

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 8, 2015
Santa Maria Public Library, Study Room C
4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order:

- a. Committee Chair Jim Zemaitis called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

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

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the 8/11/15 meeting were approved with no abstentions

- a. **Communication:** Although not directly related to committee business, in reference to the Methodist Church; it features a stained glass window dedicated to Marshall Braden, a WWI casualty. A relative had contacted Jim to request information about the First Methodist Church, as Braden and his mother attended there. While attending the meeting on the 17th, he photographed the Marshall Braden stained glass window and sent a copy of the image to the relative.

4. Old Business:

- a. Nordon Bombsights; No updates at this time.
- b. Drag Strip; Jim Attended a presentation by Jerry Simas about the drag strip for former Lockheed-Martin employees.
- c. Alvin Street residences: There were no records available at the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society before 1956 on this residence. Joey noticed an E. C. Smith as owner of Alvin Street property. SV recommended tabling further work on this property pending discovery of additional historic documentation.
- d. Smith Home at Thornburg and W. Church St. Sandra contacted the current owner, Mark Cole, about a special designation. At this time he is not interested in any special designation, but was willing to continue the conversation and provide a tour to the committee.
- e. Ethyl Pope Auditorium: Joey and Jim met with Dr. Mark Richardson and Gary Wuitschick, Director of Support Services on Aug 27th at 9:00 am. They were receptive to granting a special designation to the auditorium, but were concerned about limitations on future plans to remodel/clean up/update interior spaces. They would like a Memorandum of Understanding with the City to minimize conflict if upgrades occur. Jim to bring this to City for the new Broadway wing the

following week. Both were impressed by the facility, care and attention to details they observed.

- f. McClelland Street Property: This site is currently owned by a trust in the Marriott family name. It has been unoccupied for some time. Joey reported that Sue Sword had indicated it had been rented out to Santa Maria Valley Railroad employees in the past. SV will pull parcel map to confirm legal boundaries.

5. New Business:


- a. Jim was contacted by David Beas, engineer with the City of Santa Maria regarding signage for Palm Court.
- b. Methodist Church: Jim had met with Pastor Bob Isop and the governing board on Aug 17th to discuss upgrade of special designation from Historical Merit to Landmark status. Pastor Isop indicated church board would need to approve any change. At present, the Churrigueresque doorway facing Broadway is a Merit Property. The Landmark Committee would like to change the designation to Landmark Status for the entire structure. Jim to follow up to address their concerns.

6. Announcements:

- a. The Santa Maria Valley Historical Society has a 50 year scroll that was prepared for the silver anniversary of the Society. This scroll will contrast with a scroll prepared in 1955 and signed by charter members. Both are available for viewing at the Museum.

7. Adjournment: Adjournment at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Zemaitis, Chair and Secretary Pro Tem

NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE

October 13, 2015

4:00 P.M.

Library, Study Rm. C