



Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2015

The meeting of the Historical Landmarks & Records Advisory Commission was held at the Fowler Branch Library.

Members present: Stephen Barile, Penny Raven, Donald Shantz, Nancy Enloe, Pat Hunter, Lou Catallo, Janice Stevens, Susan Loucks, Linda Pollack, Randy McFarland, and Nick Yovino.

Members absent: James Kus, Susan Pappas. Bud Olson, Elizabeth Laval and John Baltierra.

Staff: Laurel Prysiazny.

Members of the public: Larry Raven.

- 1) **Call to Order at 3:01 p.m.:** Chairman Barile.
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions** Welcome by Chairman Barile. All members and Larry Raven introduced themselves.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**

6) a.) ii Approval

- Amended to change term "approval" to "Discuss, accept and approve."

6)e.) I Amended to delete "Attachment 6" as there was no Attachment 6.

7)c.)i) Amended to delete A "Attachment 8" as there was no Attachment (6)

- Moved: Loucks; Second: Shantz.

- Unanimously approved.

- Loucks, McFarland, Hunter and Enloe reported they had not received meeting packet in the mail.

4) **Approval of Minutes:** September 10, 2015 – Attachment. (1)

- Corrections to:
 - 7)c)ii to read: Roster updated and discussed the dates of being appointed to the Commission.
 - 8)ii) to read: Discussion took place to re-confirm moving meetings to the second Thursday instead of the third of the month.

- Moved: Catallo; Second: McFarland.

- Unanimously approved

5) **Public Comment:** None.

6) **Landmarks:**

a.) *Inventories of Historic Sites in Fresno County:*

i) Discussion of:

- a. Fresno County Historical Museum: In absence of Laval, Hunter and Raven reported. Hunter had given her original watercolor painting of the San Joaquin Light and Power Company to the Museum and Shantz had donated hardware parts for the flume on display.
- b. Old Fresno County_Courthouse Cupola at Fairgrounds report: Raven told that the 1846 Cupola was moved from storage at the Caglia warehouse and underwent a \$120,000 restoration and display creation and is now at its new home at the Fairgrounds, within sight of the new Fresno County Historical Museum, and circulated pictures.
- c. Monitoring of historic sites. Barile spoke on behalf of Pappas who was absent.
- d. **ACTION:** McFarland to review list of historic sites with subcommittee that includes Loucks, Pollack, Shantz and Barile. Subcommittee members to send site they wish to review to Prysiazny who will compile list, and send to Monitoring Sub-Committee. Prysiazny will also contact Pappas for list of sites/buildings no longer in existence. McFarland will call a meeting of sub-committee shortly with first priority to set up criteria for monitoring, which may include yearly monitoring. Shantz reported that some buildings that Spectrum Gallery photographers could not find are located in Selma Pioneer Village and he will review list and report.

ii) Discuss, Accept and Approve applications for Board of Supervisors consideration and approval to add to County Historic Landmarks List:

- a. Application for Pacific Light and Power Corporation/Southern California Edison, Huntington Lake Dams 1, 2, and 3. (Pollack) - Attachment. (2)
- b. Application for Pacific Light and Power Corporation/Southern California Edison, Big Creek, Dam 4. (Pollack) - Attachment. (3)
- c. Application for John E. Bryson Powerhouse and Powerhouse 1 and Penstocks [Pacific Light and Power Corporation/Southern California Edison], Big Creek (Pollack) - Attachment. (4)
- d. Application for Powerhouse 2 and Powerhouse 2 Penstocks, Pacific Light and Power Corporation/Southern California Edison], Big Creek (Pollack) - Attachment. (5)

All approved at the same time:

- Moved: McFarland; Second: Catallo,
- Unanimously approved
- McFarland commended Pollack on an outstanding job and Pollack stated that the renewal of the operating licenses for the SCE properties stipulated that the SCE apply for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Properties. The historic applications have had many professional consultants assisting over 2 ½ years in the preparation and the cost is approximately one-half million dollars. There was a lively discussion of the properties in the application with many memories of the area shared by Commissioners McFarland, Barile, Enloe, Loucks and Shantz.

- b) *Centennial Businesses:*
 - i) Discussion of:
 - a. Thomas Robinson Funeral Home, Selma: Shantz reported owners not interested in historical landmark status.
 - b. San Francisco Floral, Fresno: No report.
 - c. Kogetsu Do Confectionary, 920 F St., Fresno: Barile working with daughter of Confectionary owner on application. Hope to have for Commission consideration in March 2016.
 - d. Sunmaid Grocery Store: Raven reported that newspaper article on wall of store indicates establishment was 1922, therefore does not qualify for Centennial Businesses List until 2022.
- c) *Centennial Farms:*
 - i) Discussion of:
 - a. Stumpf Farm: Raven reported no reply from owners re application.
- d) *Centennial Communities:*
 - i) Discussion of:
 - a. City of Orange Cove: No report due to absence of Laval.
- e) *Centennial Schools:*
 - i) Discussion of:
 - a. McCord and Navelencia Schools: Loucks stated that both school have celebrated their centennials and she is working on the application.
 - b. Loucks reported that Dunlap Elementary will get Centennial School recognition on the consent calendar at the Dec. 6, 2015 BOS meeting.
- f) Discussion of threatened landmarks in the City of Fresno: No report.
- g) Discussion of threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno: No report.

