

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 9, 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:**

The minutes of the April 11, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Old Business:**

- a. Joe Johnson showed the committee the restored certificate designating the former Coca-Cola building as a place of historical merit. In the restoration process, the signatures of Richard Chenoweth and George Hobbs became all but invisible. Jim O'Neill offered to take the certificate and obtain their signatures anew, after which the certificate will be placed back at the historic building.
- b. Joe Johnson reminded the committee that the Planning Commission will be addressing the designation of the Long House as a landmark at its meeting on May 17, 2006. He noted that the Planning Commission recently held a study session and had no questions on this topic.
- c. Joe Johnson told the committee that he had begun researching with City staff the process involved in removing the designation of the Melby's Jewelers' clock as an object of historical merit, only to discover that the designation had already been revoked by the committee in 2004, so no further action is necessary.
- d. Joe Johnson reported that he has not yet reached Jim May in order to refer him to the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory

Committee so that he might take up his concern about the Pleasant Valley School.

- e. Eleanor Brower reported that she has spoken with a member of the First United Methodist Church regarding whether the congregation would be interested in pursuing landmark status for its church building. The member will take this up with the appropriate church representatives and get back to Eleanor.
- f. Joe Johnson showed the committee the City's revised draft of the landmark brochure. Typographical errors have been corrected and the committee was pleased with it.

5. New Business:

- a. Joe Johnson presented a letter from Shirley Contreras, co-president of the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society, in which she detailed a proposed "Santa Maria History Week," to be held in September of 2006. She hopes that this will become an annual event. She envisions the week starting with a breakfast at the Elks' lodge on September 17, followed by weeklong exhibits at the Town Center mall, and a concluding with the burial of a time capsule and a picnic at Pioneer Park on September 24. The committee discussed this briefly and concluded that, if the event does take place, the committee's involvement will probably be limited to making the landmark brochure available for distribution.

6. Announcements:

There were no announcements.

7. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O'NEILL
Secretary