

FRESNO COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS  
ADVISORY COMMISSION

September 12, 2019

4:00 PM

Betty Rodriguez Regional Library

3040 N. Cedar

Fresno, CA 93703

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Lou Catallo, Pat Hunter, Janice Stevens, David Rodriguez, Dr. Susan Pappas, Randy McFarland, Sharon Darnell, Raman Bath, Dr. James Kus, John Baltierra, John Houlihan and Nick Yovino.

**Members Absent:** Sue Loucks and Dr. Allen Carden.

**Staff:** Karen Coletti and Mike Drake.

**Members of the Public:** James Sponsler.

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:03 PM.**
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.** Commission introduced themselves. Mike Drake from the Fresno County Library Heritage Room introduced himself/ He has worked for the library system for 20 years and previously was in Tulare and also had been at Fresno as well. His job responsibilities now are the Heritage Room and Government Documents.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**  
**Commissioner Pappas** moved to adopt agenda as is: Second: **Commissioner McFarland.**  
Passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: Ma y 9, 2019 - Commissioner Catallo** made motion to approve minutes: Second: **Commissioner Pappas.** Passed unanimously.
- 5) **Public Comment.** Commissioner Darnell passed around flyers, one for the 27<sup>th</sup> Intermountain Harvest Arts Festival and the 2<sup>nd</sup> was for the Easter Fresno County Historical Society and Museum.
- 6) **Landmarks:**
  - A) **Inventory of Historic in Fresno County.**
    - i) **Discussion and Necessary Action**
      - (1) Building at 8605 Main St., San Joaquin, Commissioner Pappas updated the Commission on the building and ask to change the application to reflect a church designation. It has been a church since the 1970's, so it qualifies. She could not get good enough information before that. The narrative is great and gives a very descriptive background on the Gurdwara. Motion made to accept as a church and proceed with application to the Board for approval **Commissioner Baltierra;** Second: **Commissioner Stevens.**

- ii) Chairman Yovino would like to pursue the Sunnyside Country Club. Commissioner Pappas stated there is pictures and information in the Heritage room on it. He will start working on the application.

B) **Centennial Businesses:** None.

C) **Centennial Communities:** None.

D) **Centennial Farms:** None.

E) **Centennial Schools:** None.

F) **Discussion of Threatened Landmarks in the County of Fresno:** *(All)*

- i) Commissioner Stevens attended a meeting and reported back on the Merci Train Boxcar it will remain at the 509 Post in Fresno. There will be fundraising as well as a grant money through the City of Fresno. Mike Harris with Harris Construction is working to put a cover over it. There is a historical marker on it, and it is very accessible to the Public where it is. Commissioner Stevens and Commissioner Hunter are hosting an event at Woodward Park on September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30. They will be discussing Fresno historic landmarks.
- ii) Commissioner Hunter discussed the Vartinian House at 362 F St. It is at the Poverello House right now, but there has been discussion about moving it to Armenian Town on Van Ness. Chairman Yovino will be checking in to it.

G) **Discussion of Potential Landmarks in the County of Fresno.**

- i) Discussed the Sierra Sky Park and that Bill Darnell who submitted the application for it to become a designated district had called and spoke with Commissioner McFarland and Karen. Karen sent him a copy of the whole packet and application, with the CD that was made. Anita Martin is working on getting it on the National Historical List.

H) **Media Releases.** Commissioner McFarland will be working on some media releases.

- I) **Website.** Commissioner Pappas shared that we have had 3 queries on the website. You can look up any of the applications now. Commissioner Pappas also reported on the vested interest in the 47 sites archived that she is not sure exist. Spoke on how important that the information stays on the list.

## 7) **Reports and Administrative Items.**

A) **Chairman's Report**

- i) Discussion and Necessary Action (Yovino)
  - (1) Chairman Yovino discussed bringing the Sunnyside Country Club back next meeting.
  - (2) Application for Review Iris Medina. Commission reviewed application and would like to invite her to the next meeting in November.
  - (3) Application for Review James Sponsler Commission reviewed application and Mr. Sponsler was in attendance. The Commission ask him for some background information. He has a degree in graphic design and architecture. He is the homeowner of the Joseph Calgary home which is historical. The commission

made a motion to forward the application with recommendation of approval  
**Commissioner McFarland; Second: Commissioner Pappas.**

- B) **Secretary's Report** – Discussion and Necessary Action. (*Bath*)
  - (1) Attendance Report with correction made for Ken Zech last meeting.
  - (2) Roster updated.
  
- C) New Business: None.

**8) Commission Reports**

- (1) **Commissioner Catallo** gave Clovis update. Central Valley Museum Days is October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Clovis Museum is free. The same weekend is Clovis Fest with the hot air balloons.
- (2) Commissioner Rodriguez passed out a flyer on his project in Pinedale. He has opened the Pinedale History Project Museum. The opening is on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7157 N. Blackstone, it starts at 5:00 PM and ends at 8:00 PM. It is in the National Hardware store. The hours it will be open are 10-2 during the Monday - Friday.

**9) Adjournment: 504 PM by Chairman Yovino.**

Motion to Adjourn **Commissioner McFarland; Second: Commissioner Rodriguez.**

Future Meetings		
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	TBD
Reoccurring Agenda Items		
Sunnyside Country Club	Chairman Yovino	