

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA  
LANDMARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 10, 2015  
Santa Maria Library, Study Room C  
4:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order:**

Committee Chair Jim Zemaitis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:**

Edward (Jim) Zemaitis, Chair	Present
JoAnn (Joey) Wilson,	Present
Sandra Valdez	Present
Steve Mahr	Present
Jean Nicolas	Present

**3. Minutes:** Minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting were approved.

**4. Comments:** The committee members spent some time welcoming our new member, Jean Nicolas, acquainting him with the progress of our current projects.

**5. Old Business:**

**b. Review of Nordon Bombsight Vaults for special designation:**

Jim Zemaitis discussed the vaults as unique second generation buildings, but thinks the committee needs to put the project on the back burner for now. There are many entities involved in the vaults, including the county and city. We will anticipate filing when it becomes more clear of the process.

**b. Review of Foster Road Drag Strip for special designation:**

Karen White, a retired reporter for the Santa Maria Times, will be helping the committee to write an application for designation on the National Register of Historic Places form that is required. The Santa Maria City Architect has been asked to develop plans for the site to be designated The Dragons Car Club Drag Strip. Sandra Valdez volunteered to help with the project.

**c. Update of city website for Landmarks and Objects of Historical Merit:**

Joey has been in contact with Mark Van De Kamp regarding the newer awards, and providing the description and a picture of each. Missing at this time was a picture of the Mess Hall on then called Airport Ave., on the Hancock School of Aeronautics campus. Jim provided a brochure with a picture and the dates of its use. The website should be updated completely by the end of February.

**6. New Business:**

- a.** There has been an interest in the George C. Smith house on Thornburg. There is already a plaque on the property designating historical merit from another organization. George Smith's history of development in the city is extensive.

- b. Another place of interest is a house on Alvin that is very attractively painted with interesting artifacts and buildings on the property. Jim asked Sandra to find the ownership of the house and the committee will try to make contact informing the owners of our interest in their commitment to beautifying their property.
- c. Steve brought up his interest in several properties, especially the Sisters of Perpetual Help Hospital, which is now a residence for Catholic personnel. Our interest in giving this property an award is long standing, but we were not able to get a lead on whom to contact. Sandra volunteered to talk to Sr. Janet for her help.
- d. There was discussion, after comments from our new member Jean, of a future development of tours to our historical sites, possibly using the city's new trollies. This is an ambitious and interesting concept, and will need to be fully explored.
- e. A brief discussion regarding the time of our meetings ensued. 4:00 p.m. for those employed where their hours are strictly regulated is proving to be a problem in their arrival on time. It was decided to continue the discussion in the future and try to find a time that works for all on the committee.

7. **Announcements:** There were no announcements.

8. **Adjournment:** Adjournment at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully sul

JoAnn S. Wilson  
Secretary Pro Tem

**NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE**

**March 10, 2015  
4:00 P.M.  
Library, Study Rm. C**