes that burnt down. Commissioner Stevens inquired if anyone had any information. They are in the City of Fresno. Commissioner Yovino stated that City Hall has been closed since March but will try and find something out.

C) Centennial Businesses

i) Great application for Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America. Commissioner Pappas questioned if this application should be put under the business application. Commissioner McFarland and Commissioner Loucks both stated that it is a Non-Profit so falls under business application, it is built as a corporate body. The application is very thorough and complete even though some of their documents were lost in a fire. There were a lot of older names that were from old Fresno residents to start the Council. It started with 58 members and they need more to make the 100-person requirement, it was formed in 1910. It is still called the Sequoia Council and 6500 people are members. There was a noted correction on the 38-page report sent via email on page 6 the correction is Lake Sequoia not Sequoia Lake, James will make correction and that report will be added to application. Motion to approve the designation of Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America Application as a Centennial Business **Kus**, Second: **Loucks**. Passed Unanimously.

ii) Commissioner Yovino gave an update on the application for Sunnyside Country Club. He has given them two applications, first one given before pandemic and second one was walked over, and hand delivered in June. He has a call into them but has not heard back and he will follow up. Due to pandemic this might be the hold up, as they were very interested after he explained that it is just an honorary designation and would not cause any problem for improvement or change to property. He will bring something solid back to January meeting.

D) Discussion about Orange Cove as a Centennial Community and that it had been previously discussed and a past commissioner had been working on it, Commissioner McFarland will follow up on this.

E) Centennial Farms - None.

F) Centennial Schools - None.

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

- 1) Commissioner Stevens reported on the print Pat did of Cressman's that was lost in the Creek Fire and that the proceeds were donated to the Lions Club of Shaver Lake for the Community which was \$10,000 from the sale of the print. Commission then discussed all the damage and loss of the Creek fire. It was discussed if they could still consider Cressman's a Centennial Business after they rebuilt. They decided they would certainly pursue it.
- 2) Commissioner Stevens shared that the Fresno Arts Council had moved their gift shop out of the Water Tower. Nobody was sure of where it was moved to or the Welcome Center as well.

H) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno.

- 1) Commissioner Kus discussed the Sunmaid Market at Academy and McKinley. Best place for meat in Fresno County. He is going to pursue, this as they become a Centennial Business in 2021 or 2022.
- 2) Commissioner Rodriguez ask about Sugar Pine Lumber Co.; we placed the Water Tower on the list but did not do the Lumber Co. Commission discussed and decided to move forward. It sits in an industrial park site now. Commissioner Rodriguez will move forward on this.
- 3) Commissioner Rodriguez brought forward St. Agnes Church in Pinedale as well. Commission stated that could go as a business. It has been added on to, but original building is still there.

I) Media Releases – Commissioner McFarland will work on a Press Release on the application of the Fresno Irrigation District.

J) Website – Commission Pappas stated we are getting inquires on our website.

7) Reports and Administrative Items.

A) Chairman's Report.

- 1) Election of Chairman in January.

B) Secretary's Report

- 1) Sent out reminders on applications due. Only Commissioners, Stevens, Hunter, and Rodriguez have not yet reapplied. Application update, I sent out reminders to those who have not reapplied. Karen will check on Baltierra application.
- 2) Everyone in good attendance.
- 3) Roster is updated.

C) New Business – None.

8) Commission Reports

- 1) Commissioner Carden shared that Fresno Pacific College will have groundbreaking ceremony this Sunday for the Cultural Arts Center. Place for music, visual and Theatre arts, it will be located on the corner of Chestnut and Butler.
- 2) Commissioner Stevens gave appreciation to Commissioner Zech from Commissioner Hunter on his kudos at last meeting for their book Central Valley Landmarks and Landscapes.
- 3) Commissioner Catallo reported that the Clovis Museum is back open 10-2, Tuesday thru Saturday.

9) Adjournment. Adjourned at 5:05 PM Motion to adjourn **Loucks** second: **Catallo**.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting	
Sunnyside Country Club (Business)	Yovino (January)
Orange Cove (Centennial Community)	McFarland (January)
Election of Chairman	Rodriguez (January)

Future Meetings		
January 14th	4:00 PM	Zoom

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