

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 11, 2006
City Hall Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order:

Committee Chair Joe Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Joe Johnson, Chair	Present
Joan Walker, Vice-Chair	Present
Jim O'Neill, Secretary	Present
Eleanor Brower	Present
Muriel Robinson	Absent

3. Minutes:

Secretary Jim O'Neill noted that several items had been "lost in translation" when he e-mailed the minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting to City staff, and he proposed the following corrections:

- a. The Roll Call should reflect that Muriel Robinson was absent.
- b. Under Item 4, "Old Business," several paragraph headings were omitted. 4.a. should have the heading "Coca-Cola Building," 4.b. should have the heading, "Long House," 4.c. should have the heading "Haslam/IOOF Building," and 4.d. should have the heading "Santa Maria Club/Landmark Square."
- c. Under Item 5, "New Business," a paragraph was omitted. 5.b. should have a second paragraph that reads: "He also suggested that the committee explore any possible interest by the First United Methodist Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in having their buildings designated as landmarks. He volunteered to contact St. Peter's in this regard, and Eleanor Brower agreed to contact First United Methodist."

The minutes were approved as so corrected.

4. Old Business:

- a. Joe Johnson reported that he and Jim O'Neill visited all the landmark sites on Saturday, April 1, 2006. They noted graffiti on the plaque at the Pacific Coast Railway Depot site and some damage to the stucco or cement on the monument containing the Four Corners plaque. Mr. Johnson has reported these to Rick Haydon and asked that they be taken care of. They also noted that the plaque at the Santa Maria Cemetery is not well secured to its monument. As the cemetery district had purchased and installed this plaque itself, Mr. Johnson reported this issue to the district office and asked that it be attended to.
- b. Jim O'Neill reported that he had contacted Mark van de Kamp at the City and conveyed the committee's request that a list of the designated landmarks be placed on the City's web site. Mr. van de Kamp was very helpful and immediately added an electronic version of the City's landmark brochure to the web site. The committee reviewed this and was very satisfied.
- c. Joe Johnson distributed to the committee members a revised draft of the City's landmark brochure (the same one now on the web site). The committee was pleased with it and noted only that Jim O'Neill's name was misspelled. Eleanor Brower offered to point that out to City staff for correction.
- d. Joe Johnson reported that designation of the Long House as a landmark has been placed on the Planning Commission's agenda for May 17, 2006.

5. New Business:

- a. Joe Johnson told the committee that he had received a telephone call from Jim May expressing his concern about the deteriorating condition of the Pleasant Valley School building, now located near the Elks rodeo arena. Mr. Johnson noted that this is outside the scope of the committee's work, as the building is outside the City's boundaries. After brief discussion, the committee asked Mr. Johnson to contact Mr. May and refer him to the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee,
- b. Joe Johnson pointed out that the clock at Melby's Jewelers on West Main Street had been designated an Object of Historical Merit in 1994, but that the store owners moved it when they moved the store to Orcutt several years ago. Committee members agreed that the clock should no longer be designated as an Object of Historical Merit, but were not certain of the

process involved in removing the designation. Mr. Johnson agreed to review the governing ordinance and consult with City staff to determine the appropriate course of action.

6. Announcements:

Joe Johnson reiterated that the Planning Commission will consider recommending the Long House for landmark status at its meeting scheduled for May 17, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

7. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O'NEILL
Secretary