



**FRESNO COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

March 10, 2016

**3:00 PM Betty Rodriguez Branch Library
2:30 Branch Tour by Librarian, Laura Fleek**



MINUTES

- Members Present:** John Baltierra, Stephen Barile, Rose Caglia, Lou Catallo, Nancy Enloe, Pat Hunter, Sue Loucks, Randy McFarland, Susan Pappas, Penny Raven, Donald Shantz, Janice Stevens, and Nick Yovino
- Members Absent:** James Kus, Elizabeth Laval, Bud Olson, Linda Pollack,
- Staff:** Cindy Freeland, Secretary
- Members of the Public:** Midge and Chuck Barrett of Heritage Fresno

- 1) **Call to Order at 3:00 PM:** Chairman Barile
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
 - A) New member Rose Caglia introduced. Provided brief overview of her interest in history.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - A) Deletion of typographical error: item B) ii
 - i) Motion to approve: Baltierra; second, Catallo. Passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2016 –**
 - A) Correction: Item 8) D) delete “Barry”; correction of “the Berry family”.
 - i) Motion to approve: Catallo; second, Loucks. Passed unanimously.
- 5) **Public Comment.** None

3:30 PM – McFarland arrives
- 6) **Landmarks:**
 - A) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County
 - i) Discussion.
 - (1) Pollack :**Southern California Edison (SCE) Big Creek Hydroelectric Project –** Request for Letter of Support for the Big Creek Hydroelectric System Historic District National Register Nomination.
 - (a) It was determined that such letter of support would be forthcoming from the Commission Chair as a matter of course.
 - (2) SCE to receive certificate at March 15, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting.
 - (a) Though it is a consent item (i.e. no discussion by the Board), some members intend to attend the Board Meeting.
 - (3) **Delilah fire lookout** (*new*) (*Loucks*)
 - (a) Review and discussion of new application.
 - (b) Corrections to be made to application regarding references to Lemoore Naval

Air Station – the military base at Lemoore went under a different name at the time cited. The application will be corrected after further research and Loucks will resubmit.

B) Centennial Businesses:

- i) Discussion
 - (1) **San Francisco Floral**, Fresno. (*Laval*)
 - (a) No report due to absence of Laval.
 - (2) **Kogetsu Do Confectionery**, Fresno. (*Barile*)
 - (a) Still working on application and research. Barile will report at next meeting.
 - (3) **Ararat Cemetery** – Midge and Chuck Barrett of Heritage Fresno, presentation. (*new*)
 - (a) Delayed until the Barrett's arrival at 3:52 PM, after discussion of Centennial Schools. On agenda below.

C) Centennial Farms:

- i) Discussion
 - (1) **Stumpf Farm**. (*Raven*)
 - (a) Still working with family on application and research. Tabled until future action by Stumpf family.
 - (2) **Metcalf Ranch** (*new*)
 - (a) Discussion of application received. Centennial anniversary December 2016. Will hold until January 2017 meeting for consideration.
 - (b) Loucks volunteered to review application and work with family as needed.
 - (c) Chair will send letter of acknowledgment and thanks to Metcalf family and inform them of the delay and reason.
 - (d) Members informed of family "100 Year Celebration" and open house scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016 (2:00 to 5:00). Several indicated their intention to attend.

D) Centennial Communities:

- i) Discussion.
 - (1) City of **Orange Cove**. (*Laval*)
 - (a) Still working on application and research. Tabled until next meeting due to absence of Laval. McFarland will assist.

E) Centennial Schools

- i) Discussion. (*Loucks*) (*new*) Discussion of four new school applications received. Consideration for necessary action to occur next meeting.
 - (1) **Burrell School**
 - (2) **Reedley High School**
 - (3) **Riverdale Elementary School**
 - (4) **Riverdale High School**
- ii) Discussion of "Discussion" vs. "Discussion and necessary action". Whether items can be voted on in the same meeting they are introduced.

3:52 PM – Chuck Barrett arrives.

4:00 PM – Midge Barrett arrives.

4:08 PM – Discussion of **Ararat Cemetery** (from item B.3. above)

- (a) Chairman welcomed Midge and Chuck Barrett of Heritage Fresno.

- (i) Mr. Barrett conveyed the history of Armenian population in the area.
- (ii) Discussion of Ararat Cemetery application.
- (iii) Barrett questioned restrictions placed on property owner once designated as Centennial Business. Informed that designation is an honorarium only and no restrictions are attached.
- (iv) Copy of early/original deed and aerial plot/area map requested.
- (v) Property owner signature needed;
- (vi) Barrett will obtain and return signed application along with deed and map.
- (b) Chairman thanked the Barretts and Heritage Fresno for their work on the application and the information presented.
- (c) Consideration for necessary action at next meeting.

4:30 PM – Barretts depart.

F) Discussion of threatened landmarks in the City of Fresno. (All).

- i) No Report.
- ii) Discussion of current and future changes to downtown Fresno. Reminder that the Commission does not have jurisdiction regarding any city properties as they are under the purview of the City.
- iii) Loucks reported vacant Rehorn house burned down.

