

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA  
LANDMARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2015  
SANTA MARIA LIBRARY, STUDY ROOM C  
4:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order:**

Committee member Steve Mahr called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

**2. Roll Call:**

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

**3. Minutes:** Minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting were approved

**4. Comments:** Minutes approved as amended by Edward "Jim" Zemaitis [EJZ]

**5. Old Business:**

a. Amendments to 2/10/14 minutes:

i. [5b] change "Santa Maria City Architect" to "Santa Barbara County Architect"

ii. [5b] Karen White submitted that the site be designated "The Dragons Car Club Drag Strip", not the Santa Maria City Architect.

b. [5a] Norton Bombsites; Jean Nicolas to review application for National Historic Status. No report from Jean as he was absent.

c. EJZ provided update on the new Santa Maria City website; Landmark Committee can be found as follows:

i. Go to [www.cityofsantamaria.ORG](http://www.cityofsantamaria.ORG) (capitals for emphasis only)

ii. Click on CITY GOVERNMENT

iii. Scroll down to BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

iv. On left will be list of individual committees, etc

v. Click on Landmark

vi. Agendas & Minutes will be on the left, members, schedule, brochures and maps on the right.

- d. [5c] EJZ shared copies of updated Landmark brochure. New version is still missing a listing for more recently designated properties. EJZ to proofread and reply back to Mark Van de Kamp with changes and additions.

## 6. New Business

- a. JoAnn "Joey" Wilson announced that John Eggert is in possession of narrow gauge rail stock from the Pacific Coast Railroad, currently stored in his warehouse space. Mr. Eggert has offered the rail stock to the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum.
- b. [6a] Sandra Valdez has located the owner of the proposed Alvin Street residence.
- c. [6b] Ms. Valdez has located the owner of the proposed Smith house. County records list on the name "Cole". Unclear if this is first or last name. EJZ proposed the current owner is Mick and Margaret Moore. Additional investigation will be need to verify current ownership in order to move forward with historical designation.
- d. Former Santa Maria general hospital and current Sisters St Francis Mt Alverno Retirement Home (SSFMTRH), at 124 S College Drive. Former Landmark Committee member Ryan Fisher has back-up on past inquires with Sister Mary and the SSFMTRH board into landmark designation. Ms. Valdez has a connection with Sister Janet. Ms. Wilson has a potential connection through a local architect. The committee intends to restart talks with SSFMTRH, in attempts to register 124 S. College Drive as a place of historical merit. Mr. Mahr proposed allowing SSFMTRH and other historical landmarks to be open to the public for guided tours at least once per calendar year.
- e. [6c] Annually, we must inspect our landmark properties and determine if the site is clean and clear of graffiti, refuse or anything that would detract from the appearance of the site. Members present accepted the following assignments:
  - i. Joey Wilson; Santa Maria Inn, Buena Vista Park, PCRR Depot (rock) and Minerva Club
  - ii. Sandra Valdez: Santa Maria City Hall, Masonic Lodge site
  - iii. Steve Mahr: Rueban Hart Home (Museum of Natural History), John Long Home (Rec & Parks). Both are on McClelland Street. Also the Veteran's Memorial Center, near El Camino School
  - iv. Jim Zemaitis: SM Cemetery, City Flagpole, Waterworks.
  - v. Surveys are to be completed by the May meeting. Photos of damage/graffiti are preferred, and/or along with a short description of the condition.

- f. [6d] Per Supervisor Richardson, we are still waiting for completion of new construction before moving forward with landmark designation.
- g. EJZ asked Ms. Valdez to follow up with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Santa Maria Chapter for history of the plaque at 400 W. Church Street.

**7. Announcements:**

- a. Upon review of new draft of the Landmark brochure, Ms. Wilson recommends the elimination of the 3-panel brochure format in favor of a more flexible full-page format. Each landmark property could occupy its own page, and be added to as needed.
- b. Mr. Mahr inquired about the historical significance of the HI-WAY Drive-in at 3170 Santa Maria Way, the Spanish revival duplex at 704A/B McClelland Drive and farmhouse at 712 McClelland Drive.
- c. Mr. Mahr revisited the notion of organizing a "heritage days" event to bolster community awareness and potentially create a fundraising opportunity to support the Landmark Committee's ongoing preservation efforts. Mr. Mahr suggested a 50's themed vintage car and trailer show at the HI-WAY drive in, where ticket sales would benefit a specific landmark appointee.

**8. Adjournment:** Adjournment at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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4/22/2015

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Steve Mahr  
Secretary Pro Tem

**NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
May 12, 2015  
4:00 p.m.  
Santa Maria City Library, Reading Room C**