

## Historical Landmarks & Records Advisory Commission

The regular meeting of the Historic Landmarks & Records Commission was held at the Woodward Park Library on January 11, 2007.

Members present: Nancy Enloe, Steve Barile, Peg Bos, Cathy Rehart, Roger Taylor, Penny Raven, Aileen Bos, Don Shantz, James Kus, Judy Ganulin  
Members absent: Bud Olson, Randy McFarland  
Others present: Elida Mendoza, Karen Bosch Cobb, Consuelo Velasco

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. Chairman Randy McFarland called the meeting to order.
2. Adoption of Agenda: The agenda and addenda to the agenda were approved as submitted.
3. Moment of silence and recognition for Karen Garrett - A moment of silence and recognition was held for Mrs. Karen Garrett who passed away in December, and Commissioner Taylor circulated a sympathy card and a copy of the obituary. Mrs. Bosch Cobb will send a letter from the Commission to Mrs. Garrett's husband and donations were collected in her memory to be sent to the Oasis of Hope Hospital where she was a patient. The Board of Supervisors will be asked to adopt a resolution of appreciation for her service on the Commission as well.
4. Comments from the Public: None.
5. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 9, 2006 were corrected under section 7 b) 3) b) to clarify that Commissioner Peg Bos was the member referred to in this discussion.
6. Records  
None.
7. Landmarks
  - a) Dawn Lumber Company Mill - Sierra National Forest - Update

In October a notice was received that an application for National Register historic status was denied because the mill did not meet the National Register's criteria. Mrs. Enloe contacted friends who she thought would have some history about the mill, but they had no information. Commissioner Olson was suggested as someone else who may have some knowledge about the mill, and Mrs. Bosch Cobb is waiting to hear from him.
  - b) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County
    - 1) Pending Applications - Action Needed
      - a) Velasco House, 20931 S. Kingston, Laton

On September 14, 2006 the Commission approved submission of this application to the Board of Supervisors pending receipt of additional information from the applicant. No additional information has been received.
    - 2) Applications Under Review
      - a) Hall of Records

Mr. Taylor is still working on collecting the additional photos and information requested by the State Historic Preservation Office.



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3) Suggestions for other applications

a) Update on Del Rey Historic Properties - No additional information.

b) Inventory

1) Review Cities & Discuss sites which should be added

Mrs. Bosch Cobb distributed a new list that includes information about the city where the historic property or place is located. Commissioners noticed that there are no Pinedale addresses on the list, and they asked if there are any buildings there that are historic. Library staff member David Rodriguez has been doing a lot of research about Pinedale, and Mrs. Bosch Cobb offered to invite him to the next meeting. Members of the community are working on a memorial event for the Japanese internment site in Pinedale. One of the Commissioners said that former U.S. Ambassador Phillip Sanchez was born and raised in Pinedale.

Commissioner Kus asked if the Paganucci Motel in Firebaugh is 100 years old. Mrs. Bosch Cobb will followup on it with the city manager.

c) Centennial Farms - No discussion.

1) Farms currently on the List of Centennial Farms

a) Harlan Ranch, Riverdale (Approved by Board of Supervisors 2/15/94)

b) Schultz Ranch, Inc., Burrell (Approved by Board of Supervisors 2/15/94)

c) Charles B. Drake Ranch, Squaw Valley (Approved by Board of Supervisors 5/24/94)

d) Richard W. and Barbara J. Milton Farm, Reedley (Approved by Board of Supervisors 1/10/95)

e) Missouri Hill Ranch, Fresno. (Approved by Board of Supervisors 11/14/95)

f) Reese Davis Ranch, Selma (Approved by Board of Supervisors 3/5/96)

g) Levis Ranch, Selma (Approved by Board of Supervisors 5/17/96)

h) John G. Goode Ranch (Approved by Board of Supervisors 1/13/98)

i) Kreyenhagen Ranch, Coalinga (Approved by Board of Supervisors 6/29/99)

d) Centennial Businesses - No discussion.

