



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

March 14, 2024

4:00 PM

720 S. 8th St.

Kerman, CA 93630

Tour of Kerman Historic Society Museum



MINUTES

- Members Present:** David Rodriguez, Pat Hunter, Dr. Susan Pappas, Nick Yovino, Sharon Darnell, Kenneth Zech, James Sponsler, and Kevin Nehring
- Members Absent:** William Secrest Jr., Sue Loucks, Dr. James Kus, Randy McFarland, Lou Catallo, Paula Lloyd, William Bertolani, and John Mendoza
- Staff:** Sally Gomez, Interim County Librarian and Karen Coletti, Executive Assistant
- Members of the Public:** Louis and Darlen Roup, Sharon Donme, Evelyn Knowles, Tanya Efseaff, Bob Felker, Marilyn Felker, Arleen Daggs, Mary Ann Grinstead, and Berdie Hall

1) Call to Order at 4:11 PM. David Rodriguez, Chairman

2) Welcome and Introductions

- a) Chairman Rodriguez had commission introduce themselves.
- b) Evelyn Knowles, President of the Kerman Historical Society had the society introduce themselves. Evelyn reported that the Kerman Historical Society was founded in 2015, by herself and Olen White. It is an organization of people with a special passion for the history of the Kerman area. Their goal is to collect and preserve items, photos, documents, stories, and anything else concerning Kerman's history.

3) Adoption of Agenda.

- a) Adopted draft amended agenda **Pappas; Second: Sponsler. Passed Unanimously.**

4) Approval of Minutes

- a) Motion to approve minutes of January 11, 2024, **Pappas; Second: Zech. Passed Unanimously.**

5) Public Comment – None.

6) Landmarks: Update

- a) Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County:

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b) Historic Places: Update

- i) Commissioner Pappas gave update on Whitmore Ferry that the application has been signed off on by the State, it will be brought back to the commission in May, but it has already been approved by the commission. It will be forwarded to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for approval.

c) Centennial Businesses: None

d) Centennial Communities: Update

- i) Chairman Rodriguez is continuing to work on Pinedale application and will bring it forward in the fall.
- ii) Commissioner Darnell noted that Auberry will be 100 year old community.

e) Centennial Farms: None

f) Centennial Schools: Update

- i) Commissioner Pappas reported that Sierra High School application is almost complete and will bring to May meeting for commission to review for approval.

g) Historic District: None

h) Discussion on threatened landmarks in the County of Fresno:

- i) Commissioner Darnell reported that the Community of Auberry has a committee, and they are working on gathering information for an application, for homes in the community.
- i) Discussion on potential landmarks in the County of Fresno.
- i) Kerman Historical Society ask about what is considered a landmark. Discussed the high school, a cemetery, and elementary school.

j) Website: Update

- i) Commissioner Pappas had several inquiries this last month on website. Commissioner Pappas will discuss under new business.

7) Reports and Administrative Items

a) Chairman's Report

- i) Chairman Rodriguez reported that Commissioner Lloyd will be resigning. Karen will work with Commissioner Lloyd to get paperwork filled out and sent in.

b) Secretary's Report

- i) Karen reported that she will work on waivers for Commissioner Kus, and Commissioner McFarland.
- ii) We will amend the January 11, 2024, minutes to reflect that Commissioner McFarland was absent.
- iii) Roster is up to date.

8) New Business

- I) Commissioner Sponsler presented the Butterfield Overland Trail Stage Stations. He provided handouts to commission. The trail ran from 1858 to 1861. Commissioner

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Pappas and Commissioner Loucks have been involved through other committees and have done research on it as well. The commission felt this was important to continue to work on and formed a subcommittee, which will be Commissioner Sponsler, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Loucks, and Chairman Rodriguez. This will continue to be on the agenda as information provided. Motion made to form subcommittee, to work on application. **Yovino; Second: Nehring. Passed Unanimously.**

- ii) Commissioner Pappas brought information on an inquiry from the website. Peter Robertson, from CSUF is requesting information on applying to make Victor E Bulldog III Bronze Statue at CSUF a Fresno County Landmark. Commissioner Pappas had a handout that she shared with Commission. The Commission reviewed it and will proceed to get an application brought forward that is tangible with justification.
- iii) Commissioner Pappas discussed Scott Haugland, Sanger Museum, He stated that the City of Sanger requested our blessing to reroof the Sanger Historic Depot. Commissioner Pappas shared, the commission does not have the authority to provide that information, that we are solely an honorary commission.
- iv) Commissioner Pappas shared that Jonathon Martinsen, General Manager Fig Garden Swim and Racquet Club, was requesting information on original landmark application. Commissioner Pappas shared that the application can be found online for information.

9) Old Business

- i) Commissioner Pappas ask for update on Bylaws, and Sally reported Raman Bath is still waiting for County Counsel, could be about 6-8 weeks.
- ii) Commissioner Pappas reported on the markers, we have a specific sign, picked. Commissioner Nehring or Chairman Rodriguez had no updates on the signs. Commissioner Pappas stated that if the applicant purchased one it would run from \$400.00 to \$500.00 in bronze. The vendors she checked with said that the reason it is high is because of being on demand. If it were bulk, it would be cheaper. Commissioner Nehring will check on signage to be made in shop. Commissioner Pappas ask commission if this is something she should continue to proceed with, and consensus was to move forward.

10) Commissioner Reports

- i) Commissioner Hunter presented an announcement of the Academy Church. Commission discussed getting an application done on the church. Commissioner Darnell will find out who to contact.

11) Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn at 5:25 PM by Zech; Second: Nehring.