

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 14, 2011
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:

Michael Anderson	Present
Tim Larson	Present
Marjorie Martin	Absent
JoAnn (Joey) Wilson, Secretary	Present
Edward (Jim) Zemaitis, Chair	Present

- 3. Minutes:** Tim Larson moved to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting.
Seconded by Jim Zemaitis.

4. Communication:

- a. Dawn Kamiya and Japanese Cultural Center:** Dawn plans to attend the next meeting to continue plans to award the center as an Object of Historical Merit. The address of the center is 134-138 N. Western Avenue, and there is a recognition plaque on the flagpole. The Japanese Cultural Center was used to teach Japanese culture and language, and was used as the place for those citizens of Japanese descent to report to be relocated at the beginning of WWII.

5. Old Business:

- a. Discussion of Knights of Pythias Building:** A date for a designation of Object of Historical Merit ceremony, a collection of photos, records and articles need to be organized with Hal Madson, owner of the building. Plans will continue to be made at the next meeting.
- b. Progress of the Landmark flyer:** Deborah Hildinger has completed the Landmark Flyer, as approved by the committee. Photos of the Hart House, Vets memorial and Buena Vista Park were added. There will be no copies made because of costs, but it can be viewed on the Santa Maria City web site. A request by Jim Zemaitis that the flyer be posted with the capability to be printed and/or changed was made. More information will be offered at the next meeting.
- c. Discussion of former Hancock Flying School Mess Hall for special designation:** The address of the building is 668 S. College Ave.

Jim will confirm the new committee members of the Eagles and begin working towards a letter of interest on their behalf. He was able to obtain some old flyers from the 1940's. A brief history was related by Joey Wilson of the school buildings. The street running from N to S, now known as College Dr. did not go through to Stowell Road. The entrance to the facility was an arch across the street just south of the railroad tracks. The mess hall was north of the RRX with barracks and administration buildings placed at least to what is now Bradley Road. The airport extended to Miller Street. When Captain Allan Hancock sold the property to the Santa Maria High School District to accommodate the expanding Community College, the buildings were included. The mess hall then became the Student Center for the college, and later a classroom for the Early Childhood Studies program. The college later sold the building to the Eagles and moved several barrack buildings onto the campus in the early 1970's, when Jones Street was put through to Bradley Road.

- d. **Review of Camp Fire Cabin Ceremony:** The member's were pleased with the event, especially since no prescient was available from previous award ceremonies. The program provided by Jim Zemaitis, a front page news release with pictures in the Santa Maria times and great attendance from City Representatives (Mayor and City Council) proved to be enjoyed by all. Tim shared many digital photos he took to document the event. It was mentioned that in the future we are sure to have a sound system.

6. **New Business:**

- a. Tim discussed the digitization project, where he hopes to make the files, both old and new become easier to share and review. This should enable the Committee to easily organize the subjects and "pass the torch." He plans on saving to a DVD which allows more data (printed, publications, photos, etc.)

7. **Announcements:** The Committee welcomed our new member, Michael Anderson. He moved to Santa Maria in late 1978 from Newport, in Southern California. He worked for two corporations before becoming a real estate Broker (Anderson Home Pros). He said he's excited to participate and give back to the City of Santa Maria.

8. **Adjournment:** Adjournment at 5.20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
July 12, 2011
4:00 P.M.
Library, Study Rm. C