



**FRESNO COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS
ADVISORY COMMISSION**
November 14, 2019 4:00 PM
Sunnyside Library
5566 E Kings Canyon Rd.
Fresno, CA 93727



MINUTES

- Members Present:** James Sponsler, Lou Catallo, Pat Hunter, Dr. James Kus, Sue Loucks, Dr. Susan Pappas, Dr. Allen Carden, Sharon Darnell, David Rodriguez, Kenneth Zech, John Houlihan and Nick Yovino
- Members Absent:** Janice Stevens, Randy McFarland and John Baltierra
- Staff:** Karen Coletti, Secretary
- Members of the Public:** Paula Lloyd and Blake Zante

- 1) **Call to Order at 4:06 PM.** Chairman Yovino
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) Welcome and Introductions.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) move to approve as amended with 7, A, 2); Pappas, second: Rodriguez. Passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2019** –move to approve as amended Rodriguez, second: Loucks. Passed unanimously.
- 5) **Public Comment – None.**
- 6) **Landmarks:**
 - A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County
 - i) San Joaquin Gurdwara application is being finalized by Cindy Freeland, she is waiting on some clarification of spellings. We will try to get to Board for January. Commissioner Dr. Pappas noted that they applicants would like to attend the Board of Supervisors and have presentation not on consent. Karen will speak with someone at Supervisor Pacheco's office to sponsor it. Karen will send email out to commission as soon as she has a date for the Board of Supervisors.

B) Centennial Businesses:

i) Discussion

- (1) Chairman Yovino has spoken with the Sunnyside Country Club and discussed with them that the designation. They discussed any concerns and that it would not hinder them in any way that it is just an honorary designation. He stated that they have many great pictures to add to application. Commissioner Pappas will help Chairman Yovino gather information and work on application. This will be brought back in January.
- (2) Commissioner Sponsler brought forward the Boy Scout Council. The local Sequoia Council was founded in 1919. Commissioner Sponsler has spoken with them and gathering information for the application. Unfortunately, there was a fire in 1990 and they lost many documents and records. Their original office was in the Virginia Hotel at 701 L St. For pictures commission suggested the Pop Laval James collection, Heritage room at the Central Library and old newspapers. The Boy Scout Council is going through a transition and has an interim in place right now. Commissioner Sponsler will continue to gather information and on the application and bring it back in January.

C) Centennial Communities: Commissioner Pappas will bring list of upcoming communities to next meeting.

D) Centennial Farms: None.

E) Centennial Schools: None.

F) Discussion of threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno. *(All)* Chairman Yovino will continue to follow up on the Vartanian home and bring it back in January.

G) Discussion of potential landmarks in the County of Fresno. *(All)*

- (1) Commission discussed the Craycroft home, the carriage house has been torn down and materials to be used to help restore home. Chairman Yovino and Commissioner Loucks will follow up with Assemi Real Estate, who owns the home.
- (2) Lone Star Stop is on list, Commissioner Sposler questioned about the adjacent winery. Commissioner Pappas explained that Commissioner McFarland would be of some help on this, also to look in Heritage Room at the library and review the Lone Star application.
- (3) Commissioner Carden followed up on the Wig Wag's that were discussed in previous meeting. Commissioner Houlihan explained that with the re being so few left, the commission thought best not bring attention to them. Media Releases: None.

H) Website: Will need to post the correct By Laws on website. Karen will send the copy to Commissioner Pappas from the CAO.

7) Reports and Administrative Items.

A) Chairman's Report. (Yovino)

- (1) Chairman Yovino spoke with commission about election of officers and stated that he will not be chairman again but will stay on commission. This will be added to January agenda.
- (2) Paula Lloyd introduced herself to the commission. She moved to Fresno in 1963 and graduated from Fresno State in 1969. Paula worked with the Fresno Bee in her career and for the Neighbors weekly newspaper, this is where her love for history started. She has worked with Liz Laval from the Pop Laval Studio. She gave the commission a little insight to her knowledge describing the Short Mansion which is now Arte America. She has been retired for a couple of years now. At the Fresno Bee she had a basket full of questions having to do with history in the County. She wished she could have taken the basket.
- (3) Application for Iris Medina was reported on by Karen Coletti, Commission discussed and decided that Ms. Medina was no longer interested.
- (4) Blake Zante introduced himself to the commission. Blake was born and raised in Fresno and is a Fresno State graduate of 2018. Blake has acquired a love for history from his grandfather. He stressed the importance of preserving history and being a valued part of the community. Blake is currently working in communications for a local representative. Motion made to accept both applications Commissioner Catallo, Second: Houlihan.

B) Secretary's Report

- i) Attendance report everyone in good attendance.
- ii) Roster will be updated for January.

C) New Business

- i) Commissioner Pappas will start working on redesign of application. This work will be done in increments.

8) Commission Reports.

- i) Commissioner Darnell passed around flyer for Mountain area Christmas activities.
- ii) Commissioner Hunter spoke of special event this Saturday at Legion Post 509, for the Merci Box Car. Commissioner Hunter also shared her calendar for 2020.
- iii) Commissioner Rodriguez shared his calendar a 1st and that you may purchased it at the Pinedale Museum or National Hardware.
- iv) Commissioner Carden shared that he had published his 4th book with Thomas J. Ebert. *John George Nicolay, The Man in Lincoln's Shadow*. It is about President Lincoln's secretary.

9) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 5:18 PM Commission Catallo, Second: Loucks.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting	
Sunnyside Country Club	Chairman Yovino

Boy Scouts Council	Commissioner Sponsler
Website	Commissioner Pappas
Centennial Communities	Commissioner Pappas
Election of Officers	Commission
Application Re design	Commissioner Pappas

Future Meetings		
January 9 th , 2020	4:00 PM	TBD

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