

CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 12th, 2011

Santa Maria Library, Study Room C

4:00p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Jim Zemaitis called the meeting at 4:06pm

2. **Roll Call**

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

3. **Minutes:** Tim Larson moved to accept the minutes of June 14th, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Jim Zemaitis.

4. **Communications:**

a. SM Japanese Community Center/ Dawn Kamiya

- 100 block of N Western- exact address to be confirmed
- Plaque on flagpole is obscured
- Built in 1926-era, Japanese Language school, they had "Shige" which is classical opera - & Bonsai gardens, Judo, large community center building where parking lot is now (demolished due to cost of renovations needed)- once gathering place of people returning from internment camps

- Essay for Black/Gold Library of CA from Dawn talks about history
- Guadalupe Japanese Men's Association bought the land, men intended to earn money and return to Japan, but stayed- assimilated, ordered brides (etc.), needed gathering place for community. Info on construction needed to be researched
- Purpose is to recognize the Japanese Community prior to the participants becoming deceased, raise awareness, etc....(per Jim Z.) Archive for future generations...(per Dawn).
- Letter of Interest is needed from Jap Community Center expressing in interest in moving forward towards Place of Historic Merit (without encumbrances). Mrs. Azama(?) may have more info- board member in 1950's (other noted families include Minami, Tamooka's)
- Many former members and participants are now elderly, suffering from advanced age health complications, and/or deceased
- Guadalupe has a similar Historic Organization

5. **Old Business:**

a. Knights of Pythias- 110 S Lincoln

- No update, contact has been difficult, will continue to pursue- per Jim Z.

b. Landmark Committee Flyer

- need to confirm completed flyer has been posted to website
- .pdf to remain unlocked so we update periodically
- Mike Anderson may be able to assist with photo enhancement
- Many SM City staff are being re-assigned and assistance is limited

c. Hancock Flying School (Mess Hall)- 668 S College Avenue

- No contact, previous concerns from Eagles pertaining to development limitations in future if pursued
- Jim Z. has an original booklet of the flying school

- Need old street information with archway and hospital
- The development and building of the college put an end to the flying school (end of WWII?)
- Want: gather additional info, pictures, and information pertaining to the area
- Hancock sold the land to the SMJUSD, which later became its own district- Community College....

6. **New Business:**

a. Digitization Project (Continued)

- Jim drafted a document pertaining to the "Digitization Project"
- Permanent Record, collect ideas, efforts, notes, etc.
- Thumb drive or disc available to present & future members
- Bulk notes, completion statement from each member with individual notes, names, dates, ideas, miscellaneous data
- Tim has volunteered to scan, organize, and compile the previous data collected by the committee. Dick Hall gave Jim Z. a box of old records from past Committee meetings, and he will bring it to next meeting
- JoAnn suggested a meeting specifically to organize the items & notes that have been collected in "the box" to determine what is there and how we can use it.
- Jim wants to have a bio of each committee member
- Rules & Regulations for committee activities, actions takes to begin projects, "dead-ends"

7. **Announcements:**

a. Guest Attendee:

- Ryan Fisher- guest, resident of Santa Maria, interested in History of Santa Maria.

8. **Adjournment:** Adjournment at 5:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE

August 9th, 2011

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4:00p.m.