1) Businesses currently on the List of Centennial Businesses

a) Fresno Ag (Approved by Board of Supervisors 7/30/02)

b) Baker, Manock & Jensen (Approved by Board of Supervisors 3/2/04)



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- c) Shepard, Shepard & Janian, Attorneys (Approved by Board of Supervisors 7/27/04)
  - d) Gottschalk's Inc. (Approved by Board of Supervisors 4/25/06)
  - 2) 100 year old businesses that received an application and have not yet responded
    - a) The Business Journal
    - b) Pacific Tent & Awning
    - c) Maxwell Studio
    - d) Simonian Farms (Clovis & Jensen, Fresno)
    - e) Electric Lab
    - f) Selma, Reedley, Sanger & Kingsburg papers
    - g) J. P. Jensen & Son
  - e) Courthouse Park grounds markers/memorials and sculptures
    - 1) Update on Brochure of Courthouse Park  
The brochure design is done. Mrs. Bosch Cobb reported that the CAO is looking for a funding source. The estimated cost is \$1000 for 5000. Commissioner Raven asked if there is room on the brochure for advertising. If so, she knows someone who might be interested in printing it.
  - f) Discussion of threatened buildings in downtown Fresno  
Commissioner Taylor noted that the congregation of the Buddhist temple in Chinatown is moving north. Commissioner Aileen Bos wondered about the status of the Basque Hotel on Fresno Street and whether it is in danger of demolition. Commissioner Barile said he thinks it is on the National Register.
  - g) Discussion of threatened buildings in the County of Fresno  
Commissioner Barile said there is a potential historic property in the south Clovis area at Shields Avenue and Armstrong, the site of western swing dances.
8. Reports and Administrative Action Items
- a) Chairman's Report
    - 1) Spring Field Trip – Commissioners discussed the itinerary for the field trip. There is interest in going to Coalinga to see the Baker Museum, the historic gas station, and possibly Three Rocks. Scheduling the trip on a Saturday is preferred because of the travel distance. Commissioner Rehart suggested including the Kreyenhagen Ranch on the list, and Mrs. Bosch Cobb said she would contact Ed Kreyenhagen to see if that can be arranged.
    - 2) Appoint a committee to develop a workshop – At the last meeting there was some discussion about adding a historic preservation ordinance to the County General Plan. There was also some discussion about conducting a workshop in the spring. Commissioners Raven, Barile, Peg Bos, Taylor, and Rehart agreed to serve on this committee.



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- b) Vice-Chairman's Report - Mr. Taylor mentioned the Orchard Hardware train calendars produced annually and said they were an example of another way to preserve history.

There was some discussion about the Underground Gardens and a suggestion that it could be advertised as a tourist destination site.

- c) Secretary's Report

- 1) Attendance Report – Mrs. Bosch Cobb distributed a copy of the attendance report that will be produced after each meeting so that members are aware of their status. Under the new policy adopted by the Board of Supervisors members will be deemed to have resigned if they miss three meetings. Mrs. Bosch Cobb explained the appeal process.
- 2) Status of Vacancies
  - a) There are five Commission-appointed vacancies with the resignation of Commissioner Ahlberg and the death of Commissioner Garrett.  
  
Applications for reappointment have been submitted by Commissioners Kus and Shantz. Mrs. Bosch Cobb will check on the status of the application from Ms. Susan Pappas. Commissioner Shantz checked with Mr. Bob Bosserman but he is not interested at this time.
- 3) County Archives - The committee had an interesting tour of the records storage facility at the Fresno County Historical Society. Commissioner Rehart said some County records are stored there, and she had some concerns about a fire danger.
- 4) State Form and our supplemental form as the new application form - Deferred until the meeting with the City.
- 5) Joint Meeting - Mrs. Bosch Cobb will contact Ms. Hattersley-Dreyton to set a date for the meeting. The City Commission prefers to meet at 5:30 p.m. and there were no objections about the time from HLRC members. The preferred location is the Woodward Library if a room is available. Prior to the meeting a copy of the City's application will be sent to the Commission.

(Note: Mrs. Velasco arrived at this point and she was informed that her application had already been discussed and that more information about historic significance was needed.)

- 6) Sesquicentennial Artwork – Mrs. Bosch Cobb displayed the original art created by Ms. Nancy Pratt for the Sesquicentennial. The Library purchased three copies; one for the California History & Genealogy Room and two to circulation around the County. The original is hanging in the Hall of Records on the third floor. The art depicts Fresno County's landscape, culture, and history.



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- 7) Review and comment regarding Board of Supervisors Briefing Report – It was moved by Commissioner Kus, seconded by Commissioner Ganulin and carried to approve the Board Briefing Report of the Commission's 2006 activities with the changes noted during discussion.
  - d) Commissioners' Reports - Commissioner Peg Bos spoke about some of the events held at the Clovis Museum. Commissioner Bud Olson was a speaker at a program that was attended by over 100 people, and she complimented him for doing a terrific job. On February 24 there will be a re-creation of a bank robbery with amateur actors.  
  
Commissioner Kus served on a committee to update the California State University Fresno Master Plan. The plan covers the next 20 years. The student population is estimated to grow to 30,000 students; the older buildings will be gone and no impact on ag land is foreseen.
9. Announcements  
  
The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 9, 4 p.m., location to be determined.
10. Adjourn – There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.