



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

**January 12, 2023**

**4:00 PM**

**Betty Rodriguez Regional Library**

**3040 N. Cedar Ave.**

**Fresno, CA 93703**



**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** David Rodriguez, Sue Loucks, Lou Catallo, Randy McFarland, Pat Hunter, Paula Lloyd, and James Sponsler.

**Members Absent:** Kenneth Zech, Dr. Allen Carden, Dr. James Kus, Nick Yovino, and Sharon Darnell.

**Staff:** Raman Bath, County Librarian, Karen Coletti, Executive Secretary and Robert Jeffers, Supervisors Brandau's office.

**Members of the Public:** Kevin Nehring and Meg Thompson, applicants. John Houlihan past member

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:04 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman.**
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions** – Meg Thompson, applicant for District 2 vacancy was born and raised in Fresno County. Meg has 3 children and works in Real Estate. Her passion is for Historic architecture. Kevin Nehring is a land surveyor for the County of Fresno. He has a degree in architecture. Kevin has resided in Fresno County for almost 50 years.
- 3) **Welcome and Introductions.**
- 4) **Adoption of Agenda.**
  - a) Adopted draft agenda; **McFarland, Second: Loucks. Passed Unanimously.**
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve minutes of August 24, 2022, **Catallo, Second: Pappas. Passed Unanimously**
- 5) **Public Comment**
- 6) Applications were introduced under Welcome and Introductions, the Commission reviewed the applications at the end of the meeting. Applicants were excused. The commission approved recommendation of application for Kevin Nehring to be moved on to Board of Supervisors for appointment.
- 7) **Landmarks**
  - A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County – None.
  - B) Historic Places
    - a) Whitmore/Kingston Ferry Application had been reviewed and updated.

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Commissioner Loucks will reach out to Chris Bernal, at Parks and Recreation for signature to sign off on application. Motion made that the application for Whitmore/Kingston Ferry be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for approval to the list of Historic Places **McFarland; Second by Catallo. Passed Unanimously**

C) Centennial Business

a) San Francisco Floral update will be given in March by Commissioner Yovino.

D) Centennial Communities

a) Commissioner Pappas will form a subcommittee with Commissioner McFarland and William Secrest Jr. from Fresno County Library, Heritage Room to work on upcoming Centennial Communities.

E) Centennial Farms – None.

F) Centennial Schools

a) Commissioner Darnell sent update that secretary reported on that she will bring application and Wes Qualls to the March meeting. Commissioner Pappas will follow to offer any help on the application.

G) Historic District.

a) Commission reviewed letter Commissioner Sponsler had prepared for the Fig Garden Home Association. There were 3 edits to be made, Commissioner Sponsler will make those and send the letter to Supervisor Brandau's office. They will then provide the letter to the Fig Garden Homeowners Association. Motion made to present corrected letter to Supervisor Brandau to forward on to the Fig Garden Homeowners Association **Commissioner Pappas; Second: Loucks. Passed Unanimously.**

H) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno

a) Commissioner Catallo updated on the Carnegie Library in Clovis, that nothing has changed, and the Chamber of Commerce is still occupying the building.

b) Commissioner Sponsler updated on Armenian Town, there will be a community meeting with the owners. It has been initiated by City Staff not the homeowners. There has been some work done to clean up the site after the fire.

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

J) Media Releases – None.

K) Website

a) Commissioner Pappas does get queries mostly from graphic designers or some on landmarks not on our list. The subscription will be going up next year and Commissioner Pappas will provide Karen Coletti the bill from Webix.

**8) Reports and Administrative items.**

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- A) Chairman's Report – No Report.
  
- B) Secretary's Report.
  - i) Reported that all applications for reappoint are at the BOS and will be reappointed.
  - ii) Reported that Commissioner Baltierra will resign, Karen will follow up with the proper paperwork.
  
- C) New Business
  - i) Commissioner Hunter shared that Woodward Park Heritage Fresno will present Historical Fresno, on January 31, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

**9) Commission Reports**

- a) Commissioner McFarland has organized our March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Fowler Improvement Association. There will be someone from the association that will discuss the restoration project. Commissioner McFarland will also invite the City Mayor. Commission Pappas requested a tour as well.
  
- b) Commissioner Sponsler spoke on the Historic Preservation Commission holding an open-door statewide event in September. Commissioner Pappas brought up the Micka Home, due to how pristine it was.

**10) Motion to adjourn at 5:21 McFarland; Second: Pappas.**

Agenda Items for Next Meeting		
3/9/2023	San Francisco Floral	Commissioner Yovino
3/9/2023	Sierra High School	Commissioner Darnell

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

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