



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

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**4:00 PM**

**Fig Garden Regional Library**

**3071 W. Bullard**

**Fresno, CA 93711**



**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** David Rodriguez, Pat Hunter, Sue Loucks, Dr. James Kus, Lou Catallo, Nick Yovino, Sharon Darnell, Kenneth Zech, James Sponsler, William Bertolani, John Mendoza, and Kevin Nehring

**Members Absent:** William Secrest Jr., Dr. Susan Pappas, and Randy McFarland

**Staff:** Sally Gomez, County Librarian, and Karen Coletti, Executive Assistant

**Members of the Public:** None

**1) Call to Order at 4:01 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman**

**2) Welcome and Introductions**

a) Chairman Rodriguez welcomed everyone.

**3) Adoption of Agenda.**

a) Adopted draft agenda **Dr. Kus; Second: Zech. Passed Unanimously.**

**4) Approval of Minutes**

a) Motion to approve minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, **Zech; Second: Yovino. Passed Unanimously.**

**5) Public Comment – None.**

**6) Landmarks**

a) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County – None.

**b) Historic Places: Update**

i) Commissioner Loucks continuing to work on getting the Whitmore Ferry Application signed off on. The commission discussed it being located on the Butterfield Overland Trail. We will leave it off the agenda, once it is signed off on, it will be approved to go to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Loucks will follow up with Chris Bernal, at Fresno County Parks and Recreation Department again.

**c) Centennial Businesses: None**

**d) Centennial Communities: None**

**e) Centennial Farms: None**

**f) Centennial Schools: Update**

- i) Commissioner Darnell and Commissioner Pappas are finishing the application on Sierra High School and waiting for a signature at Sierra Unified School District. Will bring back for approval from commission once it is completed and signed.

**g) Historic District: None**

**h) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno: **None.****

- i) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno: **None.**

**j) Website: None.**

**7) Reports and Administrative Items**

**a) Chairman's Report: None.**

**b) Secretary's Report**

- i) Karen reported that she is working with Commissioner Kus and Commissioner McFarland for waivers. Chairman Rodriguez also mentioned William Secret Jr. and that he will need a waiver. Chairman Rodriguez reported past member Elizabeth Laval would like to apply. Karen will send her information on application.
- ii) Roster is up to date.

**8) New Business: None.**

**9) Old Business**

- i) No update on markers Commissioner Pappas was not in attendance and subcommittee had no update.
- ii) Commissioner Sponsler reported that when he was at the Board of Supervisors, presenting for the Resolution for the "National Historic Prevention Month in Fresno County". Commissioner discussed the work on the Butterfield Overland Trail. Supervisor Mendes became very interested in the Butterfield Overland Trail which Commissioner Sponsler is going to follow up with him.
- iii) Commissioner Darnell reported on event at the Academy Church. She spoke with Mary Tolle. They hold service still once a month. Commissioner Darnell would like to possibly work on an application.
- iv) Sally Gomez, County Librarian reported that Raman Bath is been waiting for By Laws to be returned from County Counsel and will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval in June.

**10) Commissioner Reports**

- i) Commissioner Hunter reported that she attended the Academy Church Event in May and that it was a wonderful event.
- ii) Commissioner Hunter passed around a flyer with events on Historic Prevention Month Events. Karen will send it to everyone through email.
- iii) Commissioner Nehring spoke on the Boy in the Boot still missing. It was poorly painted when they were repainting the building. Commissioner Nehring will continue to follow up on its location.

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- iv)** Commissioner Zech reported on Uncle Harry's Classic Meals closed in Reedley, it had resided in a historic building for 34 years. The building is located at 1201 G St. The building was built in 1892 and was a three-story hotel. It is not on our list.
- v)** Commissioner Sponsler was approached by a reporter from the Reedley Exponent after the Board of Supervisors meeting, and he referred them to Commissioner Zech.
- vi)** Commissioner Bertolani reported on his history of Firebaugh. He reported he would like to start working on history in Firebaugh area. Several buildings fit our requirements. He mentioned the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Catholic Church all 110 years old. His great-great grandfather was one of the first to buy property in Firebaugh. He would like to start working on some of this and ask for assistance.

**11) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 4:39 PM by Catallo; Second: Nehring.**