7) Reports and Administrative Items.

- a) Election of Officers.
 - Chair: Stephen Barile. Moved: Catallo; Second: Pollack.
 - Unanimously approved
 - Vice-Chair: Penny Raven. Moved: Enloe; Second: Loucks.
 - Unanimously approved.
- b) Chairman's Report. (*Barile*)
 - Recognition awards. Barile to chair sub-committee to investigate process and criteria for giving out awards. Other members include McFarland and Shantz. Prysiazny mentioned asking County Counsel re HLRC ability to do this as they are advisory commission to Board of Supervisors (BOS) and that awards would normally be done by BOS. Prysiazny stated that Counsel said Bylaws would require changing and approval by BOS for HRLC to do this.
 - Field Trip update: Barile had no update. McFarland suggested SoCal Edison plant at Big Creek for a spring trip. Pollack agreed to work on arrangements for a May or June field trip to Big Creek.
 - By-Laws revision to be placed on January 2016 Agenda: Barile said Special meeting to review Bylaws and have Brown Act training will occur February 11, 2016 at Central Library in McCardle Room. County Counsel will be present.

- Other: Catallo requested each board member give briefing on their background and how it relates to HLRC.

ACTION: Members will rotate, with one member providing 10-15 minute briefing at each meeting. First is Barile with January 2016 meeting.

- i. The HLRC originated in 1966, so in 2016 it will have been in existence for 50 years. Recognition of this milestone will be discussed at the January 2016 meeting.
 - ii. Barile reported that he and Raven had met with attorneys Brian Melikian, Jane Smith and Arthur Wille at the office of County Counsel to learn the duties of the HLRC.
- c) Vice-Chairman's Report. (*Raven*)
- i) Spectrum Gallery/BOS recognition: Raven discussed BOS presentation at which project chairman Randy Vaughn Dotta and many of the photographers were in attendance, as well as Prysiazny, Barile and Raven. A photo of the presentation was circulated by Raven. The photographers had visited 144 historic sites and took 734 photos.
 - ii) Raven reported that at the meeting with the 3 attorneys in the County Counsel office, the attorneys stated that the determination of the items addressed in the Agenda and Minutes, as well as the time and location of meetings, is the responsibility of the HLRC. Further, the attorneys said the HLRC officers are to receive official County of Fresno stationery for conducting HLRC business. Prysiazny said she will provide this.

c) Secretary's Report. (*Prysiazny*)

- i) Attendance: Barile approved Stevens' absence and continuing with Commission.
- ii) Explanation of cancellation and re-scheduling of meetings. Prysiazny stated that it had been her belief that a tutorial on the Brown Act was required prior to a future HLRC meeting. She scheduled that for February 2016 and thus cancelled the Nov. 12, 2015 previously scheduled meeting. Upon learning that there were a number of pending Agenda items, she re-scheduled the November meeting to accommodate them. Due to the unavailability of the Central Library Sarah McCardle Room, the November meeting was then scheduled for the Fowler Library.
- ii) County Counsel input on determination of terms of office. Prysiazny reported County Counsel said this should be discussed with Bylaws review.
- iii) Confirmation of County Counsel to attend February 11, 2016 meeting to provide training on the Brown Act to Commission.
- iv) Confirmation of County Counsel to attend February 11, 2016 meeting in Sarah McCardle Room at Central Library regarding Bylaws.
- v) Copy of articles in publications with news release in June 2015. Prysiazny reported she has no way to monitor this, both from a staffing perspective and a cost perspective. Press release went out, whether agency chooses to publish or not, is up to agency. Barile would like letters/announcements sent to museums in County, plus historical societies.

ACTION: Barile directed Prysiazny to consult with Pappas re who to send press announcements to.

- vi) Prysiazny announced that Karen Coletti is no longer working with the HLRC. All requests for administrative assistance should go directly to Laurel.

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- Commissioner McFarland departed the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

8. Announcements: Commissioners provided updates:

Loucks – The December meeting of Westerners will have Dean Alexander speaking on the history of Christmas Tree Lane.

Catallo - Announced that “Let’s Talk Clovis” a recollection of Clovis history is held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Veteran’s Memorial Building. In addition the street in front of the museum has been re-named Veteran’s Parkway.

Stevens – Reported that Midge and Charles “Chuck” Barrett of Heritage Fresno wished to attend an HLRC meeting and report on the history of the Ararat Cemetery and later apply for Centennial Business status. It was agreed to invite them to make a presentation at the March 2016 meeting.

Future Meetings		
January 14, 2016	3:00 PM – Tour 4:00 PM - Meeting	Fresno County Historical Museum at the Fresno Fairgrounds
February 11, 2016	3:00 PM	Sarah McCardle Room, Central Library

9. Adjourned: 5:18 p.m. by Chair Barile.