G) Discussion of threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno. (All). No Report.

H) Discussion of website and Centennial Forms

- i) Recommendations for forms:
 - (1) Request by Pappas for aerial view / screen shot (e.g. google map satellite view) showing original area for farms, schools, and other areas.
 - (2) Add “print name” below all signature lines for legibility
 - (3) Include “Prepared by” and signature line if it is not on the form.
 - (4) Add aerial picture.
 - (5) Request that forms be made “downloadable” and easier to input and save data.
 - (6) Members to review all forms and discuss recommendations at next meeting.
- ii) Recommendations for Website
 - (1) Recent re-design praised by Pappas; particularly Courthouse Monuments section.
 - (2) Pictures to be added – twenty photos have been selected to be added to the webpage. Will be forwarded for upload.
 - (3) Pappas proposes adding information and photos similar to Courthouse Monuments page; will provide in format needed by Library technician but will need specs.
 - (4) Pappas and Loucks to assist Secretary

I) Discussion of May field trip to Big Creek Hydroelectric Project

- i) Working on arranging for May – proposed date Thursday, May 19, 2016.
- ii) Will include Big Creek and possibly Eastwood.

7) Reports and Administrative Items.

A) Chairman's Report. (Barile)

- i) Report on Commission Committees and duties.
 - (1) Still working to define specifics.
- ii) Report on Workshop on Brown Act – February 11, 2015.

- (1) Found highly beneficial.
- iii) Discussion of By-Laws Committee Bylaws is ad hoc committee not standing committee
 - (1) As ad hoc committee, will not need posted agenda or staff
 - (2) Still considering what Standing Committees to recommend.
- iv) Discussion of 50-year milestone of commission and what form of recognition that should take.
 - (1) Proposed celebration to involve Spectrum Gallery and public showing of photos.
 - (2) Proposed to issue invitations to the Board of Supervisors, local historical groups and commissions, former members, etc.
 - (3) Members to provide suggestions for venue.
- v) Spectrum Gallery Exhibition report (*see item 7.A.iv. above*)
- vi) Will hold Special Meeting on Bylaws after May.

B) Vice-Chair's Report. (*Raven*)

- i) Discussion for location and date (5/12/16) for next meeting
 - (1) Proposed Brix Mansion. Will contact property owner for information and arrangements.
 - (2) Possible sites include Selma, Kingsburg, Fowler, Southern Pacific Rail Station, Discovery Center, and Marjaree Mason Center.
 - (3) Other proposed meeting locations – please submit to Secretary by 5/1/16
- ii) Kingsburg River bend Church moved to Historical Park
 - (1) News articles provided remarking on move in 1/27/16 & 2/17/16 edition of the *Kingsburg Recorder*.
- iii) Update on membership per County Clerk;
 - (1) Spoke to Sherri Evans – Deputy Clerk, Clerk to the Board. She has reviewed the terms of membership and expiration dates.
 - (2) Shantz reports he has sent his application to the Board of Supervisors.
- iv) Consideration and necessary action on Linda Pollack re-appointment.
 - (1) Move to approve, McFarland; second, Shantz. Approved unanimously.
 - (2) Letter to be drafted for Chairman to sign and send to Board of Supervisors.

C) Secretary's Report

- i) Updated Membership Roster
 - (1) Please review contact information and update as needed.
- ii) Update on availability of Spectrum Gallery photos.
 - (1) CD in Heritage Room as requested.
- iii) Discussion of method of distribution of applications and other materials
 - (1) Secretary to receive all items. Will forward to Chair and Vice-Chair.
 - (2) Officers will establish deadlines for providing items to be listed on the agenda in order to allow for timely distribution of materials.
 - (a) Provide items to be included on the Agenda three weeks in advance;
 - (b) Mail packets to members two weeks in advance.

D) **Member Profile:** Baltierra gave presentation. Next: Catallo or, in his absence, Shantz for May meeting.

8) Announcements.

A) Stevens – Fresno County Hall of Records to be next subject of next “Past Times” column in Central Valley Magazine. Story by Stevens, art by Hunter.

- B) McFarland – working on 4-part series for PBS: “Water in a Thirsty Land” to be broadcast on consecutive Thursdays in May.
- C) Pappas – working on compiling “Ask Me” articles written by Paula Lloyd.
- D) Loucks
 - i) The 3/16/16 meeting of the Westerners, Manuel Gonzales will discuss the history of Mendota.
 - ii) In April, a children’s author will speak about the Oregon Trail.
- E) Pappas – April 20th, the Fresno County Historical Society annual meeting at the Fresno Art Museum – topic: Chinese Altar.
- F) Enloe – Academy Church will be open for special events; dates forthcoming.
- G) Catallo
 - i) April is Clovis month – several events scheduled. Parade on 4/23/16.
 - ii) Let’s Talk Clovis – 4/12/16, Sassano store
 - iii) On April 18, the “Sons of Italy” *Pasta-Fest* – 6:00 PM at Notre Dame Hall.

Future Meetings		
5/12/16	4:00 PM or TBD	TBD

9) Adjournment 5:45 PM