



Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2011

The regular meeting of the Historic Landmarks & Records Commission was held at **Valley Writers, March 17, 2011.**

Members present: Randy McFarland, Laurel Prysiazny, Penny Raven, Elizabeth Laval, Bud Olson, Don Shantz, James Kus, Susan Pappas, Janice Stevens, Pat Hunter, Roger Taylor, Nancy Enloe, Ethan Kyle, Stephen Barille, and David Berkey, Lou Catallo

Members absent: John Baltierra

Members of the public: Karen Coletti, Bill Secrest Jr., Lee South

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Randy McFarland.
- 2) **Welcome to Commissioners and visitors:** Chairman McFarland.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.** The agenda was approved.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes,:**
 - *Moved:* Commissioner Pappas ; *Seconded:* Commissioner Kus
- 5) **Comments from the Public:** None.
- 6) **California History & Genealogy Room:** Bill Secrest Jr. brought files donated by Ephraim Smith recently retired from Fresno State History department faculty. The subjects were: "Pop Laval Collection," "Physicians' Building (in downtown Fresno)," and "La Paloma Guild" (a former auxiliary of the Fresno Historical Society). The total collection is contained within four standard file boxes. Also included in the collection, and brought to the meeting, was a lengthy paper on the Cobb Family of Fresno County.
- 7) **Records:** None.
- 8) **Landmarks.**
 - a) Courthouse Park grounds markers/memorials and sculptures Courthouse Cupola: Discussion of what needs to be done first on this project. Chairman McFarland will call Supervisor Anderson to discuss. Commissioner Laval spoke of where it was located. Will discuss more on next meeting.
 - b) Inventory of Historic sites in Fresno County:

- i) Miller House application was approved by Board of Supervisors March 17, 2011. Scott Haugland who prepared the application was present at the Board of Supervisors meeting to receive the certificate.
- ii) Suggestions for other applications: Chairman McFarland suggested that we start working on more applications. Commissioner Catallo spoke of things that will be coming up for Centennial years in Clovis. . Commissioner Laval brought up ranches in Clovis in area. Commissioner Enloe spoke of joining with Commissioner Pappas and Bill Secrest Jr. to fill out application on Masonic buildings.
- c) Centennial Farms: None.
- d) Centennial Businesses: Chairman McFarland has spoke with employee of Clevengers in Caruthers.
- e) Centennial Communities: Commissioner Pappas talked about Big Creek coming up in 2011. There will be five communities in 2012, Burrel, Huntington Lake, Biola, Mercy Hot Springs, and Lanare. Questioned about going to the Board. Place Big Creek on list. Motion to recommend Big Creek for inclusion to list of Centennial Communities motion by Commissioner Barile and second by Commissioner Pappas. Commissioner Shantz questioned what date we are working with. Chairman McFarland said that working with the earliest date of establishment.
- f) Centennial Schools:
 - On March 15, 2011 the Board accepted the Centennial Schools application for Centennial Schools Register. It went to a consent item. Commissioner Pappas spoke of meeting with Supervisor Larry Powell along with Laurel Prysiazny. Commissioner Olson will have the two applications Sierra Elementary, and Auberry Elementary. Commissioner Shantz will meet with Commissioner Pappas to go over lists of schools.
- g) Threatened buildings in the City of Fresno: Commissioner Taylor announcement in paper Buddas church selling off the Temple in China Town. Commissioner Raven spoke of Fresno County Historical Society maybe being of some help in finding our more about it. Commissioner Taylor, JC Penney, B of A, and Bank of Fresno all threatened. High Speed Rail will use existing right of way but will be a conflict of running into Roeding Park
- h) Threatened buildings in the County of Fresno: None

9) Reports and Administrative Items.

- a) Chairman's Report: Field trip to Mercy Hot Springs planned by Stephen Barile. Commissioner Enloe spoke of going to the Miller House. Chairman McFarland Special field trip to Shaver Lake in October or November when they drain the lake. Commissioner Barille also mentioned Watoki lake.

- b) Vice-Chairman's Report: Commissioner Taylor restoration 1719 L St. Restoration of Helm. Chris Johnson preparing some work to stabilize facility until they decide what to do with it. Vice Chairman Taylor also gave description of the Mountain in Kings Canyon. It is on the scenic highway. Dr. Kus spoke of the historic sight and that it is an Indian site. Vice Chairman Taylor gave update on Armenian town the 15 projects that there were in the paper. Vice Chairman Taylor also went over the letter from the Office of Historic Preservation Department. Update on Del Rey and still speaking with City about naming it a Historical District.
- c) Secretary's Report: Laurel Prysiazny
 - i) Attendance Report: everyone in good standing
 - ii) Location of future meetings. Laurel spoke of a letter requesting the location of future meetings. It is posted on County and Library website.
 - iii) Status of Vacancies: There is one vacancy with the resignation of Aileen Bos. Roster Update: Updated BOS appointment.
 - iv) Spoke of old empty building in Orange Cove that was the Library.
 - v) Reedley has also approached the library with an offer 110 year old grainery.

10) Meeting Schedule.

Meeting Schedule		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>
November 18, 2010	4:00 p.m.	<i>Pop Laval Gallery</i>
January 20, 2011	4:00 p.m.	<i>Gallery II</i>
March 17, 2011	4:00 p.m.	<i>618 5th Street Valley Writers</i>
May 19, 2011	4:00 p.m.	<i>618 5th Street Valley Writers</i>
September 15, 2011	4:00 p.m.	
November 17, 2011	4:00 p.m.	

11) Adjourn: 5:22 pm