



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

September 11, 2025

4:00 PM

Fig Garden Regional Library

3071 W. Bullard

Fresno, CA 93711



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Members Present: David Rodriguez, William Secrest Jr., Dr. Susan Pappas, Sue Loucks, Dr. James Kus, Nick Yovino, Kenneth Zech, James Sponsler, Kevin Nehring, John Mendoza, Vicki Clason, Diane Tjerrild, William Bertolani Jr., Janet Nelson

Members Absent: Pat Hunter

Staff: James Tyner, Support Services Manager, and Melissa Scroggins, Librarian

Members of the Public: Sharon Darnell, Wes Qualls, Linda Qualls, Peter McManus

1) Call to Order at 4:06 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman

2) Welcome and Introductions: Introductions guests: Sharon Darnell, Wes Qualls, Linda Qualls and Peter McManus.

3) Adoption of Agenda.

a) Adopted draft agenda motion made by: **Zech, Seconded: Pappas. Passed Unanimously.**

4) Approval of Minutes

a) Misspelling on guest Ananda Aspen.

b) Motion to approve minutes for May 8th, 2025, as amended, by; **Pappas, Seconded: Nelson. Passed Unanimously.**

5) Public Comment: Sharon Darnell thanked the Commission for all they do, she misses being a part of it.

6) Landmarks

a) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County: **No Update**

b) Historic Places: **No Update**

c) Centennial Businesses: Commissioner Nelson brought up Sunnyside Country Club

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and will reach out to them.

d) Centennial Communities: No Update

e) Centennial Farms: No Update

f) Centennial Schools: Sierra High School- Commissioner Clason gave a presentation on the school. She will work with Commissioner Pappas to finalize their application.

g) Historic District: No Update

h) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno: Commissioner Sponsler brought up the Fresno-Yosemite Airport Air Control Tower, it is in danger with a new Control Tower being built. The current plan is to knock it down to add 25 employee parking spots. It has historical distinction- unique architectural type, Allen Lew (Local Chinese American architect). There is talk of other uses for the building. Commissioner Nehring mentioned there are 2 Federal leveling benchmarks on top of the Air Control Tower.

i) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno:

j) Website: No Update

7) Reports and Administrative Items

a) Chairman's Report:

i) Chairman Rodriguez reported proclamation at Board of Supervisors went well. Supervisor Mendes mentioned a stage line-that ran from San Jose over Pacheco trail on way to Visalia ½ mile N of Harland Ave on Fruit Ave back in Pastures there were still wagon marks until the late 1960s.

b) Secretary's Report

i) Attendance: Commissioner's all in good attendance.

ii) Roster is up to date.

iii) Applications to Review: **None**

iv) BCC report- thanks for all the help in getting that done. We'll work on it again in May.

8) New Business: Discussion/Action

a) Commissioner-Specialties-areas both geographically and interest. Please fill these out and return to the Secretary.

b) Subpanel-Look at possible historic sites from 1925-1935 -Depression, New Deal and Prohibition era. – tabled to next meeting.

c) Subpanel to work on Historic Preservation Month activities in May 2026. – tabled to next meeting.

9) Old Business: Discussion/Action

a) Commissioner Lou Catallo was recognized by the Board of Supervisors with an adjournment in his honor. We also sent a card to the family.

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10) Commissioner Reports:

- i) Commissioner Bertolani reported he has finished a book along with 9 others on stories of the Firebaugh area.
- ii) Commissioner Zech finished a book on the history of the Reedley Library it was given out at the Reedley Library groundbreaking and will be available at the Reedley Museum.

11) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 5:35 PM by **Loucks, Seconded by: Nehring**
Passed Unanimously.

Agenda items for next meeting		
11/13/2025	Areas of Interest/Specialties of Current Commissioners	Commission
11/13/2025	Subpanel-Look at possible historic sites from 1925-1935 -Depression, New Deal and Prohibition era	Commission
11/13/2025	Subpanel to work on Historic Preservation Month activities in May 2026.	
11/13/2025	Set meeting schedule for 2026	
Future Meetings		
11/13/2025	4:00 PM	TBD