



**FRESNO COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS
ADVISORY COMMISSION**
May 11, 2023
4:00 PM
Fig Garden Regional Library
3071 W. Bullard
Fresno, CA 93711



MINUTES

Members Present: David Rodriguez, Lou Catallo, Randy McFarland, Dr. Susan Pappas, Dr. James Kus, Pat Hunter, Sharon Darnell, Paula Lloyd, Kenneth Zech, Nick Yovino, and Kevin Nehring.

Members Absent: Sue Loucks and Dr. Allen Carden

Staff: Raman Bath, County Librarian, Karen Coletti, Executive Assistant, Eric Gruver, Staff Analyst, James Kus, Fresno County Elections, and Nysen Armenta, Elections

Members of the Public: None

- 1) **Call to Order at 4.02PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman.**
- 2) **Welcome and Introductions**
 - a) Introduction of Eric Gruver, Library Staff Analyst. Commission did introduction roundtable.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - a) Adopted draft amended agenda, **McFarland; Second: Pappas. Passed Unanimously.**
- 4) **Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve minutes of March 9, 2023, **Pappas; Second: Zech. Passed Unanimously.**
- 5) **Public Comment**
 - a) None.
- 6) **Record Retention Schedules to Review.**
 - a) **Commission reviewed record retentions;** Motion made to approve record updates listed below **Sponsler; Second: Nehring.**

Record Type	Schedule Number	Department	Recommend Commission Review
Petitions	1300.04.02 A	County Clerk/Registrar of Voters	Yes
Voter Registration Affidavits	1300.02.01 A	County Clerk/Registrar of Voters	Yes

7) Landmarks

- a) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County.
 - i) There are currently 345 applications in our archive, all scanned and digitized. 300 additional materials and those have not been added, and still need more information. Commissioner Pappas is working on these. Commissioner Zech is taking the Reedley area. The early applications are very sparse, so working on completing them.
- b) Historic Places – None.
- c) Centennial Business
 - i) Commissioner Hunter mentioned the Californian celebrating 100 years. Valley Lahvosh Baking Company is also 100 years old.
- d) Centennial Communities
 - i) Chairman Rodriguez reported on the Pinedale Centennial Celebration. There were 55 entries in the parade. It was attended by 4th, 5th, and 6th generations. Chairman Rodriguez's family was a 6th generation in attendance. There was excess of over 1000 people that participated in the event so a great success.
- e) Centennial Farms – None.
- f) Centennial Schools
 - i) Pinedale Elementary is a Centennial School. Commissioner Pappas reported that there are 45 schools, that were before 1908.
- g) Historic District – None.
- h) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno
 - i) Commissioner Catalo discussed the Liberty Theatre, and what is going on with it. The theatre is on our list but seems to fall under the City of Fresno.
 - ii) Saint Agnes Church is coming up on 100 years, Chairman Rodriguez, has been working on this and been to the Catholic Diocese for information.
 - iii) Commissioner Sponsler inquired about the Boy with the Leaky Boot statue that was at the Plaza Building. Commissioner Nehring stated that the statue is being stored and they intend to put it back.
- i) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno – None.
- j) Media Releases – None.
- k) Website
 - i) Commissioner Pappas keeps the website updated; she would like to do a presentation for commission in the Fall. Commissioner Nehring suggested that we put the website on our Agenda as well.

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8) Reports and Administrative Items.

A) Chairman's Report

- i) Reported on Pinedale Centennial above under Centennial Communities.

B) Secretary's Report

- i) Commission in good attendance.
- ii) Roster is up to date.

9) New Business

A) Review of Brown Act.

- i) Raman discussed that the Brown Act is one of the most important documents to know, when conducting meetings. Please review the packet that has been included in the agenda, if any questions please email Raman.

B) Review of Commission By-Laws.

- i) Raman provided the current By-Laws in the agenda packet. They need to be reviewed. We have some things that are coming our way for review or advice on, and we need to have a clear understanding. Commission formed a Sub-Committee that included, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Nehring, and Commissioner McFarland. Raman will work with the Commission on this. This was brought forward due to the Special Meeting on Naming of a Road.

C) Review of Applications.

- i) Commission reviewed application for William J. Bertolani. Motion to accept application and recommend for approval by Board of Supervisors by **Kus; Second: Pappas. Passed Unanimously.**
- ii) Commission reviewed application for John Mendoza. Motion to accept application and recommend for approval by Board of Supervisors by **Catallo; Second: McFarland. Passed Unanimously.**

These both will be sent forward after reviewing by laws.

10) Commissioner Reports.

- i) Commissioner Sponsler reported on the presentation of the Proclamation at the Board of Supervisors for National Preservation Month. Commissioner Sponsler also compiled a calendar of events for the month of May, celebrating historic preservation. It was shared in an email to Commission also at all library branches.
- ii) Commissioner Nehring presented to have the September meeting in Kerman at the Kerman Historical Museum. The commission would like to hold the meeting at the Museum. Commissioner Nehring will share details with Secretary.

11) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 5:14 PM by Catallo; Second: Nehring.

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Agenda Items for Next Meeting		
9/14/2023	Review Bylaws	Commission
9/14/2023	4:00 PM	Kerman Historical Museum
11/9/2023	4:00 PM	Betty Rodriguez Regional Library

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